



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 8, 2019

Spotlight on Grace: Stretching for Growth of all Kinds

This past Sunday, we heard a stewardship message from the Rev. Paul Twelves. It was not his first time speaking at Grace, as he was the priest in residence when I became rector almost 10 years ago! But before this year, I never could have appreciated his talk as personally as I did.



One of the metaphors he used to encourage our giving to Grace was "stretching", using the example of how it's central in the practice of physical therapy. After visiting this year a physical therapist for my first time for a bout of "frozen shoulder," wherein I had never stretched so much in my life, I can tell you personally how effective it is. Stretching, as Paul told us, is key to all sorts of growth - spiritual, emotional, and physical. When we stretch in ways that may not be easy initially, we grow in the various realms of our lives - prayer, communication with others, generosity. They become easier, and, hopefully, more gratifying.

As we approach Ingathering Sunday next week (the 17th), I invite us all to reflect on how we can stretch for the good of ourselves, each other, and our beloved parish, remembering the words of Jesus in Matthew's Gospel: "For where your treasure is there your heart will be also."

God's Peace,
Jonathan+

Shining Our Light: Stewardship 2020

Thank you for responding to our 2020 stewardship campaign with your pledge of support for Grace Church. Please either mail completed pledge cards, place them in the offering basket, or bring them with you to place at the altar on Commitment Sunday.

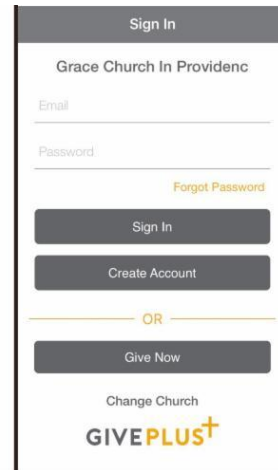
Setting up regular electronic contributions is easy and convenient [right from our website](#), or by utilizing the [GivePlus mobile app](#), (get it [on Google Play](#), or [on Apple's App Store](#)) but please do still fill out a pledge card. And thank you very much for supporting the mission and ministry of Grace Church.



Enjoy the convenience of recurring pledge contributions created through this easy-to-use mobile giving app.

Establish regular weekly or monthly offerings, or respond to special appeals... all right on your smartphone!

1. Visit the App Store or Google Play and search for "GivePlus" to download the app.
2. Enter "Grace Church in Providence" in the app, choose which fund you'd like to support (e.g. Pledge), and you're on your way.
3. Consider sourcing your contribution from a checking or savings account to maximize your contribution, or if using a card please consider selecting the option: "Help Offset the Processing Fee".



Thanksgiving 2019 Food-Drive

Please support the Grace Church Outreach Ministry's food drive to stock the shelves at the PICA Food Pantry in downtown Providence. Please see a list of particularly needed items posted in the narthex, and please bring your food donations to Grace Church no later than Sunday, November 24. If you have a spare cardboard box to carry them in, that is helpful.



PICA
HOPE & SUPPORT
FOR THOSE IN NEED

All Kids and Families are Invited
to a
**Frozen Sing-along
Movie Night!**

Free Admission

**Optional: Wear Pajamas & Bring Pillows!
Pizza and Refreshments for Sale**

Proceeds to benefit Choristers' 2020 United Kingdom Trip



November 16, 5:30pm

**The Pavilion @ Grace Church
300 Westminster Street**

Upcoming Music at Grace

Choral Evensong AND Compline on November 17

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming services of Choral Evensong and Compline on November 17. Evensong will begin at 4PM and will be sung by the Grace Church Choir and Choristers featuring music by Robert Lehman, Paul Spicer, Herbert Howells, and William Byrd. Compline, sung by the Grace Church Schola begins at 8PM with doors opening at 7:30. Discover for yourself why Grace's evening services are so beloved by all who attend!

Thursday Noon Concert

On Thursday, November 14 Providence-based oboist Sarah "Crikett" Young, accompanied by Vince Edwards, will present an interesting program of works by Benjamin Britten, Alessandro Marcello, Carlos Chávez and Ennio Morricone.

This Week at Grace

Weekly Worship Schedule:

Sunday 8:00am Spoken Holy Eucharist
Sunday 10:00am Sung Holy Eucharist with Music
Wednesday 12:00 Spoken Holy Eucharist

Open Doors: Your friendly docents are here to greet you every weekday from 11:00am to 2:00pm. Please encourage your friends or guests to come and visit Grace Church and see the new Pavilion at Grace.



Wheelchair Access and Accessible Parking: Please find convenient accessible in the Grace Church parking lot with access from Snow Street. The new wheelchair ramp connects directly from the lot, and you will enter through the new reception entrance of The Pavilion and into the church at ground level.

Parking for Worship: Free parking for Sunday worship is provided:

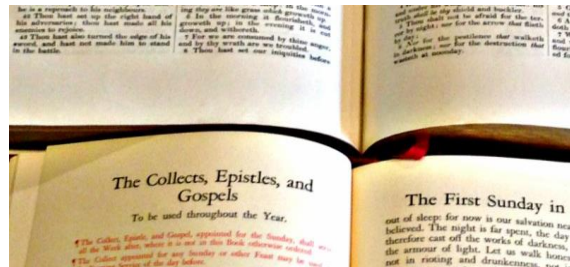
- 1.) in the lot directly across Snow Street from our lot, at the SW corner of Westminster and Snow; and
 - 2.) In the Grace Church parking lot accessed via Snow Street. We ask your kind cooperation in reserving this lot, to the extent possible, for seniors and those with limited mobility.
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New Parking Location for Sunday Worship

On Sunday mornings (until noon) we now have use of the parking lot immediately opposite the church lot on Snow Street, next to the Federal Building. Please either park facing the brick of the Federal Building, or on the opposite side facing Snow Street. Once both sides are full, please create a single line of vehicles down the middle, straddling (and parallel to) the line that runs down the middle of the lot. Our hope is that most people will use this new lot, and only use the old lot across Westminster Street if the new one is full. Thank you for reserving spaces in the Grace Church lot for those with mobility considerations.

November 10, 2019 Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

O GOD, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



For the text of this Sunday's readings, [please click here](#).

This week from the Episcopal Church: [Meet Our Missionaries: Talley Breedlove](#).

[Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. And for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island, [please click here](#).

Would you like to add someone to the prayer list? [Please click here](#) to submit a name, or call the church office at (401) 331-3225. Names are kept on the list for a month, and can be renewed at any time. Those received by Wednesday will appear in the same week's bulletin.

<p>SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019</p> <p>St. Michael's Episcopal Church 399 Hope Street Bristol, RI</p> <p>"A Commemoration of Witness"</p> <p>4:30 PM Evensong</p> <p><i>Officiant</i> The Rt. Rev. Nicholas Knisely, Bishop, Diocese of Rhode Island</p> <p><i>Homilist</i> The Rt. Rev. Shannon MacVean Brown, Bishop, Diocese of Vermont</p> <p>"A Celebration of Peace"</p> <p>5:30 PM Fundraiser</p> <p>Live Music, Wine, Beer & Soft Drinks, Hors D'oeuvres and Silent Auction</p>	 <p>80th Anniversary Celebration and "Pilgrimage Towards Racial Reconciliation"</p> <p>PRICING Sunday Fundraiser: \$60 Monday Events including lunch: \$30 All events Sunday and Monday: \$80 <i>(Buy together and save)</i></p> <p>Student Discount: \$10 for Monday events, \$35 for Sunday celebration; all events \$40.</p> <p>Purchase at https://give.classy.org/reconciliation</p>	<p>MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2019</p> <p>The Center for Reconciliation at the Cathedral of St. John</p> <p><small>275 North Main St. • Providence, RI 02903 • 401.274.4500</small></p> <p>Pilgrimage 9:00 – 11:00 AM Benefit Street's Mile of History</p> <p>Lunch 11:30 – 12:30</p> <p>Keynote & Panel Discussion 12:30 – 2:30 PM Byron Rushing, Vice President House of Deputies</p> <p>Representatives of Racial Reconciliation Ministries, Province I of The Episcopal Church</p> 
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Episcopal Church Women: Fall Ingathering

The Episcopal Church Women of RI will hold its Annual Meeting and United Thank Offering Fall Ingathering on Thursday, November 21, 2019, at St. James Episcopal Church, 24

Hamlet Ave, Woonsocket, RI. Welcome registration will begin at 10AM. A catered luncheon will follow, featuring an address by The Rev. Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew, our new Canon to the Ordinary for the RI Diocese. Please register by mail by November 18, and remit the \$18 cost to: Margaret E. Noel, 225 New London Ave #434, Cranston, RI 02920.

