



Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

November 20, 2020

Spotlight on Grace: Holiday Food & Gift Drive

The Outreach Ministry here at Grace Church is thrilled to partner with our neighbors at [Trinity Academy for the Performing Arts \(TAPA\)](#) for this year's Holiday Food & Gift Drive.

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit the TAPA community hard, so we're mobilizing support for TAPA families in need this holiday season.

Please consider contributing in one or more of the following ways:



Grace Church Outreach Ministry

Holiday Food & Gift Drive

Donating nonperishable foods and/or grocery gift cards

TAPA is accepting donation drop-offs at the front door of their downtown location (275 Westminster Street) on weekdays from 8am-3pm. You'll find a list of suggested food items in the *Christmas basket* section below. Additionally, a member of Grace's outreach ministry will be accepting drop-offs at the parking lot entrance of Grace on Sundays from Noon-2pm, from November 22 through December 13. Social distancing guidelines will be followed for all in-person drop-offs. You can also drop off grocery gift cards at any time in Grace's mail slot next to the parking lot entrance.

Donating holiday gifts

TAPA has provided an [Amazon wish list](#) containing gift ideas for their students and families. When you purchase an item from this list in Amazon, the item will be removed from the list automatically at checkout, and also you can have the item delivered directly to TAPA simply by selecting "TAPA's Gift Registry Address" for the shipping at checkout. Alternatively, you can drop-off gift items either at TAPA's front door (weekdays 8am-3pm) or at Grace's parking lot entrance (Sundays, Noon-2pm, Nov 22 - Dec 13) as outlined in the preceding paragraph. Please leave any gift donations unwrapped. Also, when shopping on Amazon, please remember to go to smile.amazon.com and make sure Grace Church is set as [your recipient charitable organization](#).

Monetary donations for the purchase of food and gifts

TAPA is also accepting monetary donations for the purchase of food and holiday gifts for students and their families. You can contribute using [TAPA's PayPal account here](#), or checks

can be mailed payable to "TAPA" at 275 Westminster St., Providence, RI 02903, and indicating "Holiday Drive - Grace Church" on the memo line.

Consider signing up to assemble a Christmas basket

TAPA is hoping to collect 80 Christmas baskets as part of this holiday drive, so please [let us know](#) if you're willing to donate provide one or more whole baskets. Ideally, each Christmas basket would include: 2 packages of rolls, 2 cans of corn, 2 cans of green beans, 2 boxes (or 1 bag) stuffing mix, 1 can chicken broth, 1 can cranberry sauce, 2 cans/jars gravy, 1 box instant mashed potatoes, 2 boxes macaroni & cheese, 1 nonperishable dessert, a \$10-\$20 grocery store gift card, and any additional (nonperishable) touches the donor would like to include. For your safety during this period of elevated COVID cases, all such items can be purchased online from a service such as Amazon pantry, and dropped off safely as detailed above.

Questions? Email outreach@gracepvd.org.

Thank You for Your Stewardship of Grace



This coming Sunday, November 22nd, is Commitment Sunday; the culmination of our stewardship campaign for 2021. In a typical year, which 2020 is decidedly not, many parishioners would bring forward their pledge cards to place them at altar, and we all as a community give thanks for the blessings of your support to the church. After worship, we would proceed to a coffee hour of particular bounty.

But this year, as we know too well, things are quite different. We are each longing for our return to in-person worship, and for the wonderful fellowship of our shared company. We find great hope in the rapid progress of effective vaccines, and we prayerfully await the day when we can safely gather for indoor worship again. Yet even amidst all the upheaval of 2020, your stewardship of Grace Church remains faith-filled and steadfast. Thank you to all who have mailed in their pledges of support to Grace for 2021, and for all who will do so in the days to come.

Upcoming Advent Prayer Services

Join with fellow Grace parishioners **every Sunday in Advent at 6:00 P.M. for a 10-minute prayer service by candlelight**. The service will take place over Zoom (*the link will be included in ENews and the Sunday morning email*). Please have a candle on hand to light, whether or not it's part of an Advent wreath! We look forward to praying together during this sacred season of expectation.

Advent blessings!



Tea Time Theology

Tea Time Theology is a weekly podcast sponsored by The Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

Each episode will feature a casual discussion about our collective experiences with COVID-19 and how we've stayed involved with church and our congregations during this time. We also explore how and what our society has deemed "essential" during the many lock downs, quarantines, and closures.



To listen to past and current episodes of Tea Time Theology, [please click here!](#)

To visit Tea Time Theology's Facebook Page, [click here.](#)

Voices of Grace: Virtual Worship

At Grace Church we are committed to building a loving and joyful community through worship despite temporarily not being able to gather as we normally would on Sundays or weekdays due to health concerns related to COVID-19. Until our normal rhythm of worship and gatherings resumes, every Sunday morning we will send an email, post on Facebook and upload to Vimeo and YouTube a short worship video put together by our staff that will feature clergy and parishioners participating in "virtual worship" by reading lessons from scripture, preaching, and making music all from their homes. Keep a look out for Voices of Grace: Virtual Worship every Sunday morning!



If you'd like to download or print the service leaflet for this Sunday's Virtual Worship, please [click here.](#)

Morning Prayer at Grace

Outdoors in The Pavilion Garden

Saturdays at 10:00 AM
Morning Prayer, Rite II

To sign up for either service [please email the Rector here](#), letting him know if you would like to attend. The parking lot gate will be up, and you can walk from the lot outside around the corner to enter the garden via Westminster Street. (If stairs are difficult for you, let the Rector know and he will be happy to take you from the lot through The Pavilion). Please scroll down to view the Covenant for Regathering if you plan to attend.



Important Update: Thursdays at Noon Concerts



We have resumed in-person attendance for the Thursday Noon Concerts! There are some very important guidelines that must be followed (please click [here](#) for more information). If you would like to attend in person, please be in touch with Vince Edwards (vedwards@gracepvd.org) to RSVP or if you have any questions or concerns. *Please note: the concerts will still be recorded and made available for those who are not able to be here in person.*

[Click here](#) or on the image to the right to watch Andrew Earhart, Director of Music & Organist of Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Waterford, CT, playing a program of music by J.S. Bach, Petr Eben, Maurice Duruflé, William Bolcolm, and Dan Locklair.



Miss a Thursday Concert? Can't find the email in your inbox? Click on the YouTube button on the bottom of this email to visit the Grace Church YouTube Channel where all concerts, worship services, and virtual tours have been archived for your convenience!

Just want to re-watch past concerts? [Click here.](#)

Please note that there will be no Thursday Concert next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Requests for Hymns from Grace

Email Vince Edwards with your hymn requests for our Hymn Series. His email is vedwards@gracepvd.org or [click here](#) to fill out an email form! If you have either The Hymnal 1940 or The Hymnal 1982, you are encouraged to include the hymn number with your request.



Some Resources

[Click here](#) for the online contents of [The Hymnal 1982](#).

[Click here](#) for the online contents of [The Hymnal 1940](#).

[Click here](#) for the online contents of [The New English Hymnal](#).

[Click here](#) for the online contents of [Hymns Ancient & Modern](#).

Courtyard Garden & Labyrinth Open

The Courtyard Garden and Labyrinth at Grace will be open for visitors between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM, Monday through Friday as weather permits.

Guidelines for walking the Labyrinth while observing social distancing will be posted.

Our beautiful labyrinth is featured in [this newly published guide](#) to labyrinths in Connecticut and Rhode Island.



Wednesday Virtual Prayer Group

The Wednesday prayer group invites all parishioners to join them in prayer via Zoom every Wednesday at noon. If you can't make that time but would still like to have their prayer list for your own prayers, you can request that list instead. Either way, contact Adrienne Southgate at asouthgate1@cox.net to join in.

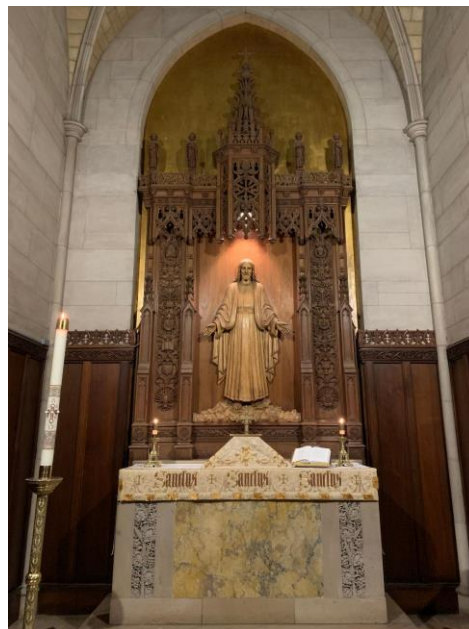


November 22, 2020

The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Feast of Christ the King

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for The Last Sunday after Pentecost: The Feast of Christ the King, [please click here.](#)



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