

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

May 26, 2023

Spotlight: Pentecost Sunday!

This Sunday, Grace Church – along with churches throughout the world – celebrates the Feast of Pentecost, the day on which the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles. As part of that great event, we will be following two Pentecost traditions. The first is baptism – at the 10 a.m. service on Sunday we'll be baptizing three people into the Christian faith. Secondly, all are invited to wear red to church on Sunday. The color recalls the flames of fire that rested over the heads of the apostles when the Holy Spirit descended on the 50th day after



the Resurrection. The feast day concludes the Easter season, so for a final time this year, Happy Easter!

Grace Church's Refugee Ministry

The Refugee Ministry at Grace Church is growing....and you're invited to be a part! Building on our successful apartment-preparation ministry this past year, and in conversation with Dorcas International's refugee resettlement program, our ministry with refugees is expanding in two important ways. First, our apartmentpreparation will become bi-monthly and will grow to

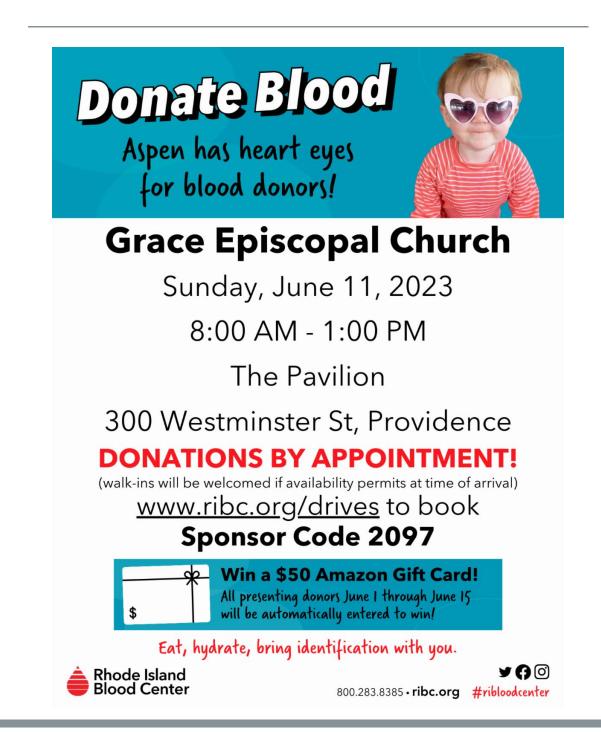


include the entire preparation-for-arrival for refugees, including taking responsibility for furnishings, food, and whatever else might prepare a warm welcome for new arrivals. Second, in teams of two, we are invited to become mentors for newly arrived families. Under the guidance of a Dorcas Case Manager, mentors are matched with a specific family to be a welcoming friend, someone who can help new arrivals navigate, discover resources, practice English, or whatever is needed. The time commitment is at least two hours a week for at least 3 months. To learn more or to join this exciting and growing ministry please join us on **SUNDAY, JUNE 11 at 9:00AM** in The Pavilion Courtyard!

Grace Church at PrideFest 2023

Building upon the unforgettable fun and fellowship shared in years past, Grace Church will once again have a booth AND participate in the night-time Parade during Rhode Island PrideFest on **Saturday, June 17, 2023**. We are seeking a number of volunteers to join us at the booth in shifts to help share information and excitement about our wonderful faith community with PrideFest attendees. **To sign up for a shift or the Parade, please see the printed signup sheet in The Pavilion during Coffee Hour.** Please email Ian Rossi at <u>iangrossi@gmail.com</u> with any questions or to sign up for Booth Coverage and/or Parade participation.





Summer at Grace

For more info, email Vivian at vblais@gracepvd.org

JUNE

4 - Last day of the Sunday School year
15 - Movie Night! The Prince of Egypt, 7p.
(Recommended ages 10+)
18 - Summer Sunday School begins

24 - Family Picnic at Pedestrian Bridge Park, 11am

JULY

22 - Parents + Toddlers Play Date in the Pavilion, 9-11am

AUGUST

20 - Last day of Summer Sunday School 26 - Family Picnic at Pedestrian Bridge Park, 11am

Sunday Morning Worship: The Feast of Pentecost: Whitsunday May 28, 2023

Every Sunday Morning, Grace Church offers a 'live-stream' broadcast of our Sunday morning 10:00 AM Eucharist service. We hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sundays to participate in the worship life at Grace.

~ Sunday Morning YouTube Link ~ <u>Click here!</u>

This service will be live-streamed to the <u>Grace Church</u> <u>YouTube Channel</u>. Please use the link provided above to watch. The service will also be archived on the <u>Grace Church</u> <u>website</u> for 'on-demand' viewing after Sunday morning. We

hope this experience allows those who are not able to join us in person on Sunday to participate in the worship.

To view the Order of Service for The Feast of Pentecost: Whitsunday, please <u>CLICK HERE!</u>

Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together, ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!

The Feast of Pentecost: Whitsunday May 28, 2023

O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For the texts of the readings for **The Feast of Pentecost**, <u>please click here.</u>

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