

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

June 16, 2023

## Spotlight: 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 booth shift, please email Ian Rossi at [iangrossi@gmail.com](mailto:iangrossi@gmail.com). Ian is also happy to answer any questions you may have. Let's share the exciting news about our welcoming and affirming church!



## Grace Church Pride Apparel!

Grace Church Pride T-Shirts and Tanks that feature the Grace Church Rainbow Window logo (*designed by former parishioner Ben Willis*) will be available this weekend in a variety of sizes to purchase for \$20 to cover the cost of producing them. These will be available for purchase both at our booth at PrideFest and at the Church during Coffee Hour! Spread the message of our loving and open faith community by buying one and wearing it proudly!



## Parking Update for this Weekend

Due to PrideFest-related events this coming weekend (June 17-18) the 357 Westminster Street parking lot will be occupied by events and will NOT be available for parking on Sunday morning.

Access WILL be available to the 346 Westminster and 271 Weybosset lots during Sunday services.

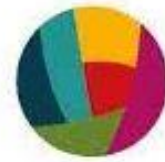
The parking arrangement on Sunday morning is until noon only. If you plan to stay in the parking lot past noon, you will be required to pay the parking lot attendant for the extra time needed.





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## Refugee Ministry Sign-Up and Details



**DORCAS INTERNATIONAL**  
INSTITUTE OF RHODE ISLAND

Working in partnership with Dorcas International our ministry has three opportunities for your participation!

1. Our apartment-preparation will become bi-monthly. You can simply sign up, show up, and scrub, or sweep, or hammer, from 9 to around 1 or 2pm. Our first opportunity is **Saturday, July 1st** Text or email Bill Galligan to join the fun! (P: 508-328-1831; [wgalligan@gmail.com](mailto:wgalligan@gmail.com)).
2. Through our “Restart Kits for Refugees” you are invited to fill a tub with specific items new arrivals will need to help them set up their new homes. Copies of the requested items and procedures are found on the tables at the back of the church. You can sign up easily by [clicking here](#) or speak with Bill or email Holly Gray at [hollyandmike@gmail.com](mailto:hollyandmike@gmail.com)
3. 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. A description of responsibilities and commitments is found on the back of the Restart Kits at the back of the church. For information or to express interest please contact The Rev. Mike Coburn (P: 401-421-8755; [mikecoburn77@gmail.com](mailto:mikecoburn77@gmail.com)).

**Please join us in this important expression of our community’s welcoming spirit and faith!**

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## Nursery Care Help Needed

The Nursery at Grace is seeking a second person to help watch our community's young children (up to age 4) on Sunday mornings! Compensation is \$20/hr (for coverage up to 4 hours) or volunteer hours for those who need them. If you or someone you know is interested, please reach out to Jonathan ([jhuyck@gracepvd.org](mailto:jhuyck@gracepvd.org)) or Vivian ([vblais@gracepvd.org](mailto:vblais@gracepvd.org)) for more details.



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## Do you need a Notary?

### Do you have records which ought to be shredded?

Senior Warden Emerita and licensed attorney, Adrienne Southgate (*pictured*), is an authorized Notary Public AND has access to commercial shredding. She's offering to notarize any documents for you or to collect any papers (cancelled checks, old tax records, medical bills with your Social Security number or other identifying information, etc.) which you would like to have shredded. (Records will be taken directly to the shredding machine at 9:00 AM Monday morning.)

If you'd like to take her up on her offer, she'll be stationed in the alcove (by the paintings) in The Pavilion during Coffee Hour **on Sunday, June 25**.



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## Coffee Hour Donations Needed

Ever wonder where that delicious food at Coffee Hour comes from? From you! Parishioners are welcome and encouraged to bring food to share at Coffee Hour. Homemade or store-bought, fresh fruit or baked goods – whatever you are moved to share! Simply place items on the large rectangular tables in The Pavilion before church. Your fellow parishioners thank you!



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## Summer Choir at Grace

During the summer months we will enjoy the leadership of our summer choir! Summer Choir is open to anyone who sings with the Grace Church Choir, or anyone who would like to try singing in the choir. We meet in the Choir Room at 9:15 AM on Sunday mornings, rehearse the hymns and psalm, and prepare a simple anthem or two.

You don't need to give previous notice, but if you would like to try Summer Choir, please email Vince Edwards for more information. Feel free to sing one Sunday, or every Sunday! Please note: We may not vest once the weather turns hot, so please wear our summer choir "uniform" - white blouse or shirt, black (or very dark) shorts, pants or skirt and dark-ish shoes (sandals are fine!).



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## Summer Volunteers Needed!

Many Summer Sunday School slots are still open! We would love to line up volunteers for at least the month of June. If you're able to volunteer your time for at least one weekend, it would be a tremendous help to our faith community! If you have any questions, please be in touch with Vivian Blais, Director of Children & Youth at [vblais@gracepvd.org](mailto:vblais@gracepvd.org)



[Click here to sign up!](#)

A colorful poster for 'Summer at Grace' featuring a smiling sun, various flowers, and abstract shapes in shades of orange, yellow, teal, and pink.

# Summer at Grace

For more info, email Vivian at [vblais@gracepvd.org](mailto:vblais@gracepvd.org)

## JUNE

- 4 - Last day of the Sunday School year
- 15 - Movie Night! The Prince of Egypt, 7pm (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

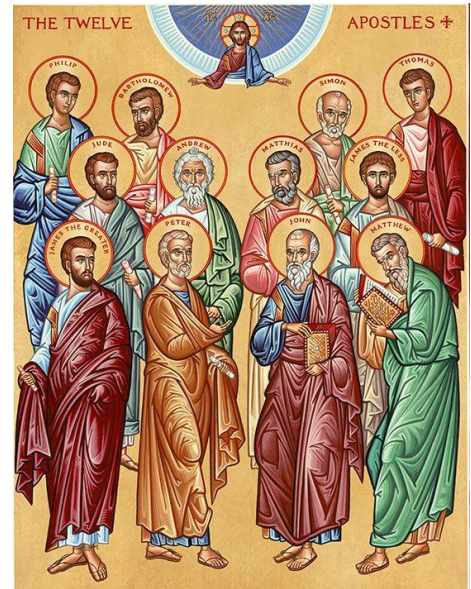
- 20 - Last day of Summer Sunday School
- 26 - Family Picnic at Pedestrian Bridge Park, 11am

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# Sunday Morning Worship The Third Sunday after Pentecost

~ Sunday Morning YouTube Link ~  
[Click here!](#)

This service will be live-streamed to the [Grace Church YouTube Channel](#). Please use the link provided above to watch. The service will also be archived on the [Grace Church website](#) 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 Third Sunday after Pentecost**,  
please [CLICK HERE!](#)

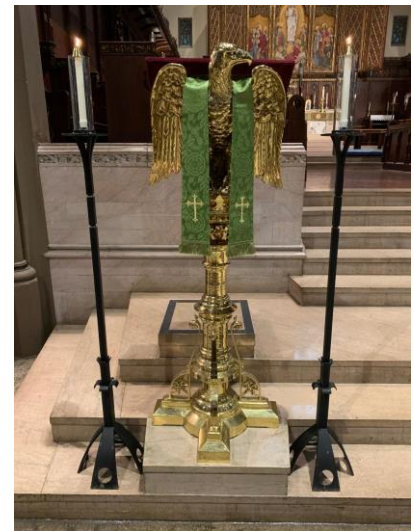
Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,  
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!

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# The Third Sunday after Pentecost June 18, 2023

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, 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 Third Sunday after Pentecost**,  
[please click here.](#)



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