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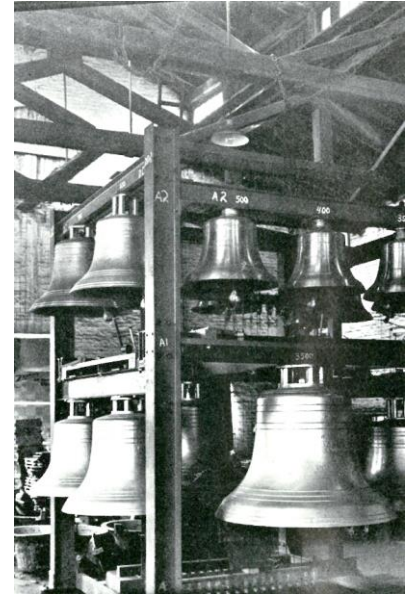


Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church

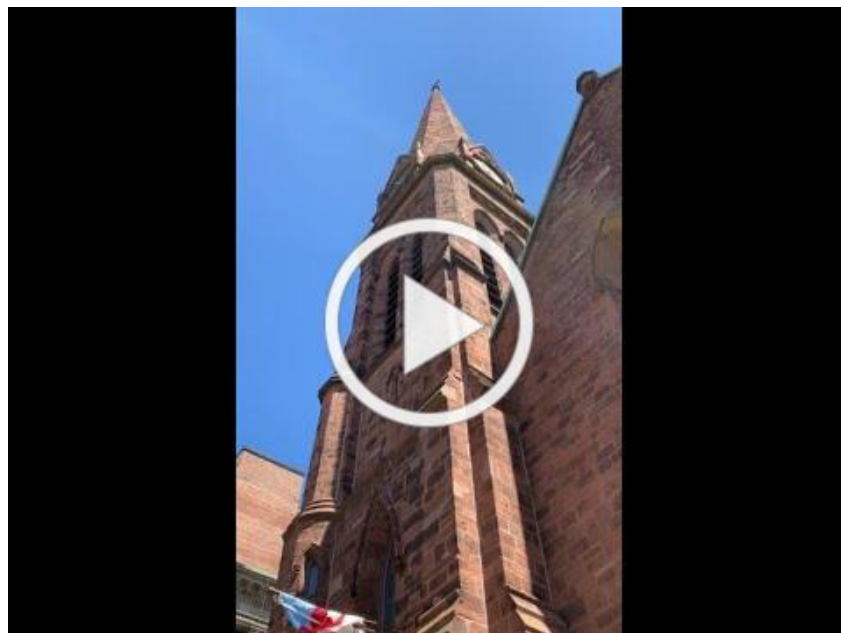
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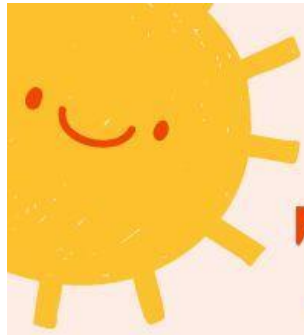
Spotlight: The Bells of Westminster Street

Lewis T. Downes, the first organist of record at Grace Church, proposed the idea of tower bells to the vestry, and a committee was formed in March 1860 to solicit subscriptions. The 16 bells were first rung on Easter Day, March 31, 1861. The bells, cast by Henry N. Hooper & Co. in Boston in 1861, are placed in two decks in the tower. Their aggregate weight is 8 tons, and their original cost was approximately \$6,000. The bells are unusual in design and character in that they were founded on the proportion of the Spanish bell, which is longer in the waist and gives the minor third in the harmonics instead of the major third that is more commonly used. The bells are playable both manually from a clavier in the second floor of the tower and automatically by means of a programmable mechanism provided by the Verdin Company of Cincinnati, Ohio. The Westminster Chime Clock, which plays the bells on the hour with a separate set of hammers, was first utilized on Easter Day, March 31, 1929, exactly 58 years after the bells were rung for the first time. In August 2018, the ringing mechanism was updated with a generous gift from Todd and Zoe Hart.



Click on the image below to watch a behind-the-scenes tour of the Tower, Bells, and Clock of Grace Church!





Parents + Toddlers Play Date

July 22
The Pavilion at Grace

This lightly programmed event will give kids the chance to run around a large, air-conditioned, safe space after completing a group activity.

All are welcome!



Summer Worship Schedule

For the months of July and August,
we will suspend the
Sunday 8:00 AM Spoken Eucharist and
the Wednesday 12 Noon Spoken Eucharist.

Please join us for the 10 AM Eucharist on Sunday mornings
during those months.





Summer at Grace

July

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

30 - Last Day of Summer Sunday School

August

**26 - Family Picnic at the Pedestrian Bridge
Park, 11am**

All are welcome!

**Please contact Vivian
at vbblais@gracepvd.org
with questions!**



Refugee Ministry Sign-Up and Details

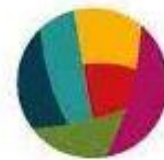
Working in partnership with Dorcas International our ministry has three opportunities for your participation!

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

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).

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



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Flower Power!

Not only are flowers beautiful to look at, it has been proven they are also good for our mental health! Research has shown that flowers brighten hospital patients' moods, enhance happiness in dining areas and even contribute to creativity in office settings.



We know there are a lot of gardeners in the parish, and it would be wonderful if folks could bring in some of their lovingly nurtured garden flowers for all to enjoy during Coffee Hour. Bring your own vase or obtain one from the kitchen! Afraid there might be multiple floral donations? No worries - our buffet table is quite long (whether in The Pavilion or outdoors) so multiple arrangements will never be a problem! We can even place them in different locations (for example, Pavilion tables, coffee station, etc.).

Worried what will happen to your flowers after coffee hour on Sunday? Our Parish Administrator, Sara, will display them in the church during the week or perhaps place a vase in the side door entrance to welcome visitors, etc., wherever they land they will definitely be put to good use!

So start creating those fun backyard bouquets to share with our Grace community on summer Sundays!

Any questions, email Diane Stamp at flowers@gracepvd.org

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) or Vivian (yblais@gracepvd.org) for more details.



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!



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!).



Sunday Morning Worship **The Seventh 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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**,
[CLICK HERE!](#)

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

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost July 16, 2023



O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost**,
[please click here.](#)

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