

Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church - January 17, 2025

Welcome New Staff!

We're excited to introduce two new staff members to Grace Church!



Jennifer Mojzak is our new Events Manager, and will be responsible for managing - and growing - our rental business in the Church and The Pavilion.

Jennifer brings more than 20 years in the hospitality industry, including fine dining establishments at Gillette Stadium and award-winning restaurants and hotels in Charleston, SC, where she has lived for the last 4 years.

Although born in Grand Rapids, MI, Jennifer considers New England home: she attended Mount

Saint Charles and raised her two children in Blackstone, MA. Jennifer's involvement as President with the non-profit Woonsocket Adopt a Family will be an asset in organizing and generating business for The Pavilion at Grace.

Jennifer is an avid sports fan and, in her spare time, enjoys being outside caring for plants. (She hopes to use her horticultural skills in Grace's courtyard, so let her know if you'd like to help!)

Kebbeh Buwee (pronounced "kab-BAY") is joining us as a second Nursery Worker. Kebbeh will be working with our current Nursery Worker Destinee Frias to provide childcare during our 10am Sunday service and at select other times.

After working in childcare and other service industries since graduating from Blackstone Academy Charter School, Kebbeh recently stepped away to have her first child. She's excited to join us in the Nursery and become part of the Grace community



Please be sure to introduce yourself to Jennifer and Kebbeh the next time you're at



Compline - January 19

Join the women of the Grace Church Schola at 8pm this Sunday, January 19, for a transcendent service of Compline. Chant, candlelight, and fragrant incense combine for a peaceful and prayerful half-hour.

The doors open at 7:30 pm and parking is available in our lot

Sunday School and Youth Group Resume!

Sunday School and Youth Group start up again next week.

- Sunday School (age 4 Grade 6) meets during the Sunday morning service and starts January 26.
- Youth Group (Grades 7-12) meets from 7 to 8 p.m. on Fridays starting January 24.

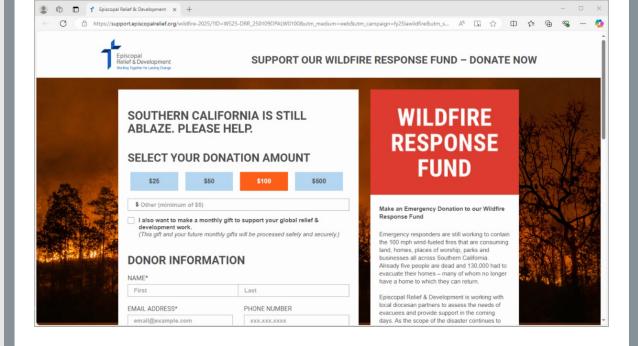
Feel free to call the parish office at 331-3225 with any questions.

Helping Our Friends in California

Emergency responders are still working to contain the 100 mph wind-fueled fires that are consuming land, homes, places of worship, parks and businesses all across Southern California. Already many people have lost their lives and more than 100,000 have had to evacuate their homes – many of whom no longer have a home to which they can return.

Included in the list of buildings destroyed is <u>Saint Mark's Episcopal Church and School in Altadena</u>. and parish school buildings and two rectories belonging to <u>St. Matthew's Episcopal Church in Pacific Palisades</u>.

Episcopal Relief & Development is working with local diocesan partners to assess the needs of evacuees and provide support in the coming days. As the scope of the disaster continues to unfold, we need your help. Please click the picture below and make an urgent gift to our Wildfire Response Fund now..



Our Mural Restoration Project - Update

Although the project just started earlier this week, already we see progress - color!

The chancel mural restoration continues and the dark brownish-yellow is giving way to blue, rose, and green. Stay tuned for more on the progress in the coming weeks!





Shawl Ministry - Join Us!

Grace Church's Shawl Ministry invites you to join us in the Pavilion every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:00 am. We knit and crochet together each week to make shawls, blankets, hats, scarves and mittens to donate to the community. Come and bring your ideas for new projects for the new



For more information, please contact Jane Ditmars at <u>janeditmars@gmail.com</u>.!

"Religious Life Sunday" - January 26

The General Convention of The Episcopal Church approved resolution 2022-B004, "Foundation of Religious Life Sunday," to be held each year on the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany. This observance focuses our efforts to tell all Episcopalians and Anglicans about our monastic and Christian Communities and what we offer the church.



Are you longing for spiritual companionship and for resources to help on your spiritual journey? Are you seeking to deepen your relationship with God and to center your life on Christ?

We believe that religious life has something to offer everyone!

As monks and nuns, sisters and brothers in religious life, we are trained and formed by traditions and practices that foster spiritual growth and discernment. The communities that we build among ourselves spill over in love as we offer hospitality to all in Christ's name. We teach about prayer, lead retreats, give spiritual direction, give guidance in writing and living a rule of life, make presentations about the spiritual journey, and provide spiritual friendship. We are also eager to welcome new members to enter into our life and to carry forward our ministries and traditions.

To learn more about religious orders and Christian communities in the Episcopal tradition, visit https://www.religiouslifesunday.net/.

Save the Date for a Three-Choirs Evensong!

A THREE-CHOIRS FESTIVAL CHORAL EVENSONG



Led by Dr. Barry Rose, OBE Formerly of Guildford Cathedral, St. Paul's Cathedral, London; and St. Alban's Abbey

Dr. Rase receiving his OBE (Order of the British Empire) from Her Majesty, Queen Eŭzaheth II

Featuring the choirs of Grace Church, Providence; St. Luke's, East Greenwich; and St. Paul's, Fairfield, CT.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 AT 4 PM
Grace Church ~ 300 Westminster Street ~ Providence

All are welcome! A reception follows in The Pavilion at Grace.







Parish Office Closed January 20

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, January 20, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. We will return on Tuesday.

Sunday Worship:

Second Sunday

After the Epiphany

January 19, 2024

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





Livestreamed Worship: When available, this service will be live-streamed to the **Grace Church YouTube Channel**. Please use the link provided above to watch. The service also will be archived on the **Grace Church website** for on-demand viewing after Sunday morning.

Order of Service: To view a downloadable version of the Order of Service for the **Second Sunday After the Epiphany**, please <u>CLICK HERE</u>.

Collect for This Sunday: Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Readings: For the texts of the readings for Sunday worship, <u>please click here</u>.

More About the Episcopal Church: <u>Click here</u> for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. <u>Click here</u> for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

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

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This Sunday's Readings

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The Mission of Grace Church is to build, by the grace of God, a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship, proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and beyond.

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