



# Grace Abounds!



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## Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - August 29, 2025

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### Wednesday Eucharist Returns September 3!

Our regular noontime Wednesday Eucharist resumes next week! The service will take place in the church or in the Pavilion (depending on how warm it is), and all are invited to join us for the midweek gathering. Parking is available in our lot.

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### A Loss to Our Grace Family

We are saddened to share that longtime member Virginia Chase died on August 22 after a short illness. Virginia and her husband Peter - an Episcopal priest - retired here in 1986 after an extensive career in New England and New York.

There will be a funeral here at Grace next Thursday, September 4, at 2pm; all are welcome to attend.

*Note: Please be aware that, with school back in session, parking in our lot will be limited only to Virginia's family, so you may want to allow an extra few minutes to find a space on the street or in a parking lot.*

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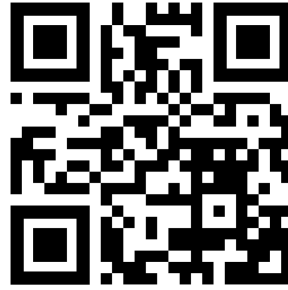


### Collegium Ancora's Cabaret Fundraiser - Save the Date!

Get your tickets now! Collegium Ancora's annual Cabaret Fundraiser will take place on Saturday, September 20. "The Moon is High and the Lamp is Low" will feature songs about darkness and light, from both the Broadway stage and the American songbook.

Wine and cheese and a silent auction begin at 6 PM, and the show follows at 7 PM. Tickets are \$35 each; 2 for \$60; and a table of 10 is \$300.

Tickets are available at [www.collegiumancora.org](http://www.collegiumancora.org) or by scanning the QR code below.  
You can also see Vince Edwards at Coffee Hour on Sundays through September 14.



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## Organ Project Update

The Grace Church Organ Project is moving along! Final drawings of the new console have been approved, detailed drawings of the chamber interiors and layout are nearing completion, and much of the on-site prep work needed here is complete. While the team at Casavant has been hard at work in Canada, it has been inspiring to see the Grace Church community join together here in supporting this effort.



We have already raised over \$3.7 million towards our goal of \$4.1 million and now have only a year before the organ returns. We are hoping for gifts or pledges to reach our \$4 million goal by October for the costs of the restoration, renovation, and re-installation, and we will continue seeking funds to build a \$100,000 endowment for the care and maintenance of the completed organ. Please speak to Doug Allen at [douglas.h.allen@gmail.com](mailto:douglas.h.allen@gmail.com) or 860.978.9749 about how you can help us reach our goal.



## Rowing with Grace!

After the service on Sunday, September 21, you are invited to join us at 12pm for a fun outing on the Seekonk River! While we've had massive interest by those seeking to learn to row; there still is plenty of room for spectators to cheer...and spots may open up on the water. Narragansett Boat Club (NBC) coaches will guide us in beginner-friendly eight-seat barges, with a chance for a short race at the end. Afterward, enjoy drinks and light fare at the NBC - on Providence's best cocktail deck!

Sign up using the QR code to help us plan. This event is part of a contribution to the American Parkinson Disease Association of Rhode Island + is gifted to Grace. Some have asked how to support APDA-RI, which is not needed to participate, but can be done by [clicking here](#).

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## **Have an Extra Laptop?**

If you have an extra laptop that needs a home, we might be able to provide one! We are seeking a laptop in very good condition that can be used for general purposes, and to run A/V presentations on our projector screen when needed.



If you have one that you think might fit the bill, please contact Director of Administration Michele Adamo at [madamo@gracepvd.org](mailto:madamo@gracepvd.org) or 401-331-3225.

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## **Summer Choir**

There are just two more Sundays this summer when we'll 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 9:15am on Sunday mornings, rehearse the hymns, psalm, and 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.

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## **Parish Ministry Fair - September 14**

Immediately following worship on Sunday, September 14, all are invited to join us for our annual Parish Ministry Fair in the Pavilion. The Ministry Fair is a great way to learn more about the many ways you and your family can get involved with Grace Church - including everything from signing up your children for Nursery Care and Sunday School, signing up to become an Altar Guild member or usher, to learning more about serving on Vestry or volunteering for a cleanup at the Grace Cemetery!

Each ministry will have a display and experienced members to tell you more about it, so come with an open heart and open mind, and join us!

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## **The Mural Restoration**

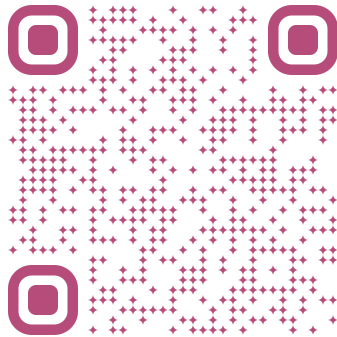


## Project: Fundraising Progress

Many thanks for the gifts toward our mural restoration! Through your generosity, **we've raised \$33,920 - 57% of our \$60,000 goal!**

We still need to fund the balance of the mural restoration, so if you are moved to lend your support to this historic renovation, please use this QR code to give to the project. The mural, and your gift, will be a blessing to Grace for generations to come!

Thanks and blessings,  
Jonathan.



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## Worship with Us!

### Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

### August 31, 2025

Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church offers a "live-stream" broadcast of our 10am 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.

**Live-streamed Worship: Sunday services in the Pavilion will not be live-streamed** but will be available on [our YouTube channel](#) afterward for you to watch and share. (Note that if the recording isn't in [the "Live" listing](#), you may find it in [the "Videos" tab](#).) Live-streaming will resume when we return to the church in September .

[Click Here to See the Bulletin for This Sunday's Service](#)

**Collect for This Sunday:** *Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives*



*and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Readings:** For the texts of the readings for Sunday worship, [please click here](#).

**More About the Episcopal Church:** [Click here](#) for the latest from the Episcopal News Service. [Click here](#) for current news from the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island.

*Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,  
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a loving and joyful community which lives the Gospel through worship,  
proclamation and service to each other, to downtown Providence, and  
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