

Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - August 8, 2025



Back-to-School Drive Continues!

We're collecting school supplies at Grace Church through Wednesday, August 21 to be shared with our friends at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Providence, and we invite you to join us!

Below is a suggested list of supplies students can use. We'll be collecting the items at Grace through Thursday, August 21. Items will be delivered on Friday, August 22.

- Backpacks in various sizes
- 3-ring binders
- Notebooks
- 2-pocket folders
- Crayons
- Markers
- Scissors
- Pencils
- Dry-erase markers
- Pencil cases
- Glue sticks
- Pens
- Rulers
- Paper

Please bring your donations when you come for church, or drop them off at the parish office during the week (8am-4pm, Monday through Friday). All will be organized and distributed at St. Peter's and St. Andrew's later this month. Thank you for your generosity!

A Loss to Our Grace Church Family

We're saddened to share that Grace member

Gail Kenney died last Sunday. A former member of Church of the Messiah, Gail embraced her new church home at Grace - bringing with her the same spirit and joy she shared throughout her life. More details about Gail's life may be found here.

There will be a viewing and funeral service for Gail on Thursday, August 14, at Grace Church. The viewing will take place at 10am, with the funeral service beginning at 10:30am. Immediately following, there will be refreshments in the Pavilion. All are invited to join us.

May Gail's soul, and the souls of all the departed, rest in peace.





Collegium Ancora's Cabaret Fundraiser - Save the Date!

Collegium Ancora's annual Cabaret Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, September 20 at The Pavilion at Grace. Join us at 6pm for wine and cheese and a silent auction; the performance follows at 7pm.

This year's event - "The Moon is High and the Lamp is Low" - features songs from the Broadway stage and the Cabaret scene!





Rowing with Grace!

Ever wanted to learn to row? Are you ready and willing to cheer on those who do? After church on Sunday, September 21, Grace's 20/30s+ Group is hosting a unique outing on the Seekonk River for all of Grace.

Narragansett Boat Club (NBC) coaches will teach the group to row using their eightseat rowing barges. We promise this will be beginner-oriented and not too athletically demanding...unless, of course, the group decides to engage in a short (and sweet!) race at the end of the lesson. Drinks and light fare will follow on the best cocktail deck in Providence! We need at least 16 people to make this super fun - and we can take up to 20. We also need a cheer squad to cheer on our rowers and celebrate afterward on a gorgeous late-summer afternoon. Use the QR code to sign up for both groups today!

This event is donated as a contribution to the American Parkinson Disease Association of Rhode Island + gifted to Grace.

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 or 401-331-3225.

Note: Michele will be on vacation through Monday, August 25, so inquiries will be addressed after she returns.

Edits to Parish Directory Due August 25

Our last issue of the Grace Church Parish Directory was missing a few folks, so we'll have a new issue ready for Sunday, September 14! If you need your listing updated with a current address, new photo(s) for you or your family, or any other change, please let us know by Monday, August 25.

Questions? Please contact the Parish Office at 401-331-3225 or <u>admin@gracepvd.org</u>. (Printed directories will be provided only to those members whose contact information appears in the directory.)

Summer Choir

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, 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.

The Mural Restoration





Project: Fundraising Progress

Many thanks for the gifts toward our mural restoration! Through your generosity, we've raised \$23,920 - nearly 40% of our \$60,000 target!

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.

Staff Schedules

Many of our staff are taking time off this summer so there may be delays in getting back to you. Please continue to contact the office (admin@gracepvd.org or 401-331-3225) if you need anything.

Worship with Us! Ninth Sunday After Pentecost August 10, 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 <u>our YouTube channel</u> afterward for you to watch and share. (Note that if the recording isn't in <u>the "Live" listing</u>, you may find it in <u>the "Videos"</u>

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, <u>please click here</u>.

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Regardless of how you choose to participate in our worship life together,

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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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