



Grace Abounds!



Weekly News from Grace Episcopal Church - June 5, 2026

Getting Ready for Grace Church Day!

Each year, we gather as a parish for Grace Church Day to celebrate the history and legacy of Grace Church that was, and to recognize all that we are as a community together. This year's Grace Church Day takes place immediately after the service on **Sunday, June 28** - we hope you can join us!



There are lots of historic happenings going on at Grace Church right now - in fact, our celebration this year will include a presentation by the Organ Committee with exciting updates on the Organ Project!

When we leave the church at the end of the service that Sunday, we'll close the doors to that sacred space - symbolizing our official transition to the Pavilion for Summer Chapel. The following Monday, scaffolding will be installed in preparation for the painting of the Chancel and re-installation of our refurbished organ pipes!

As an added gift to the congregation for this Grace Church Day, an "indoor picnic" (sandwiches, chips, fruit) will be provided - and we need our bakers and dessert makers to help round out the menu! Please bring your contribution to the Pavilion kitchen before the service that morning. We look forward to gathering with you!

Celebrating the Life of Ray Finelli - This Sunday

We will have a celebration of life this Sunday, June 7, for longtime Grace Church member Ray Finelli who died on March 7, 2025. The service will begin at 2:30pm in the church, with a reception to follow in the Pavilion; all are warmly welcome to attend.

[Click here](#) for more on Ray's life - he lived to be 103!



Pride Volunteers Needed!

As summer approaches, so too does LGBTQ+ Pride Month! We are excited for Grace Church to once again join our neighbors to celebrate RI PrideFest on **Saturday, June 20**. We are seeking volunteers to represent Grace at our booth, where you will have an opportunity to share information about our welcoming church community.



And this year, each volunteer will receive a **FREE** Grace-logo'd t-shirt in a rainbow color of your choice! (If not volunteering, you can purchase a shirt for \$20 from the parish office.)

Please see the printed sign-up sheet in The Pavilion to select a volunteer shift. And **email Sterl Carpenter** at sterlwilliamcarpenter@gmail.com for any questions, or to sign-up for a shift remotely.

All are welcome to join us in saying “*The Episcopal Church Welcomes You*” at Pride!

Clergy Transition Presentation - Coming June 21

On Sunday, June 21, Canon Dena Cleaver-Bartholomew - Canon to the Ordinary for the Episcopal Diocese of Rhode Island - will be with us! She will preach at that morning's service, then will join us at coffee hour to present an overview of the clergy transition process.



Canon Dena serves as Bishop Knisely's Chief of Staff and assists him with the management, oversight, and operations of the Diocese, and in the support of clergy and congregations.

She earned a Master of Divinity from Yale Divinity School, as well as a Master of Theology and a Doctor of Ministry from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Canon Dena served congregations in the Dioceses of Atlanta, Los Angeles, Michigan, Ohio, and Central New York prior to being called to Rhode Island in August 2019.

She is married to the Rev. Dr. David Cleaver-Bartholomew, and they have two adult daughters: Audrey is a lawyer in Boston, and Lydia works for an independent school in the Atlanta, Georgia area.

As part of the presentation on June 21, Canon Dena will discuss what happens next and what we can expect in the months to come. There also will be an opportunity to ask questions, so **save the date, and join us for this important discussion!**



Uptick in Spam Emails, Texts

Have you been getting strange emails or text messages that claim to be from "Canon Jonathan Huyck" or Vince Edwards or some other person from Grace Church?

Please remember that no staff person from Grace Church will email or text you with a request to wire money or purchase gift cards, nor will we send you a link to something without prior notice.

- Pay attention to the phone number sending the text message: if it's not one you recognize, call the parish office (401-331-3225) to see if it's authentic.
- Look carefully at the email address for any emails you receive from a Grace staff person. If the email address doesn't have "@gracepvd.org" or "@gracechurchprovidence.org" at the end, it's spam. Delete the message and block the sender.

Let's all stay safe out there!

Wednesday Services

For three Wednesdays in June (June 10, 17, and 24), our regular Eucharist will morph a bit. Instead of a noontime Eucharist service, those Wednesdays will be a prayer service with a brief reflection. We hope you'll join us!

Note that, in July and August, our Wednesday Eucharist services are on hiatus.

Shawl Ministry at Grace

The Shawl Ministry team is hard at work making baby hats for newborns at Providence hospitals.

Interested in lending a hand? Join us each Wednesday at 10am when we gather in the Pavilion and use God's gifts in service to others. Or, if you can't join us at that time,

knit/crochet at home and drop off your creations to the parish office during the week (8am-4pm, M-F) or bring them with you on Sunday. Thank you for your help!



Worship with Us!

Second Sunday of Pentecost

June 7, 2026

Most Sunday mornings, Grace Church live-streams our 10am service of Holy Eucharist on YouTube. 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: Our Sunday services are live-streamed on the Grace Church YouTube Channel. If you can't join us Sunday morning, visit [our YouTube channel](#) and watch/share at your convenience. (Note that if the recording isn't in [the "Live" listing](#), you may find it in [the "Videos" tab](#).)



Click the video box above to watch Sunday's live-streamed service.

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

Collect for This Sunday: *O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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,
ALL ARE WELCOME at Grace Church!*

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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
beyond.*

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