



# GRACE ABOUNDS



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**Weekly E-News from Grace Episcopal Church**

**August 30, 2024**

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## **Welcome Back to the Church!**

Starting this Sunday, we'll meet once again in the church for our Sunday 10am service, which also will be live-streamed on our YouTube channel. (Remember that there is no longer an 8am service.)

Our noontime Wednesday Eucharist will start next Wednesday, September 4th.

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## **Training Choir Update!**

The Training Choir is for children pre-K through Grade 1 or 2, and is geared towards helping young singers prepare to be a Grace Church Chorister. We meet on Fridays from 5 to 5:30 PM, just before Chorister Rehearsal. THIS YEAR, we will be offering a brief 20-minute rehearsal option on Sundays, immediately following the 10 AM service. Children will meet with Mr. E or Mr. Klein in the church by the piano and begin some basic music and singing skills. And of course, children are welcome to come on Sunday AND Friday if they wish!

If you're interested in either rehearsal, please email Director of Music Vince Edwards at [vedwards@gracepvd.org](mailto:vedwards@gracepvd.org).

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## **Compline Resumes September 8**

The beautiful service of Compline resumes on Sunday, September 8 at 8 PM. Doors open at 7:30, and parking is available in our lot. This mesmerizing service lasts less than half an hour, and features Gregorian chant, hundreds of candles, and fragrant incense. Please consider joining us, and invite a friend – it's a great way to introduce folks to Grace Church!

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## Come to the Cabaret!



September Songs! Join members of Collegium Ancora for their annual Cabaret fundraiser held in the beautiful Pavilion at Grace. The show takes place on Saturday, September 14, kicking off at 6pm with wine and cheese, and a silent auction; the performance follows at 7pm.

Visit [Collegium Ancora's website](#) today for tickets, or email Director of Music Vince Edwards at [vedwards@gracepvd.org](mailto:vedwards@gracepvd.org). Tickets are \$40 each or \$350 for a table of 10.

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## Organ Project Update

We have signed a contract with [Casavant Freres](#) of Saint-Hyacinth, Quebec for the restoration, refurbishment, and enhancement of our organ at Grace! The removal of the existing organ will start in early October and should wrap up by mid-November.

If you haven't yet seen the "before" version of the organ's innards, be sure to join Director of Music Vince for a tour of the inside of the organ chambers while there's still time. Reservations aren't necessary; just meet Vince by the entrance to the church around 11:15am. And [click here](#) to learn more about Casavant Frères, the Canadian company that will be restoring and enhancing the Grace Church organ.

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## You're Invited to a Block Party!

Our friends at St. Peter and St. Andrew are inviting friends, supporters, and community members to their Annual Block Party! This year's celebration marks a special milestone: 50 years as a food pantry serving the community in Providence.



The festivities take place on Saturday, September 14, from noon to 3pm at the church (70 Pemberton Street, Providence), and will include hamburgers, hot dogs, cotton candy, face painting, and a fire truck - all are welcome!

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## Give the Gift of Life at Grace

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## Grace Episcopal Church

**Sunday, September 22**

**8:00am-1:00pm**

The Pavilion  
300 Westminster Street, Providence



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## Voter Registration Drive at Grace Church!

Immediately following the service on the last two Sundays in September - the 22nd and 29th - volunteers will be waiting during coffee hour to help you check your voter registration, update it, register for the first time, or apply for a mail-in ballot.

Just bring a piece of identification (a passport or driver's license is best) and enjoy a cup of coffee while making sure you are ready to vote in the general election on November 5th!

**PLAN  
YOUR  
VOTE.**



## Our Shawl Ministry

Each holiday season, the Christmas at Sea knitting ministry presents bags of gifts to thousands of crew members on ocean going cargo ships and boats. This is a program of the Seamen's Institute, which has roots in the Episcopal Church, and it is now in its 125th year of service to the maritime community. Handmade hats and scarves are included in each bag. We invite you to knit or crochet for this project. Please email Jane

Ditmars at [janeditmars@gmail.com](mailto:janeditmars@gmail.com) if you would like to have the patterns.

Thank you for helping us to bring God's love to those in need of comfort!

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## Sunday Morning Worship: The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 1, 2024



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

~ [Click Here to Join This Sunday's Service on YouTube](#) ~

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. 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 Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, please [CLICK HERE!](#)

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

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September 1, 2024  
**The Fifteenth Sunday after**

# Pentecost

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*



For the texts of the readings for **The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost**, [please click here.](#)

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