

The Weekly Epistle
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost~July 18th, 2010
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK



Dear Friends,

I write today with an interesting development on the building restoration front. Beginning next Sunday afternoon, July 25, a work crew from Parsons Pipe Organ Builders will begin dismantling and removing the Schlicker Organ from Grace Church. This enormous job is expected to take the entire week, and be complete by Saturday, July 31. We are very pleased that a reputable builder wishes to acquire the instrument for the price of removing it. It is a win-win for Parsons and for us. Their plans are to restore it over time, and eventually install it in a space that will be a better acoustical home for it than Grace Church ever was. In turn, we don't have to bear what would be the considerable cost of removal.

The Schlicker was a new installation in Grace Church in the mid-1960's, but it was quickly judged to be the wrong tonal instrument for the space, and the experimental metal alloy of the pipes proved unable to support its own weight. Due to an electrical malfunction we finally had to shut the organ off for the last time in November of 2009, and we have been playing the digital interim instrument ever since. You can read more about the Schlicker organ, complete with the reasons for its demise, in the Adopt-A-Pipe brochure, or on the Grace Church website, www.gracechurchnyc.org. More importantly, you can read about the new instrument currently under construction, and why we believe the lifespan of this one will be measured in centuries, not decades. You can also visit the scale model of the chancel in the back of the church to see how it will look.

Stay cool. See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Rector

9:00 a.m

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe

Music: The Parish Choir

Nursery care for children ages 0-3

9:00 a.m. Sunday School now on break for the summer

11:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe

Music: Amy Bartram, soloist

Nursery care for children ages 0-3

Sunday School for children during the sermon

6:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe

Music: Hymns with piano, instrumentalists

SUNDAY

COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP - Join us in the Reception Room following the 9 and 11 am services for refreshments before being on your way.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - There is no 9am Sunday School now until September. Through July, the 11am class will be held as usual. In August, there will be no Sunday School. We will pick back up in September with both the 9am and 11am classes. Have a safe and happy summer!

MORNING AND EVENING ADULT EDUCATION are on break for the summer. The Adult Education Committee is meeting throughout the summer to plan the Sunday morning 10 am classes for the fall. If you have ideas for topics of Christian concern that you think would make for an interesting class, please contact one of the co-chairs of the committee: Anne Rieselbach at riesebach@yahoo.com or Emma Presler at emmabutterfieldpresler@gmail.com.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP meets at 5 pm in the Third Floor Conference Room.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

BOOKS AND COLORING SUPPLIES - Parents: thank you for bringing your children to church! They are an important part of our worship life at Grace Church, and they help make the service more enjoyable for everyone. Some resources you may wish to know about include: books, children's Bibles, and Gospel-based coloring leaflets in the rack near the baptismal font and in the back of the church (children are more than welcome to color and read during church), nursery care for infants and toddlers up to 3 years. The Reception Room is also available for parents and children who may need a brief change of scenery.

PARISH LIFE

A **FUNERAL SERVICE** for Bob Ortiz will be held in the church on Saturday, July 24 at 11 am.

SUMMER BOOK DISCUSSION - This year's summer book discussion, to be co-led by Don Waring and Ted Pardoe, will meet on Wednesday evenings, June 30 through July 28, 7:00 pm in the Reception Room. The book, entitled *A Confession*, by Leo Tolstoy, traces the author's journey from atheism to belief. The only requirement for participation in the class is that you read the book! For more information, contact Ted at tpardoe@gracechurchnyc.org or Don at dwarling@gracechurchnyc.org.

OPEN DOOR MINISTRY - The Open Door Ministry staffs Grace Church with volunteers to greet visitors, answer questions and offer brief tours. If you would like to learn more about "welcoming the stranger", please contact Singleton Cox singleton.cox@gmail.com and Jennifer San Cartier jsancartier@nyc.rr.com for more information.

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY - will resume in the fall.

GIVE TO GRACE ONLINE - Our website is now capable of receiving online donations through all major credit cards. Make payments on your annual pledge, adopt a pipe, support outreach and music, put flowers on the altar, help restore the building all through our secure connection. Go to www.gracechurchnyc.org follow the links.

A CALL FOR HOSPITALITY - The baked goods and other delicious nibbles that we enjoy after the 11 am service are the gift of parishioners who volunteer to bring them. For anyone who wishes to participate in this much needed ministry of hospitality, please visit bulletin board to the left of the ladies room door to sign up. The hospitality committee will be in touch with you shortly.

OUTREACH

FOOD DONATIONS - Please do not forget about those who rely on food banks in the summer months. Our Episcopal neighbors at The Church of the Ascension have requested our help in re-stocking their shelves with non-perishable groceries (food cards are always welcome) to help serve the swelling numbers of homeless and hungry they are now serving since the closure of St. Vincent's Hospital. A special benefit for their shelter happens this coming Thursday night. For more information check out movablefeast@ascensionoutreach.org. Many thanks for your ongoing help!

EVERY WEEK

BACH AT NOON -During the summer, the compositions of Johann Sebastian Bach are played between 12:20 - 12:50 p.m. Wednesdays only. Due to the scaffolding and restoration work in the church, Bach at Noon will occur in the Chantry.

THE WEDNESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will resume in the fall. For more information, contact Linda Bartholomew at lbartholomew@gracechurchnyc.org.

WEDNESDAY 6 PM EUCHARIST - The Holy Eucharist is celebrated every Wednesday at 6 pm in the Chantry with hymns and homily. Perfect for those who missed church on Sunday, or simply need an extra-dose of God's good news in the middle of the week. This Wednesday's preacher is the Rev. Ted Pardoe.

ODDS AND ENDS

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES are once again available for the 11 a.m. service. Ask an usher and he or she will be glad to assist you.

PRAYER LIST - If you would like to have a name added to the prayer list, please email Bill Nave: bnave@gracechurchnyc.org or 212-254-2000, ext 100 by Tuesday. Names will be read during the services for four weeks unless notified otherwise