



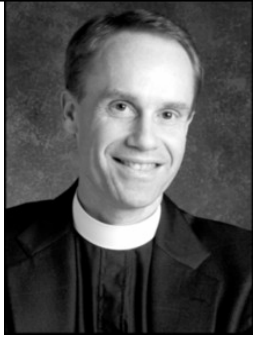
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Letter from the Rector - The Reverend J. Donald Waring

We live in interesting times.

On Sunday, September 28, we launched the public phase of the Bicentennial Capital Campaign. If you were in attendance at any of the three services, you heard me give the sermon with a laser pointer in hand, directing your attention to various corners of the building where the

plaster, stone, stained glass windows, and the organ need substantial restoration, and – in the organ’s case – replacement. The good news that we shared is that the quiet phase of the campaign has already resulted in over \$4 million in pledges, taking us more than half way to our ultimate goal of \$7.5 million.

Now it is October. October is the month every year when we run our annual campaign. The annual pledges we make do everything from paying utility bills to providing the staff and resources for ministry in the great city of New York. Pledge Sunday is set for October 26th at all services. This will be the day when we encourage everyone to make a financial commitment to the work of the Lord through Grace Church for the year 2009. The good news about annual giving at Grace Church is that we have increased our pledging from \$395,000 in 2004 to \$960,000 in 2008.

Under the best of circumstances it would be “interesting” to conduct both an annual and a capital campaign within the same short season. But, as we have all become painfully aware, a lot can happen between a Sunday and a Monday. It is not lost on me that the very day after we launched the capital campaign, the stock market suffered one of its worst collapses in history. Surely, September 29, 2008 will rank alongside October 29, 1929 and October 19, 1987 as the darkest of days on Wall Street. People are now worried about their jobs, incomes, savings, and pensions. How then, in these terrifically uncertain times, are we to distinguish between two financial appeals, and make commitments when we just don’t know what the immediate future will hold? Allow me to share some thoughts:

- Don’t let fear be your guide – on Wall Street, on Main Street, in your heart, in your soul, anywhere.

- Your annual pledge comes first. Please don’t reduce your annual pledge in order to make a capital campaign commitment.
- Pace yourself. Remember that you can spread your annual pledge out over 52 weeks, and you can spread your capital campaign pledge out over five years. Think not that you need to pay either one all at once.
- Your capital campaign gift is a major investment in the future of Grace Church; it is truly a gift for the ages. The stained glass window repairs should last for 100 years. The new organ is being built to play for centuries, not decades.

Those of you who were here on September 28 heard me tell about a church that I once visited in the village of Hemingford Abbots, England. Some years before I was there, St. Margaret’s Church had celebrated a remarkable anniversary: not its bicentennial, but its millennium. It was in 974 that King Edgar granted a charter for the church to be built. Two hundred years later the people replaced the original wooden church with one made of stone. In 1200 came the baptismal font, still in use today. In 1400 they added the tall spire that still points heavenward today. In the 1500’s they raised the roof to its current height. And in 1974 they dedicated a clear glass window with words engraved upon it that read: A THOUSAND AGES IN THY SIGHT ARE BUT AS YESTERDAY.


I remember standing before that window thinking that here is a place and a people that had stood through every imaginable crisis: Viking raids, William the Conqueror, the black death, the Reformation, and untold wars, famines, pestilences, and plagues. Throughout all these crises they had strengthened their church, built it up, derived comfort from it, and discerned the presence of God in the midst of life because of it.

I like to think that Grace Church will be here in 800 years to celebrate its millennium, and that generations yet unborn will come to know the Lord because of what we do. Thank you for all you do for God’s work at Grace Church. May God bless you in this interesting and challenging season.

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OCTOBER AT GRACE CHURCH

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October Adult Education at Grace Church

OCTOBER 5

10 a.m.

You Think You're Anxious?

John C. Carr, CSW

Anxiety seems to be the daily bread of many people today. People are worried about the economy, worried about the upcoming elections, worried about war and terrorism, and worried about how these challenges will impact our lives, if they haven't already. Co-led by the Rector and John Carr, we look at three anxious figures in the Bible, and what the word of the Lord was for each. John Carr, a psychotherapist, shares insights from his field.

7:15 p.m.

Faces of Anglicanism, Part 4

The Rev. Jay Weldon

To conclude our series entitled "Faces of Anglicanism," the Rev. Jay Weldon, one of our new assistant clergy, speaks about his journey from the Baptist to the Episcopal Church. What was the drawing power of Anglicanism in this case? This will be an excellent opportunity to hear more of Jay's story and come to know him better.

OCTOBER 12

No morning or evening classes today for Columbus Day weekend.

OCTOBER 19

10 a.m.

What Has Happened to the Religious Right?

Calvin Skaggs

After helping re-elect President George W. Bush in 2004 with 78% of their votes, conservative white evangelicals not only became disillusioned with his administration but also--and more importantly--began to espouse a wider agenda, including environmental concerns, anti-torture campaigns, and world poverty initiatives. We'll see these changes at work in a 12,000 member conservative megachurch in Orlando, Florida. After a 10-minute introduction, we'll see a 15-minute excerpt from the film. allowing 15 minutes for Q & A.

OCTOBER 19

7:15 p.m.

Pathways to Truth

The Rev. Jay Weldon

What is the relationship between faith and science? At various times in history these pathways to truth have acted in harmony together. Today we hear increasingly strident voices from each side that lead many to believe they must chose one or the other. A new DVD teaching series entitled "Pathways to Truth" will allow us to listen to some leading thinkers on the topic, who happen to be both top-notch scientists and theologians. The discussions will be led by the Rev. Jay Weldon.

OCTOBER 26

10 a.m.

What Has Happened to the Religious Right?

Calvin Skaggs

Since Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi appointed a Democratic Faith Working Committee in 2005, Democrats have increasingly reached out to conservative evangelicals. Having seen last week how the right has tried to espouse a wider agenda, this week we'll see the same tendency at work in the Democratic Party, especially during this presidential election year. After a 10-minute introduction, we'll see a 15-minute excerpt from the film, allowing 15 minutes for Q & A.

7:15 p.m.

Pathways to Truth Part 2

The Rev. Jay Weldon

Part-Two of Pathways to Truth continues to explore the current trends in the relationship between faith and science. The Rev. Jay Weldon will lead the presentation and discussion beginning at 7:15 pm in the Reception Room.

October Preaching Schedule

Wednesday, October 1
6 p.m. – Jay Weldon

SUNDAY
October 5
PENTECOST XXI

9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Ben Thomas

6 p.m. – Jay Weldon

Wednesday, October 8
6 p.m. – Cindy Stravers

SUNDAY
October 12
PENTECOST XXII

9 and 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Linda Bartholomew

Wednesday, October 15
6 p.m. - Susan Treanor

SUNDAY
October 19
PENTECOST XXIII

9 and 11 a.m.

Don Waring

6 p.m. - Linda Bartholomew

Wednesday, October 22
6 p.m. - Jay Weldon

SUNDAY
October 26
PLEDGE SUNDAY
PENTECOST XXIV

9, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Don Waring

Wednesday, October 29
6 p.m. - Stephen Arbogast

Join Us for Family Fun at Red Hook Community Farm

Join the fun on October 18 at the 4th Annual Red Hook Harvest Festival! It's a perfect day for the whole family, including pumpkin carving, cider pressing, delicious local foods and incredible musicians! The Red Hook Community Farm is a model example of what urban agriculture is capable of and how it can reach out to our youth! The following is an excerpt from their website:

Red Hook Community Farm working with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, Added Value is transforming a once dilapidated playground into vibrant community resource where young and old work, study and grow together as they sow, nurture and harvest plants on a 2.75 acre urban farm. Operated by

our staff, youth leadership team and a dedicated core of volunteers and interns the Farm is a vibrant intergenerational space and experiential educational environment for all. Food grown on the Farm is sold at our Farmers' Markets, to local restaurants and donated to those in need. Today the Farm provides sustenance to residents, creates meaningful work for neighborhood teens, generates economic activity and improves the health and well-being of our community.

Please see Stephanie Bauman for further details, including time and travel arrangements.

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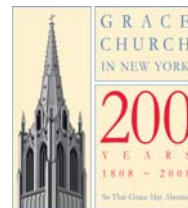


Sunday School in Session During 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Services



We now have Sunday School for children ages 3 -11 at the 9 a.m. service. Sunday School runs parallel to the first part of the service. Parents may drop their children off at the Sunday School rooms off Tuttle Hall, and the children will return to the church in time to receive communion with their parents. Also, the service itself has grown beyond our ability for the whole congregation to gather comfortably around the high altar. For the next few weeks we will be experimenting with an altar table at the chancel steps.

Public Phase of Capital Campaign Launched on Sunday September 28



Grace Church Capital Campaign Update

The Capital Campaign Office is pleased to report that the Campaign has now passed the \$4,000,000 mark in pledges and gifts received. The Campaign officially launched its public phase on Sunday, September 28 and unveiled the Bicentennial banner which will hang from the front of the church on Broadway. Over the next several months, all members of Grace Church will be given the opportunity to support the Campaign and its goal to restore the stained glass windows, to renovate the interior of the Church and Chantry, and to replace the organ in our church.

—Mark A. Hanichak
Campaign Director
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Save the dates...
Share the news...

The Bicentennial of the parish of Grace Church in New York is approaching, and we will celebrate the 200th anniversary on Sunday, December 21 and during a festive weekend packed with events on January 9-11, 2009 as we look back, celebrate the present and look to the future. Please help us include a full community of past parishioners and friends by forwarding names and contact information to Bill Nave bnave@gracechurchnyc.org.



On Sunday September 28, Grace Church officially launched the Bicentennial Capital campaign at the 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m. services. Festive receptions were held at the 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. services. We had a special unveiling of a new flag that will fly in front of the church in the coming months.



Artist's rendering of the new organ at Grace Church. The new organ Console will be on the right side of the Chancel with new organ pipes in the front of the church. Taylor and Boody has been selected to build the new organ; they built the chamber organ that was delivered last fall in 2007.



A Ton (or Two) of Help

With fall comes cool air and warm thoughts of Thanksgiving and the promise of a bountiful meal and an assortment of homemade pumpkin desserts. Also, it is a season of mindful gratitude, a time to share in the blessings of our riches with our beloved friends and family, and an opportunity to use our gifts to ease the suffering of those left wanting. In the hopes of doing as much possible service during this period of goodwill amidst economic uncertainty, The Grace Church Outreach Committee and its Partners in Grace, an umbrella group consisting of seventeen organizations united in the effort to eradicate homelessness and hunger in Manhattan, aim to collect more than a ton of canned and dried foods to replenish food pantries depleted over the past several months.



Blessing of the Animals

Don't miss the **Blessing of the Animals on Saturday, October 4, at 11 a.m.**

Bring your dog, cat, fish, bird, horse, but leave the alligator at home! A quick blessing (and perhaps a few dog treats). Be sure to invite your friends' pets and your kids' friends' pets as well!

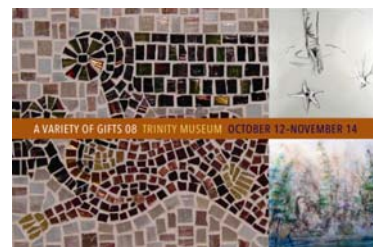
Pastor Phil Tryzynka of Trinity Lutheran Lower East Side, a Partner in Grace, explains the heightened need for food donations this season: "This year, many lower and middle income people are feeling a huge financial burden from the economic downturn; it is the newly poor that are struggling the most right now. The food pantries need our support to bridge the gap between the soup kitchens and self-supporting families. A food drive aiding the pantries can help newly struggling families to keep their apartments and eat decent meals."

So bring it on! Share those non-perishables from your pantry (or Trader Joe's basket) to the extent your heart allows. We will then distribute the collected foodstuffs to programs run by Holy Apostles, Trinity Lutheran Lower East Side Services and Food for the Homeless, Church of the Ascension, Michael

D. Finder Food Pantry, St. Joseph's in the Village, RC Church, and the NYC Rescue Mission in the months of October and November leading up to Thanksgiving.

Alternatively, consider making a direct donation to this cause with a check made out to Grace Church with "Outreach 'Ton (or Two)" written in the memo. And whether by donating food, time, money, prayer, or encouragement, please support the Outreach Committee, your parish, your neighborhood, and your city in its effort to provide for its hungry families.

—*The Rev. Linda Bartholomew*
Grace Church Outreach



Three Grace Church Parishioners Exhibit Artwork at Trinity Museum

Elana Foundos, Margaret Lee and Krystyna Sanderson are exhibiting their art at Trinity Museum as an event of the New York Chapter of ECVA (The Episcopal Church and Visual Arts). The annual exhibition, called "A Variety of Gifts," opens October 12 and will continue through November 14. Trinity Museum is inside Trinity Church, Broadway at Wall Street, Manhattan. Please join us for the opening reception October 12 from 1 to 3 p.m.

—*Krystyna Sanderson,*
Chair of ECVA NY Chapter



October Birthdays

- Andrew Swain 10/1
- Jackson Browning, Jr. 10/3
- Brandon Chamberlin 10/11
- Lenford Bowman 10/13
- Sarah Chappell 10/17
- Mary Jenkins 10/21
- Colbert Cannon 10/21
- Mary Rusz 10/22
- Charles Johnston 10/25
- Joann Hill 10/30

Sneak Preview of November: The Bible and the Economy

Full Adult Education class descriptions, as well as the evening classes will appear in the November Epistle.

NOVEMBER 9

10 a.m.
The Bible and the Economy Part 1
Susan Lee

The Bible sets out, quite clearly, a model of an economy which can expect divine approval. Dr. Susan Lee, economist and theologian, will discuss what such an economy

entailed and how it actually worked, and evaluate the President-elect's plan in terms of its Biblical success -- which may be different from its secular success. Susan Lee is not only a Biblical scholar and theologian, but also a nationally known economist and a commentator on National Public Radio's Marketplace. She has appeared on ABC-TV's Nightline, Good Morning America, The McNeil-Lehrer NewsHour, and NBC-TV's News at Sunrise.



NOVEMBER 16

10 a.m.
The Bible and the Economy Part 2
Susan Lee

NOVEMBER 23

10 a.m.
The Economy and Children
Judge Michael Corriero

Judge Corriero will speak to us about his new work with children, focusing especially on the impact of the current economy on children.

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday, November 2 is the day when we will remember by name all those connected with Grace Church who have died in the past year. We will also include the names of those family members and friends who may have died years ago, but still remain on the hearts and minds of their loved ones. To include such a name on this year's All Saints' Sunday list, please contact Bill Nave at bnave@gracechurchnyc.org or call 212-254-2000, and let him know which service you will be attending. To keep the list manageable this year, we will be reading the names you email or phone in only at the service you attend. So please specify the 9 a.m., 11 a.m., or 6 p.m. list.



November Music Events

REQUIEM "Missa pro defunctis" by *Tomas Luis da Victoria*. Offered as a meditation during Choral Evensong with The Adult Choir.

Sunday November 2 at 4 p.m.

Willow Ensemble Concerts

Friday, November 14
Saturday, November 15
8 p.m. in the Chantry

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door. Advance tickets can be reserved by calling Timothy Emerson at 917-698-8415.

Altar Flowers

We are blessed to enjoy beautiful floral arrangements on the altars of Grace Church thanks to donations made by members of the parish. If you would like to commemorate the life of a departed loved one, or give thanks for a happy occasion or anniversary, please consider the gift of flowers for the church. Your donation of \$125 provides flowers on the altars of both the church and the chantry arranged by a parish volunteer. If you would like to donate professionally arranged flowers, we can refer you to a local florist. Please email Bill Nave at bnave@gracechurchnyc.org or call 212-254-2000 ext. 100 to select a date and make your donations for the future.

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**PLEDGE SUNDAY
Sunday, October 26**

Please make every effort to be in church for one of our three services on Sunday, October 26. At the 9 a.m., 11 a.m., and 6 p.m. liturgies we will incorporate into the worship the opportunity to make your financial commitment to the work of the Lord through Grace Church. On the flip side of the card we ask everyone to list particular blessings that they have known in the previous year. Thus, our 2009 pledges become a tangible way of saying “thank you” to God for all the blessings of this life.