

The Weekly Epistle
The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost~June 27th, 2010
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

Dear Friends,



I write this week with some staff developments and a personal note. On the staffing front I am pleased to report that I have appointed **the Rev. Ted Pardoe as Assistant Rector of Grace Church**. Ted has been with us for the past year in the role of "Rector's Assistant," a non-stipendiary position based on a diocesan model that allowed Ted to dip his toes in the waters of ordained ministry, while also finishing his seminary thesis. Now that Ted's thesis is concluded, he will move easily into the office vacated by the Rev. Benjamin Thomas. In addition to a full menu of priestly ministry, Ted's specific responsibilities will include oversight of the small group ministry, newcomer incorporation, and coordination of baptism instruction. Ted's position is part-time, so we'll try to go easy on him!

Other staff changes are in the Development Office. Joe Manzella has moved on and is no longer Director of Development. In his place our **Data Base Manager Stacie Styles is stepping up to be Development Associate**. Stacie brings a new eagerness to the role that will serve us well in seeking foundation grants, organizing the annual campaign, assisting the Development Committee, and keeping accurate records of all gifts on Raisers Edge, our data base program. The Development Office was created two years ago when a generous parish family offered to fund it for three years. In this final year of an amazing grant, I believe that Stacie is going to help maximize every opportunity open to us. She is also an Episcopalian!

Finally, on a personal note, some of you know that **Luke Waring**, my 8-year old son, had some scheduled, but fairly major surgery earlier this week. Luke was born in 2002 with a cleft lip and palate, and this week was his fourth operation in the ongoing effort to finish what nature left unfinished. The procedure involved a bone graft from his hip into the cleft of his upper jaw, so that he now has one continuous bone to anchor his adult teeth. Luke did well in the surgery and is now home, but he faces a long summer of recovery that involves no chewing and no risking any bumps to his face. Through it all my wife and I are awed by his patience and good spirit in these trials. He's a real trooper, and we are very proud of him. Thanks to all of you for all of your prayers and good wishes. They have been very meaningful to us.

See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring,
Rector

9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. Linda Bartholomew

Music: The Parish Choir

Nursery care for children ages 0-3

No Sunday School this week!

11:00 a.m.

Morning Prayer and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. Linda Bartholomew

Music: Abby Fischer, soloist

Nursery care for children ages 0-3

No Sunday School for children during the sermon this week!

6:00 p.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Linda Bartholomew

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 - Sunday school is still happening throughout the summer! Through June, Sunday school will take place at its normal hour at both the 9am and 11am services. During July, we will only lead an 11am class. There will be no Sunday school in August. 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 rieselbach@yahoo.com or Emma Presler at emmabutterfieldpresler@gmail.com.

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

ADOPT A PIPE - Although the Bicentennial Phase of the campaign is now concluded, you can still Adopt a Pipe in memory of a loved one, or in celebration of a happy event in your life. Every pipe adoption contributes to the new pipe organ currently under contract and under construction. We anticipate the installation of the organ to begin in the summer of 2012. Please see the brochure in your pews today.

**FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL -**

**It's not too late to register for this year's Vacation Bible School,
Under the Baobab Tree!**

Join us for a scripture-based adventure through the savannah!

**Kids ages 4-8 years old are welcome to register. Vacation Bible School will take place from
1-4pm, Monday the June 28th - June 30th**

Email Maura Hooper for a registration form at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org.

PARISH LIFE

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.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN: THE BICENTENNIAL PHASE - This month we celebrate the conclusion of the Bicentennial Phase of the capital campaign. Our goal has been to restore the interior of the church and to replace the failing (and now failed) pipe organ. Thanks to the combined gifts of 209 households, we have received \$5,116,597 in commitments. This total includes \$4,770,722 individual pledges, \$100,075 Adopt A Pipe gifts, \$112,500 foundation grants, and \$133,300 in corporate matching grants. Many thanks to all those who have pledged to the campaign. It is time now to enjoy a breather from capital fund raising!

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 Rector.

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.