

The Weekly Epistle  
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost~JULY 4th, 2010  
Independence Day  
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

Dear Friends,



Years ago a hit movie called *Amadeus* told the life story of Mozart, one of the most brilliant musicians ever to compose. The film took much license with the relationship between Mozart and the Venetian Court Composer, Antonio Salieri. In one scene, Salieri, after laboring long to compose a piece for the king to play, gives thanks to God for bestowing him with musical talent. Then Mozart enters the room, and upon one hearing of the piece, begins to improvise with it, correct it, embellish it, and otherwise take it far beyond the limited abilities that Salieri has at his disposal. The look on Salieri's face as Mozart's hands fly up and down the keys is memorable.

This coming Sunday it will be a delight to welcome the Rev. Donovan Cain as our guest preacher at all three services. Donovan graduated from General Seminary in 2007, and since then has been Rector of St. Peter's Church in Paris, Kentucky. Many of you will remember Donovan from his two years as a seminarian at Grace Church beginning in 2005. I won't go so far as to say that Donovan is a Mozart in the pulpit, but one story in particular comes to mind. It was Good Friday, 2006, during the 12 noon to 3 pm service. If you've ever attended the Good Friday service, you know that it is a preaching marathon. Seven different preachers take turns delivering a sermon on one of the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. In 2006 Donovan was number seven. The six of us who went before him had plunked away as best we could, trying to play the difficult music of Christ's death on the cross. Then Donovan took to the pulpit and not only picked up the themes we other preachers had already explored, but improvised with them, and brought the whole service to a beautiful, harmonious finish. It was truly memorable.



Donovan and his wife Cyndee are in town this weekend for the Grace Church wedding of Tracy Nolder and Rik Pike on Saturday afternoon. If you are in town this weekend, I expect that the Sunday sermon will be memorable. No pressure, Donovan!

See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring, Rector

9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. Donovan Cain

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.

Holy Eucharist, Rite I

Sermon: The Rev. Donovan Cain

Music: Abby Fishcer, 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. Donovan Cain

Music: Hymns with piano, instrumentalists

## **SUNDAY**

**GUEST PREACHER** - Today we welcome the Rev. Donovan Cain, Rector of St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Paris, Kentucky as our guest preacher at all three services. Donovan was a seminarian at Grace Church from 2005-07, and it is a delight to have him and his wife Cyndee with us again.

**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 [rieselbach@yahoo.com](mailto:rieselbach@yahoo.com) or Emma Presler at [emmabutterfieldpresler@gmail.com](mailto: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**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** - A big thank you goes out to the children and families who participated in this year's Vacation Bible School, *Under the Baobab Tree!* Thank you to all the parents who offered their support this week. We are so grateful, also, to our wonderful teachers Nick Birns, James Stevenson, and Robert Stevenson. The kids learned the importance of love, trust, and fellowship in both our Grace Church community and communities around the world. Please stop by Tuttle Hall to view artwork created by our kids, including our own baobab tree!

**CONGRATULATIONS TED PARDOE** - The Rev. Ted Pardoe has been appointed part-time 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.

**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, we believe that Stacie is going to help maximize every opportunity open to us.

**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](mailto:tpardoe@gracechurchnyc.org) or Don at [dwarding@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:dwarding@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](mailto:singleton.cox@gmail.com) and Jennifer San Cartier [jsancartier@nyc.rr.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:lbartholomew@gracechurchnyc.org). **(PLEASE NOTE: LINDA IS AWAY ON VACATION THE MONTH OF JULY.)**

**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.