

The Weekly Epistle
The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost~June 20th, 2010
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK

9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe

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. Ted Pardoe

Music: Amy Bartram, 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. 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 - Sunday school is still happening throughout the summer! **However, please note that this Sunday, Father's Day, June 20, there will be no Sunday School. Dads enjoy having your children in church with you!** 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 reiselbach@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 on June 28th - June 30th

(note the change in date!). Email Maura Hooper for a registration form at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org.

PARISH LIFE

NEWS FROM ITALY - Earlier this week, Patrick Allen sent the following message: *The choir had a very good night tonight. The acoustics and setting of the Basilica of San Francisco (St. Francis) were amazing - I suspect the best of the trip - not too big, not too small. It was so moving to be that sacred space offering our music. The children adapted and sang beautifully and the audience and Friars were very hospitable and excited by the music. Tomorrow we tour the Vatican. Please keep the whole Grace Church contingent in your prayers as they travel home this weekend.*

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.

CHALLENGE PLEDGE - We did it - almost twice! Sixty-four people have responded with \$49,486 in new and increased giving to meet the \$25,000 challenge pledge of a generous parishioner. The goal has been to close what was a \$50,000 gap between our budget and the annual campaign. With \$74,486 more revenue than we expected to have just a few weeks ago, we are now able to enjoy breathing room, rather than anticipating further cuts. Many, many thanks to those who responded to the challenge, and to the truly inspired soul who issued the challenge in the first place.

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 Rev. Linda Bartholomew.

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.