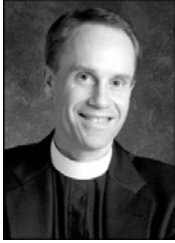


The Weekly Epistle
The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 2, 2011
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK



Dear Friends,

If all went well yesterday, most of you who are members and friends of Grace Church received a letter from me and an online survey. In an effort to assess your understanding of and support for the current phase of interior restoration work, the Vestry has engaged Horizons Stewardship Company to conduct the survey, both online and through personal interviews. The personal interviews are complete; these were intended primarily for those who were not here or for various reasons did not support the Bicentennial Capital Campaign of a few years ago. The online survey is for the rest of us.

Let me strongly urge you to complete the survey. The results will be interpreted by our consultant, Kristine Miller, of Horizons Stewardship, and a report given to the Vestry at the November meeting. Your input will be essential in helping the parish leadership make decisions that will affect the future of Grace Church for the next several years.

If, by some chance, you did not receive a survey and think you should have, please contact Brian Hagan, our Director of Development, at bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org, or 212 254-2000 x119 and he will guide you through the online process. Or, you can go directly to the survey itself at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GRACECHURCHSURVEY> and submit it. We want to hear from everyone. The deadline is October 14.

Thanks for all you do. See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Rector

Schedule of Services

9:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood
Music: The Parish Choir
Nursery care for children ages 0-3
Sunday School for children ages 3-8 at 9:00 am

11:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite I and Sermon
Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood
Music: The Choir of Men and Boys
Nursery care for children ages 0-3
Sunday School for children ages 3-8 during the sermon

6:00 pm
Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry
Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Wood
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

Announcements

SUNDAY OCTOBER 2

THE REV. SARAH WOOD PREACHING - Today we welcome to the pulpit for the first time the Rev. Sarah Wood who, as the new Chaplain of Grace Church School, will also serve part-time on the clergy staff of Grace Church. Fun fact about Sarah: both of her parents are Episcopal priests!

SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM "The City Preaches the Best Sermon: The Episcopal Church and Moral Growth in Gilded Age American Fiction." Led by Nicholas Birns, PhD, this discussion will examine this complex role of the Episcopal Church in the work of two very different American novelists of the Gilded Age, Edith Wharton and William Dean Howells. Wharton, who famously had several links to Grace Church, and Howells, who set his great novel *A Hazard of New Fortunes* in Greenwich Village, speak to issues of morality, economics, and social justice still relevant to our community today. *Today's presentation is part of our fall Sunday Forum series, "The Church and the City," which is looking at how the church manifests itself in the city both physically and metaphorically. Each presentation will include time for questions and answers, and takes place in Tuttle Hall with coffee and refreshments.*

(NEW!) SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR CHILDREN AGES 9-12 takes place on the 4th Sunday of every month during the 11 am service in the McKittrick Room, located across from the current Sunday School classrooms. The curriculum will employ age-appropriate discussion and activities that foster a deeper understanding of one's personal relationship with God. For more information, please contact Maura Hooper at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org.

HARVEST HOEDOWN TICKETS AVAILABLE at both 9 and 11 am coffee hour today! (Please see full description below.)

CENTERING PRAYER 5 PM Christian meditation each Sunday in the 3rd Floor Conference Room.

THE WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

MONDAY-FRIDAY

The church is open 12 noon - 5 pm enter, rest, pray.

OUTREACH MONDAY - OCTOBER 3

Come join us in the Tuttle Hall (in the Parish House, 802 gate) at 6:30 for a brief prayer and yummy pot luck dinner during which we share some of the best about Outreach opportunities this coming month in Manhattan. Write the Rev. Linda Bartholomew (lbartholomew@gracechurchnyc.org) for more information, or just join us on Monday!

TUESDAY

THE DAILY OFFICE OF MORNING PRAYER is celebrated each Tuesday from 7:15 - 8 am in the 3rd floor conference room. Newcomers are always welcome.

BACH AT NOON - 12:20 to 12:50 pm in the Chantry (See details under "Music" below.)

WEDNESDAY

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets in the Reception Room from 10-11:30am. Bibles are provided. Come, bring a friend, and make new ones as we study God's word together.

BACH AT NOON - 12:20-12:50 pm in the Chantry

HOLY EUCHARIST at 6 pm - Celebrate in the Chantry with hymns and homily. This week the Rev. Sarah Wood will preach.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDY at 7 pm Get acquainted with a couple of minor prophets - Hosea & Amos

- in Small Group Bible study, Wednesdays at 7 pm (directly after 6 pm Holy Eucharist) on 9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19 & 10/26 in the Reception Room.

THURSDAY

BACH AT NOON - 12:20-12:50 pm in the Chantry

FRIDAY

BACH AT NOON - 12:20-12:50 pm in the Chantry

SATURDAY

WEEKEND ORGAN MEDITATIONS - 4 pm (And on Sunday, too.)

COMING SOON

20s30s APPLE PICKING TRIP - OCTOBER 8

Get out of the city for a day of apple picking with an inter-parish group of students and 20s30s led by NYU Chaplain, the Rev. Mary Catherine Young on Saturday October 8th from 11am-6:30pm. We'll meet at Port Authority Bus Terminal (42nd St & 8th Ave) at 11am, take a bus out to the orchard in Warwick, NY, and return by 6:30pm. Bring a bag lunch and bus fare (\$27 roundtrip). RSVP to chaplain.nyc@gmail.com.



HARVEST HOEDOWN - OCTOBER 15

All are welcome to join us on Saturday, October 15th, 5-8 pm for dinner, drinks, and square dancing with a professional caller. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$10 for students and free for children 12 and under, and can be purchased at coffee hour through Sunday, Oct 9th or by contacting Maura Hooper at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org.

CHORAL EVENSONG - OCTOBER 16

Rejoice in the Lamb by Benjamin Britten will be offered by The Choir of Men and Boys on Sunday, October 16th at 4 pm in the Chantry. The Evening Canticles will be Harold Friedell's Service in F and the Preces and Responses are as set by William Byrd.

CALLING ALL NEWCOMERS & INQUIRERS! - OCTOBER 16 & 23

After the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, October 16 & 23 there will be a meeting for newcomers/inquirers. After folks get a beverage and other treat in Tuttle Hall, we will sit down in the Reception Room and consider the range of inquiries. For more information, or just to check in, contact the Rev. Ted Pardoe at tpardoe@gracechurchnyc.org.

DID YOU MISS A SERMON?

Click below to read or listen to a sermon

<http://gracechurchnyc.org/online-sermons/>