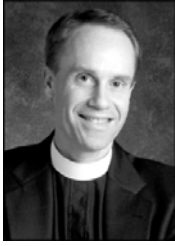


THE WEEKLY EPISTLE
The Third Sunday of Easter
April 22, 2012
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK



Dear Friends,

If all has gone according to plan, you should have received in the mail the devotional guide that we hope you will use as part of The Power of Grace capital campaign. It is an attractive booklet, pulled together by Abby Carr and the prayer team, that provides 21 days of short, interesting, Scripturally based meditations and questions for consideration.

I can share with you that the Waring family began using the devotional guide last night. What we are planning to do is to take turns reading aloud the day's meditation at the supper table over the next three weeks. I thought the Day One offering was incisive and funny. It was about the choice we always have between fear and faith. The author based his thoughts on the ancient Hebrew people's wandering in the desert. Some wanted to turn back to Egypt, others wanted to press on into the Promised Land. He then went on to say how every church has a "Back to Egypt" Committee ruled by fear and anxiety, as well as an "Into the Promised Land" Committee ruled by faith and hope. I had to laugh, because in 23 years of parish ministry in three different churches, I've encountered both of those committees. Fortunately it's been more of the latter than the former.

Please find a creative and consistent way to use the devotional guide over the next three weeks. If the capital campaign accomplishes nothing other than to invigorate your prayer life, and set you on a more intentional Christian walk, it will be a success. We will have taken steps into the Promised Land.

See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Rector

Schedule of Services

9:00 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

11:00 am

Morning Prayer, Rite I and Sermon

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Girls' Choir with Adults

6:00 pm

Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Ted Pardoe

Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

The Power of Grace - Capital Campaign

THE POWER OF
GRACE



Grounded in gratitude, revealed in prayer, lived in faith.

During the first half of 2012 we are involved in a capital campaign to raise faith and funds towards the completion of the current phase of interior restoration and the installation of the new pipe organ.

Read *Frequently Asked Questions* (about the interior restoration) and *The Power of Grace* (about the campaign) by clicking on the image of the brochure at left.

If you have any questions about the campaign, please contact Brian Hagan, Director of Development, at 212-254-2000 x119 or bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org.

Announcements

SUNDAY APRIL 22

TODAY IS GRATITUDE SUNDAY on our calendar of events for the capital campaign. Over the last 6 weeks the children of Grace Church have been exploring the notion of gratitude in Sunday School. Each child created and took home a coin bank in which to collect a small offering in gratitude of Grace's many ministries. Our goal was to collect \$125 towards the capital campaign. Find out if we met our goal when our Sunday school kids announce their total offering at the 9am and 11am services! Also, included in your bulletins today are gratitude cards that we ask everyone to complete. Please list 2-3 blessings from God for which you are particularly grateful and place the card in the offering plate when it comes by. We will be creating a "word cloud" image of our blessings to display.

THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION TODAY - Did you know the Archbishop of Canterbury has resigned? We'll discuss this and other topics during an update on the state of the global Anglican Communion with the Rev. Ted Pardoe. Held in Tuttle Hall; coffee is served.

9-12 YEAR OLD SUNDAY SCHOOL meets today during the 11 am service in the McKittrick Room, just off Tuttle Hall. Children will exit the service during the hymn with the younger children and may be picked up in Tuttle Hall after the service.

COMING SOON

APR 27 - THE ANNUAL CHOIR CONCERT with the Choir of Men and Boys with The Girls' Choir will take place on Friday April 27th at 7 pm in the Church. The program will last approximately one hour and include works by Beethoven, Byrd, Duruflè, Hancock, Handel, Mathias, Stanford, Tallis and others. No ticket required.

APR 29 - MINISTRY AWARENESS SUNDAY - Next week at the 9 and 11 am services we will hear, as part of the sermon, various lay members of the congregation give witness to the power of God's grace in their lives, especially as they have experienced it at Grace Church. Also at 11 am we will enjoy a great procession of banners that have been created to increase our awareness of the many ministries at Grace Church that have been channels of God's grace.

APR 29 - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - MISSION TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA - Grace Church parishioners have made six mission trips to New Orleans, but are now turning their attention to McDowell County, West Virginia, where many homes have been destroyed by flooding in the past decade. McDowell County has a 40% unemployment rate, over 50% of its people exist on income below poverty level, and their students rank last in the state in test scores. Come and hear about why we are going and what we will do there. Led by parishioner and New Orleans mission trip veteran, Mike Watson. Held in Tuttle Hall; coffee is served.

MAY 7 - OUTREACH MONDAY POTLUCK SUPPER will take place on Monday, May 7th. We will meet in the Reception Room (come through the 802 door) from 6:30-8:00 pm. Please bring a dish to share if you care to, otherwise just your concern for the poor and the homeless of the city. Contact Linda Bartholomew lbartholomew@gracechurchnyc.org for more information.

MAY 10 - "THE POWER OF GRACE" CELEBRATION will be held on Huntington Close (Broadway and 10th St.) on Thursday, May 10, from 7- 9 p.m. You are invited to an evening of cocktails and refreshments, capped by the premiere of a short film "The Power of Grace," celebrating God's grace in the lives of the Grace Church community. *All in the Grace Church community are invited and welcome, however you must RSVP by Monday, May 7 to gracechurchrsvp@gmail.com to be added to the guest list.*

MAY 10 - LAW DAY CHORAL EVENSONG - ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL - The Rt. Rev. Mark S. Sisk, Bishop of New York, invites you to celebrate the presentation of the Servant of Justice Award to Cecil Wray, Esq. and to honor all members of the Bar and Bench in recognition of their vocation. Thursday, May 10 at 6 pm at St. Paul's Chapel, Broadway and Fulton Street. Reception follows in the New York County Lawyers' Association. *RSVP by May 8 to the Rev. Richard Sloan at 212-316-7427 or rsloan@diocesenyc.org.*

MAY 13 - 20s30s SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCH at French Roast at 11th Street and 6th Ave, following the 11am service. Email Maura Hooper at mhooper@gracechurchnyc.org for more information.

PARISH LIFE

THE POWER OF GRACE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN AT A GLANCE

- April 22: Gratitude Sunday
- April 29: Ministry Awareness Sunday
- April 30 - May 2: Advance Gifts Cocktail Parties
- May 10: Parish-wide celebration on Huntington Close
- May 12: Prayer Vigil
- May 13: Commitment Sunday

The goal of the campaign is to raise faith and funds towards the restoration of the church interior and installation of the new organ. More information will follow in this space.

HAVE AN HOUR TO SPARE? JOIN THE POWER OF GRACE VOLUNTEER TEAM! We need lots of hands to help with mailings and other tasks associated with the campaign this Spring. If you have been thinking about how you might pitch in, here is a great opportunity to give a small amount of time to a project, yet make a big impact! Even an hour or two of your time would be most gratefully received. Contact Brian Hagan at bhagan@gracechurchnyc.org or 212-254-2000 x119.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE REV. TED PARDOE, who has been called to be the Rector of St. Barnabas Church in Greenwich, CT. Ted has been with us as Assistant Rector since 2009 and has enriched our parish life in numerous ways. St. Barnabas is a major parish in the Diocese of Connecticut, so the call is a real credit to Ted. Ted's final Sunday with us will be June 3. More details to come on celebrating Ted's ministry at Grace Church.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MISS MAURA HOOPER, who has been accepted to the Yale School of Drama. Maura will be studying towards an MFA in acting beginning in September of 2012. This program receives some 900 applications per year, and chooses only 16 for admittance so it is a huge credit to Maura that she was selected. Maura's final Sunday with us as Director of Youth and Family Ministry will be June 10. More details to come on celebrating Maura's ministry at Grace Church.

NEXT UP FOR INTERIOR RESTORATION - The rebuilding of the top portion of the reredos (which had to be removed to access the Te Deum window) and some further installation of the new lighting scheme will begin on May 7. This work will involve some scaffolding around the altar, but all should be complete by Memorial Day weekend. Also, some exterior scaffolding still remains, which accounts for the shadows on the newly restored stained glass windows. This will be removed within a few weeks.

Click below to read or listen to a sermon

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