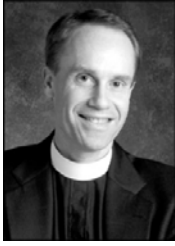


THE WEEKLY EPISTLE
Pentecost
June 17 and 24, 2012
GRACE CHURCH IN NEW YORK



Dear Friends,

Today's edition of the Weekly Epistle will be the final "weekly" edition for the summer. The next two editions that you receive at the beginning of July and August will be monthlies. Even though communications from the parish office will be less frequent, we are still here all summer. Our worship schedule goes on unabated: Sundays at 9 am, 11 am, 6 pm, and also Wednesdays at 6 pm.

We have great news to share regarding the Power of Grace capital campaign. Following the public announcement last Sunday that we had received \$2,278,721 in commitments, the number has kept rising and ***we now stand at \$2,359,221!*** This is an extraordinarily good number. Remember, our stretch goal is \$2.5 million, so if you haven't yet made your pledge, see below for instructions. Many thanks to the 105 households who already have.

The summer will also be busy regarding staff transition. We have just welcomed Melissa Spindler on board as our new Director of Youth and Family Ministry, and the advisory search committee and I are hard at work narrowing the list of candidates for Associate Rector. Our goal is to make an appointment by July, so say your prayers that we find the right person, and stay tuned.

Speaking of our Associate Rector, next Sunday, June 24, will be our farewell to Linda Bartholomew after nearly eight years of devoted service. Linda will preach at all three services. Please make a point to be here on the 24th as we bless her on her way.

See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Rector

Schedule of Services

June 17 + The Third Sunday after Pentecost

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: Kenneth Mattice, Baritone

6:00 pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Linda Bartholomew, Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

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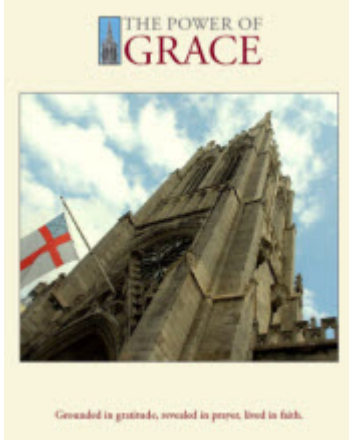
11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite I

Sermon: The Rev. Linda Bartholomew, Music: Amy Bartram, Soprano

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. The Rev. Linda Bartholomew, Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

The Power of Grace - Capital Campaign



JUNE 17th UPDATE!

Thanks to 105 households who have committed to the campaign; the great news is we stand at \$2,359,221! We are getting ever closer to our goal of \$2.5 million. You can still make your pledge if you haven't done so. You can find pledge cards in the narthex, the Parish House hallway or in your mail at home. You may also make your pledge [online](#). While you are online, be sure to watch *The Power of Grace* documentary [video](#) for inspiration! We are well on our way, but Grace Church needs every one of you! Please feel free to contact Director of Development [Brian Hagan](#) with any questions.

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 above.

Announcements

SUNDAY JUNE 17

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY to all the fathers among us and in our hearts today. We give thanks for all the ways you reflect the love of God in the world.

CHANCEL SCAFFOLDING - The scaffolding tents you see in the chancel today are to help prepare these two areas for the installation of the organ. All scaffolding will come down this week.

EPISCOPAL CHARITIES OFFERING TODAY - This outreach arm of the Diocese supports 80 programs based in 50 parishes throughout our diocese. These programs focus on issues such as youth education and mentoring, housing, addiction, prisons, eldercare, job training and feeding. At the 2007 Diocesan Convention, delegates adopted a resolution permanently designating an annual "Episcopal Charities Sunday." On that day, parishes are asked to collect a special offering for Episcopal Charities to further support 35 feeding programs throughout the Diocese. Hunger is a growing problem in all of our communities. Episcopal Charities supports congregationally-based feeding programs throughout our diocese that address the pressing needs of men, women and children who need hot meals and food to keep them nourished. Help us help those in need.

JUNE 17, 24 WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE FOR WV - The Outreach group would like to invite all parishioners and friends to help needy families in West Virginia by donating gently-used, clean winter clothing and boots. A special collection box for donations will be available in the narthex after each service on Sunday, June 17th and 24th (*Please note: donations cannot be accepted during the week or later than 6/24*). All items collected will be taken to West Virginia when our team travels there in July (see details below). Please contact Mike Watson with any questions at mwatson@gts.edu.

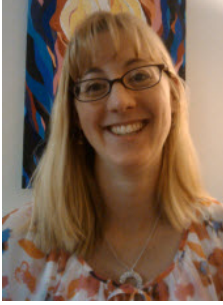
COMING SOON

JUNE 23 - ECW "SERVICE WORK DAY" ALL ARE WELCOME (Men too!) to participate on Saturday, June 23rd from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. We will be planting in the tree wells on 10th Street. Bring gardening gloves and a sandwich. Don't like to plant? Indoor work also! Contact Elana: elanafundos@gmail.com.

JUNE 24 - FAREWELL TO THE REV. LINDA BARTHOLOMEW Linda has been with us as

Associate Rector since 2004, and has recently been called as the Priest in Charge of the Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Spokane Valley, Washington. At Linda's final Sunday at Grace, June 24, she will preach at all three services, and we will celebrate her ministry at a festive reception following the 11 am service.

PARISH LIFE



NEW DIRECTOR OF YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY - We are pleased to announce the appointment of Melissa Spindler. Melissa is a native of Connecticut, a graduate of Smith College with a degree in Spanish and Education, and has studied at Union Theological Seminary in the M. Div. program. She is passionate about the church and children and eager to join the staff later this month. Thanks to advisory search committee members: Dave Beer, Colbert Cannon, John Carr, Shannon Cave, Dana Foote, Caroline Hubbell, Anastasia Rotheroe.

Watch for the next Epistle, arriving in your inbox during the week before Sunday, July 1.

DID YOU MISS A SERMON?

Click below to read or listen to a sermon