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## GRACE CHURCH

### in New York City

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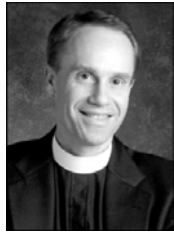
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## Sunday, September 9, 2012

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

If you haven't been inside Grace Church for a while, you are in for a surprise. Most noticeable of all will be the first phase of the new organ's installation. In the chancel arch near the baptismal font you will not be able to miss the lower portion of the north. Bear in mind that this is a work in progress (the organ builders told me that the first truck load contained only ten-percent of the organ), so what you will see over the next few weeks is only a small, unfinished portion the final product. But already it's possible to see the exquisite craftsmanship that is going into the instrument. It is going to be great fun this fall to watch it take shape piece by piece.

The Bible tells us to "lift up thine eyes." If you do you will see that in the chancel and sanctuary the final lighting scheme is in place, wonderfully illuminating the restored architecture. True, the new lighting highlights the contrast between what we have done and what we have left undone, but it also provides a foretaste of what a completely restored Grace Church will look like someday. It will also allow us to remove most of the temporary light fixtures atop the pulpit canopy.

You will also have the opportunity to meet our new Associate Rector, Stephen Holton. Stephen comes to us from Christ Church, New Haven, where he was the curate. I am very excited to have Stephen among us, and grateful to the advisory committee that worked with me in June and July through the interview process. Stephen spent the month of August finding an apartment nearby Grace Church, moving into it, and setting up his office. Over the next few months he will be taking up staff responsibility for a number of key areas in our parish life, including newcomers, outreach, and Sundays at 6 pm. But remember that he's brand new, so he has a steep learning curve ahead of him!

Finally, I spoke this week with Linda Bartholomew, our previous Associate Rector. The move to Spokane was a success and Linda's first few Sundays at her new parish, The Church of the Resurrection, have gone very well. Unfortunately, Linda's husband, Adam, suffered a heart attack just a few days ago. They made it to the hospital in time, and Adam is alert and resting comfortably. Linda and Adam will be grateful for your prayers, but ask that you not contact them during these critical days of Adam's recovery. So please do remember Adam

and Linda in your personal prayers, and you will hear Adam's name on the prayer list.

See you in church.

The Rev. J. Donald Waring  
Rector

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## **Services This Sunday**

### **9 a.m. Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

### **11 a.m. Morning Prayer, Rite I**

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The combined Choir of Men and Boys  
with the Girls' Choir

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

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

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## **Sunday, September 9th**

**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY/THE 118TH SEASON OF THE CHOIRS OF GRACE CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES** - The combined Choir of Men and Boys with the Girls' Choir will sing at the 11 am service. Join us for a festive fellowship hour afterwards!

**WELCOME BACK TO SUNDAY SCHOOL!** Volunteer signup sheets may be found on the Sunday School bulletin board in the Parish House hallway. All Sunday School parents are asked to commit to a minimum of at least once per month. Also if you have not filled out a registration form for your child, please find one on the bulletin board and return it to Melissa.

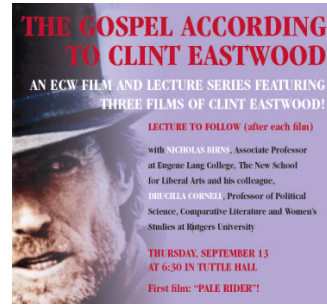
**THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - THE RECTOR'S WELCOME** Today we launch another season of adult education classes offering spiritual nourishment and in-depth discussion on a variety of issues relevant to the church and its members today. Today the Rector welcomes us back with a review of developments at Grace over the summer, including an introduction to The Rev. Stephen C. Holton, our new associate rector; news from General Convention; and the long-awaited arrival of the new organ. He will also give a brief overview of upcoming Sunday Forums.

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## Coming Soon

### SEPT 13, 20, 27 - "THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO CLINT EASTWOOD" -

an ECW-sponsored film and lecture series featuring three films of Clint Eastwood! Each is followed by a talk with Nicholas Birns, *Associate Professor at Eugene Lang College, The New School for Liberal Arts* and his colleague, Drucilla Cornell, *Professor of Political Science, Comparative Literature and Women's Studies at Rutgers University*. This event is open to parishioners and friends aged 18 and over. Wine, popcorn and beverages will be served. On 9/13 "PALE RIDER" 9/20: "UNFORGIVEN" 9/27: "GRAN TORINO" 6:30 in Tuttle Hall. A fee of \$10 per person will be charged to cover expenses. \$20 per person for all 3 Thursdays! For more info contact [elanafoundos@gmail.com](mailto:elanafoundos@gmail.com).



### SEPT 16 - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - MCDOWELL COUNTY

**WV: MISSION AND MINISTRY** with Win Chamberlin and Currie Estreich. This summer a group from Grace Church traveled to McDowell County, West Virginia, working with an ecumenical outreach ministry of the Episcopal Diocese of WV to repair two seriously damaged homes. McDowell County is one of the poorest areas in the country with 72% of the households having no working adult. The removal of mountaintops by mining operations and tree removal by timber companies, has caused snow melt to flood the only level ground for homes. Learn about the group's experiences and their hopes for an ongoing yearly outreach to the diminished and desperate population that remains in this once thriving coal-mining district.

### SEPT 16 - 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY!

Join us at the 11 am service, and during coffee hour, as we recognize and celebrate the many good souls who give generously of their time and talents to help make possible all that we do at Grace Church.

### SEPT 16 - 20s30s SECOND SUNDAY BRUNCHES resume this month!

Please note that for the month of September, the brunch actually takes place on the third Sunday (16th). We will dine at JACK Bistro, 80 University Place. *RSVP is required to Melissa at [mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org).*

### SEPT 19 - WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES its weekly Wednesday

morning sessions on Sept. 19. *The group will now meet from 11 am to 12:30 pm (formerly 10-11:30), in the Reception Room under the leadership of the Rev. Sarah Wood. For more information, contact Sarah at [swood@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:swood@gracechurchnyc.org).*

### OCT 1 - OUTREACH MONDAY - The first meeting of the season will be

held in the Reception Room from 6:30-8 pm and we will welcome our new Associate Rector, the Rev. Stephen Holton. We will also discuss our first Outreach event - serving dinner at the New York City Rescue Mission on Saturday, Oct 13, from 4-6:30 pm. We will again team up with the Episcopal Church Women, taking with us the fruit and baked goods they will provide for dessert. If you would like to be a part of this event, you may secure your spot early at [outreach@gracechurchnyc.org](mailto:outreach@gracechurchnyc.org).

### OCT 3 - BOOK STUDY: MYSTERIES OF FAITH - The Rev. Sarah

Wood begins a Wednesday evening book study of *Mysteries of Faith* by Mark McIntosh that will explore the central doctrines of the Christian faith. This will be an excellent way for those new to Christianity to go deeper, as

well as for those more schooled in the faith to take a fresh look. 7 pm in the Reception Room on October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31.

**OCT 20 - HARVEST HOEDOWN!** Save the date! Ticket information and additional details will follow in October.

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