

The Epistle *E-news*

GRACE CHURCH

in New York City



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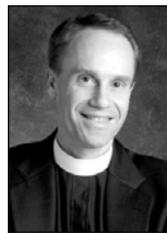
Coming on Monday!



Parents of school-aged children (2-16) are invited to participate in a monthly evening of conversation with their peers. John & Abby Carr will host this month's meeting about Our Spiritual Practices (and how

Sunday, May 19, 2013

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday



Dear Friends,

For the past few weeks now we have been talking about honoring the generous givers to all of our recent campaigns. In 2008 we launched the **Bicentennial Campaign** to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Grace Church, restore the interior of the building, and install a new organ. Even though the economy collapsed in the middle of our effort, people responded generously and the campaign was a success. Soon thereafter we began the **Adopt A Pipe** program, by which people could sponsor one or more of the 5,000 individual pipes that will comprise the Bicentennial Organ. Last year we conducted the **Power of Grace Campaign** to restore the stained glass windows in the chancel and sanctuary and finish the job of installing the organ. Once again people responded faithfully and generously to make the campaign a success. In all, we have made commitments approaching \$9 million over the past five years.

In a recent letter to the parish I wrote that the names of all the givers who participated in the above mentioned campaigns will be engraved on walnut plaques mounted on the doors of the north organ case facing the baptismal font. In order to have these beautiful plaques in place by September, and be certain of their accuracy, we want you to review the list. You can do so online by clicking [here](#). Or, you can see these same lists posted on the parish house bulletin across from the Reception

they strengthen us for our children).

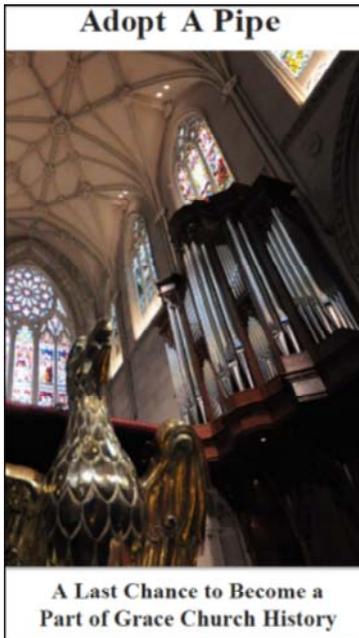
RSVP Required by noon on May 20th to [Melissa](#).

New to Grace? We'd love to meet you!

This Thursday, come to meet others, relax at day's end and catch the spirit of Grace Church! **All newcomers to Grace Church in the past year are invited** to a wine and cheese reception on Thursday, May 23 from 6-8 pm in the Reception Room.

To help us with planning, we ask you to [RSVP](#), including the number in your party, by Monday, May 20.

Join by June 16th!



Room. If you have any corrections or questions, please contact our Director of Development, [Brian Hagan](#).

Also, you still have time to Adopt A Pipe, and have your name or the name of a loved one you'd like to honor appear on the plaques. You can do so online by clicking [here](#). Don't delay, however. The deadline for Adopt A Pipe is Sunday, June 16.

I like to think that hundreds of years from now, a congregation of Grace Church yet unborn will still be appreciating the work we have done. As they gather around the baptismal font and pass to and from the church and parish house they will be able to see and even touch our names, saying, "these are the people who did it."

See you in church.

[The Rev. J. Donald Waring](#)
Rector

This Sunday, May 19, 2013

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon
Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Sermon
Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Combined Junior Choristers with Adults

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry
Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM - TOLSTOY'S ALYOSHA THE POT Continuing our exploration of Tolstoy's Christianity, **Nicholas Birns presents Tolstoy's masterful short story, *Alyosha the Pot*** - a very short story of a very short yet meaningful life. Held in the Reception Room today; coffee is served. *(The Sunday Forum is on recess May 26, and will resume on June 2 - see below.)*

TUTTLE HALL is unavailable today due to the set up for the GCS spring play. **Coffee and fellowship after the 9 am service will take place in the Reception**

Names will be inscribed on special plaques affixed to the organ case.

Only a few weeks remain to honor or memorialize a loved one...

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to choose from popular giving levels like Donor (\$500), Friend (\$250), and Contributor (\$100). (Deadline for inclusion on the plaque, is Sunday, June 16th!)

MISSION TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA...

is being planned for the week of October 6. If you would like to participate, please sign up now so we can begin to schedule projects and line up materials. Contact [the Rev. Stephen Holton](#).

Room and after the 11 am service in the GCS dining room. Sunday School at the 9 and 11 am services meets as always, with access to our classrooms through the side door of Tuttle Hall.

CONFIRMATION CLASS FOR YOUTH AND ADULTS continues today at 12:45 pm, and concludes on June 2 (Class is suspended on May 26, Memorial Day weekend).

COMING SOON

MAY 20 - FAMILY FAITH FORUM - See box at left.

MAY 23 - NEWCOMER RECEPTION - See left.

MAY 30 - ECW PARISH WIDE MEETING - All women of Grace Church are invited to this meeting at 6:30 pm in the Reception Room. Bring a "lite bite" for the table if you are able. No pressure! Please try to attend this last meeting before the summer. On the agenda: "Women's work days" for June and July! Christmas Fair 2013 and much more!

JUNE 2 - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM -

"CONFIRMATION REFRESHER" PART II - HOLY SCRIPTURE: What is it, Where does it come from, How do we read it? with The Rev. Stephen Holton.

On JUNE 9, join the Rector for (PART III) a discussion of THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER AND THE SACRAMENTS.

Our three-part series of "Confirmation Refreshers" allows the congregation to preview what the clergy will be teaching the Confirmation classes later in the day. The sessions will be excellent for "seekers" as well as those who have not reviewed the basics since their own Confirmations! Held in Tuttle Hall; coffee is served.

JUNE 9 - THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC AND CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY

All Grace Church parishioners and friends are welcome and encouraged to come to Huntington Close following the 11am service! Join us as we celebrate the choir ministries of Grace Church and bring our program year to a joyous and festive close. There will be a suggested donation at the door of \$10 per person to help offset costs. For more information, contact [Miss Melissa](#).

JUNE 26-28 - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - Children aged 4-10 are encouraged to join us for three afternoons of Bible stories, games, and awesome activities. For more information or to volunteer, contact [Miss Melissa](#).

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