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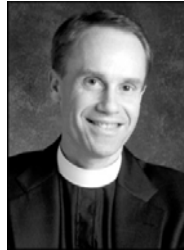
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THE SUNDAY FORUM
@10 AM

November 3, 2013

All Saints' Sunday

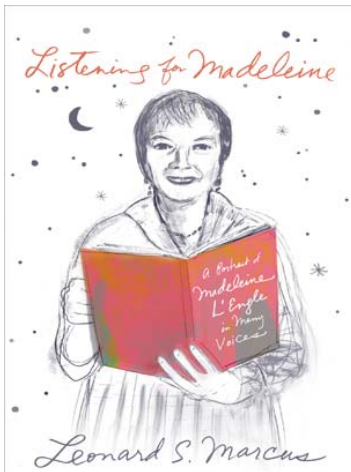


Dear Friends,

It was one year ago this week when most of us were struggling in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. At Grace Church the power went off on Monday night, and did not come back on until Friday

evening. Through the week I wasn't sure how we'd handle the upcoming All Saints' Sunday. Would we have power, and if not, would it be safe to open at all? Normally we would have spent the week compiling a great list of names belonging to your deceased loved ones and friends, and we would have read the names aloud as a way of celebrating the Communion of Saints. Clearly, with the office closed all week, none of our weekly preparations could happen.

When the power popped back on I was able to run off some makeshift bulletins, the baptisms went on as scheduled, but we had no list of names. What we did instead was pass out small candles to everyone as we do on Christmas Eve and at the Easter Vigil. Then, rather than reading aloud 100 or so names, we lit the candles at the time of the Offertory anthem, and we held them while the choir sang Brahms' *How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place*, including the line, "blest are they that dwell within thy house." When it was time to receive Communion we carried our lit candles to the altar, and it became a procession of light. After a week of darkness, it was an incredibly moving way to celebrate all the saints of God.



Author talk and book sales! (details to the right)

THE 2014 ANNUAL PLEDGE CAMPAIGN

November 10th is Pledge Sunday!

This week at the 11 am service, Vestryman **Jack Browning** will briefly tell us **why he gives** to God through Grace Church.

It's not too early to be thinking about *your* financial pledge to the work of the Lord through Grace Church for the year 2014!

SHERRY AND STEWARDSHIP AFTER 6 -

Come to the 6 pm service and raise a glass of sherry or sparkling (non-alcoholic) cider afterwards in fellowship as we celebrate the ingathering of pledges to support the work of the Church. Bring your pledge card to the 6

If you're looking for an easy way to understand the saints, think about light. Through the ages God has sent a procession of people to bring light into the darkness. We all carry within us a glimmer of God's glory, but the saints are those in whom God's light and life burned especially brightly. Yes, they were mystics and martyrs and Biblical figures. But they were also people whom you knew, who brought God's light into a time of your darkness. They were parents, brothers, sisters, spouses, children, friends, and sometimes even strangers.

This year we'll print the list of names and include it in your bulletins. But instead of reading them aloud we'll light candles and join the procession of saints who gather at God's table for all eternity. And we'll celebrate that God's light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

See you in church. Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour on Saturday night and get some extra sleep. Finally, if you can't be here, you can [watch the 11 am service live](#) on the internet, thanks to the Episcopal Church Center.

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

This Sunday, November 3rd

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: The Choir of Men and Boys

4 p.m. Choral Evensong featuring
REQUIEM set by Gabriel Fauré
The Adult Choir with the Parish Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

(Service times are updated weekly on the [website](#).)

pm service, mail it in, pledge online-whatever works best for you-and then join us in the Honor Room afterwards.

Don't miss the pageant deadline!



Tuesday, Nov 5
(see details to the right).

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY During the services we'll light candles and remember all those connected with Grace Church who have died but still remain on the hearts and minds of their loved ones.

BEING MADELEINE: The Spiritual Life and Legacy of Madeleine L'Engle - THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM. L'Engle is best known as the author of *A Wrinkle in Time*, the enduring work of fantasy fiction that has enthralled millions of readers over the past fifty years. But to those who knew her, L'Engle was much more: a larger-than-life persona, an inspiring mentor, a strong-willed matriarch, a spiritual guide, and a rare friend. Renowned literary historian and biographer [Leonard S. Marcus](#) joins us to discuss his book *Listening for Madeleine: A Portrait of Madeleine L'Engle in Many Voices*. Marcus, an award-winning author, is one of the world's leading writers about children's books and the people who create them. *Held in Tuttle Hall; coffee is served. Books will be available for purchase at the Forum and after the 11 am service at coffee hour!* Coming in November - December: Ian Markham, Danielle Ofri and David Holmes, among others.

FAURÉ REQUIEM 4PM The Adult Choir with The Parish Choir will offer Choral Evensong celebrating All Saints' Sunday. The primary musical offering will be the beloved REQUIEM of Gabriel Fauré. Bring family and friends on this day when we celebrate the memory of those we love and who have come before - all are welcome. Evening Canticles are the Short Service by Thomas Tallis and the Prayers set by William Byrd.

NEW TO GRACE? Everyone new to Grace Church in the past year is encouraged to attend our newcomer class today (3 sessions, but you may join any time: Oct 27, Nov 3, Nov 10) at 12:30 pm in the Reception Room. Come and have a bite to eat and learn more about the history of Grace Church, life at Grace today, and how to connect with other parishioners and ministry opportunities. For more information, contact the [Rev. Stephen Holton](#).

11/3 Today's topic: English reformation: Who are Anglicans/Episcopalians? What do we believe?

COMING SOON

NOV 4 - OUTREACH MONDAY - Come to a potluck supper from 6:30-7:45 pm in the Reception Room,

enter at 802 Broadway door. We'll begin with Evening Prayer in the Church and then enjoy food and fellowship, hear about the recent mission trip to West Virginia, and plan for Advent clothing drives. Please bring a dish to share.

NOV 5 -CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN-UPS AND INTERVIEWS! All children aged 5 and older are invited to participate in the annual Pageant, held on Christmas Eve at 4 pm. Only those interested in singing a solo, duet, or trio must sign up for an interview (taking place on Tues, Nov 5 from 2-6 pm IN THE MUSIC ROOM), but *all participants must submit a cast information sheet by Nov 5 at 2 pm.* Cast info sheets and a full schedule for the pageant are now available on the bulletin board in the Parish House hallway. To schedule your child for an interview, [contact Melissa Spindler](#).

NOV 6, 13, 20 - C.S. LEWIS' THE GREAT DIVORCE - WEDNESDAY NIGHT BOOK STUDY
with the Rev. Sarah Wood. This work of C.S. Lewis' theological imagining sets us right in the midst of Heaven and Hell, and very well may change our minds and hearts about exactly what these might be! (Wednesdays, Nov 6, 13, 20 directly after the 6 pm Eucharist.)

NOV 9-10 GRACE AND THE ARTS AT CHRISTMAS IS COMING SOON! Come to the wine and cheese reception/opening from 5-7 pm on Saturday, Nov 9, or to Tuttle Hall from 12:30- 5 pm on Sunday, Nov 10 for this festive event sponsored by the ECW. Beautiful art, photography, lots of unique handmade gifts by local craftspeople and a "Treasures Table!" Bring your Christmas shopping list! Proceeds will support ministries of Grace Church.

A FUN DAY TO VOLUNTEER! Your help will make this a fun and successful Christmas Fair. Volunteer opportunities are open to all parishioners, including men! [Email Doris for information](#).

NOV 17 - GRACE CHURCH SCHOOL SUNDAY & GUEST PREACHER [The Very Rev. Dr. Ian Markham](#), Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary, will join us for our annual celebration of the common history and mission shared by church and school. At 10 am, Dean Markham will lead a Sunday Forum entitled *Conversations with Atheism: Arguments for Faith*

(details below). At the 11 am service, Dean Markham will preach, and music will be offered by The Choir of Men and Boys and The Girls' Choir. After the service, please come to Tuttle Hall for a festive reception!

NOV 17 - CONVERSATIONS WITH ATHEISM:

ARGUMENTS FOR FAITH - [the Very Rev. Dr. Ian Markham](#), Dean and President of Virginia Theological Seminary and Professor of Theology and Ethics will lead the above-titled Sunday Forum at 10 am and preach at the 11 am service. Dean Markham is the author and editor of 24 books, including *Against Atheism*, *Understanding Christian Doctrine*, and *Do Morals Matter*. Drawing on science, he argues that the theistic worldview makes more sense of the complexity of human experience than an atheistic worldview. On the way, the issues of cosmology, suffering, and other religions are discussed. Don't miss an extraordinary opportunity to engage with a distinguished and faithful scholar.

NOV 17 - ALTAR GUILD SEASONAL MEETING- Advent will soon be upon us, and so it is time for our semi-annual meeting of the 11 am Altar Guild! Please join the Rev. Stephen Holton and Co-Chair Helen DuBois in the Reception Room after the 11 am service. This brief meeting (45 min.) will permit us to prepare for the upcoming season, and to share your constructive comments. *Anyone who would like to learn more about the service of the Altar Guild is invited to [contact Co-chair Helen DuBois](#) for more information, or come to the meeting!*

NOV 23 - SACRED VISIONS: 19th Century Biblical Art from the Dahesh Museum Collection. The ECW will host a trip to the [Museum of Biblical Art](#) on Sat, Nov 23 at 12:15 pm. All are welcome. Meet in the lobby (corner of Broadway and 61st St.) \$5 per person for entrance and tour, paid in advance. Let us know if you will join us for lunch at a neighborhood restaurant after the tour and please bring cash. Come for fun and fellowship! [Contact Elana Foundos](#).

NOV 24 - CHOIR ALUMNI SUNDAY - At the 11 am service all former members of the Choir of Men and Boys and the Girls' Choir are invited to join the current choir in the chancel and sing the morning anthems including "I Was Glad," by C. Hubert H. Parry. For more details please [contact Patrick Allen](#).

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