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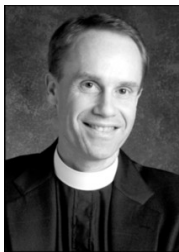
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## January 19, 2014

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Dear Friends,

Those of you who pay attention to the news may have noticed that the planet Mars is much in the headlines.

Specifically, a plan is afoot by a privately funded corporation called Mars One to land the first humans on the Red Planet in

2024 - just ten years from now. The only drawback? It's a one-way ticket. The first astronauts who go to Mars in the effort to colonize and tame it will live out the remainder of their lives and die there. They cannot return. Nevertheless, 200,000 people recently submitted applications to be among the first four to go, and after an initial screening the list is now down to approximately 1,000.

Yesterday's news reported that one of the thousand finalists turns out to be a man named Ken Sullivan, who is a 38-year old pilot. The problem is, Sullivan never consulted his wife about the project. The couple has four children together, the youngest of whom is 6-months old. Sullivan's wife is understandably miffed that her husband would want to pursue an otherworldly dream that leaves her and their family behind forever. In her mind it is an unholy and unrealistic dream. "Do we get divorced now, or get divorced later?" she asks.

This weekend the nation will pause to remember someone else with a dream: the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. In August of 1963 King stood on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and spoke to the 200,000 people who had participated in the march on Washington. In his speech King explained his dream that one day this

## LOCAL SHELTER SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

The overnight emergency [shelter at First Presbyterian Church](#) (11<sup>th</sup> St at 5<sup>th</sup> Ave) is seeking volunteers to help set up, stay overnight, or support the shelter in other ways—one time, once a month, or even weekly. Consider joining this ministry of presence. Contact [Currie Estreich](#) to ask questions or to sign up.

nation would rise up and live out the true meaning of its creed: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." He dreamed that one day his four little children would live in a nation where they would be judged not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character.

Was King's dream otherworldly? Yes and no. Yes, in that he drew on the Spirit of God and the Biblical prophets for his vision. No, in that his intention was to strive for a just society in the here and now, not someplace far away and sometime far off in the future. Was his dream holy? Without a doubt. Was it realistic? Well, that's up to you and me and every succeeding generation, isn't it? The dream is ours to pursue. I'm not suggesting that we shouldn't go to Mars, but it seems to me that we have lots of work still to do here, lest we wind up taking the same old ills of human society to yet another world.

I hope you'll spend some time this weekend considering how you can make the world a better place in the here and now. Perhaps you might begin by reading Dr. King's famous speech, which you can find by clicking [here](#).

See you in church.

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

## This Sunday, January 19th

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Anne Wood  
Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer  
Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Anne Wood  
Music: The Adult Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry  
Sermon: The Rev. Sarah Anne Wood  
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

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

WE WELCOME HOME [DR. BARRY ROSE](#) today as guest choirmaster. Our friend Dr. Rose is with us in the coming week to work with the novice and junior choristers to prepare and offer their annual Concert

of Music for Treble Voices on Jan 26. Featured this year will be the world premiere of his new sacred song cycle written especially for the choristers. Four movements were heard for the first time last year, the completed cycle will be offered next Sunday at the concert at 4 pm in the Church.

10 AM – THE HEALING MINISTRY OF CHAPLAINS –THE SUNDAY FORUM, Human Suffering: Compassion in Action series. Lisa Tebbe, Spiritual Counselor at Constellation Hospice and On-call Chaplain at Stamford Hospital. Hospital chaplaincy is a specialized but often overlooked ministry that requires a great deal of compassion and spiritual presence. Chaplains are called upon to meet us in our most extreme instances of spiritual and physical need, during moments of profound grief and despair and in the midst of our last days and hours. Lisa Tebbe, Spiritual Counselor and On-call Chaplain, will explore the healing ministry of chaplains and its crucial role in alleviating human suffering. *Held in the Reception Room; coffee is served.*

12:30 PM – NEW TO GRACE? COME TO THIS CLASS! Come and have a bite to eat and learn more about the history of Grace, life at Grace today, and how to connect with other parishioners and ministry opportunities. Anyone new to Grace Church in the past year is invited to join any or all of three sessions (Jan 12, 19, 26). Held in the Reception Room. For more information, contact [the Rev. Stephen Holton](#). *Today's topic: What does it mean to be Episcopalian?*

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2014 OFFERING ENVELOPES TODAY – and save the church some postage \$! After the 9 and 11 am services, you may find them in Tuttle Hall. After the 6 pm service, and during the week, they may be found in the Reception Room. If you wish to have envelopes, but have not yet requested them, please contact [Brian Hagan](#), Director of Development, by e-mail or at 212-254-2000 x119.

**COMING SOON**

JAN 26 – 10 AM – THE WHOLE CHRIST: ST. AUGUSTINE AND THE THEOLOGY OF PRISON MINISTRY – THE SUNDAY FORUM, Human Suffering: Compassion in Action series. Steven Y. Lee, General Theological Seminary, M.Div. 2014. Ministering to prison inmates requires compassion, pastoral

presence and programmatic dedication. But the mitigation of human suffering in the prison context does not fully explain or justify the church's involvement in such a setting. The question the church must answer is as follows: "What are the theological implications of prison ministry?" Using ideas first developed by St. Augustine, this class will examine how prison ministry can shed light on what it means to be a member of a church community. Steven Y. Lee, seminarian at General Theological Seminary, has taught New Testament and Contemporary Theology classes at Fishkill Correctional Facility in Beacon, N.Y. and at Sing-Sing Correctional Facility in Ossining, N.Y.

JAN 26 – 4 PM – SIXTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES by The Junior Choristers of the Grace Church Choirs under the direction of [Dr. Barry Rose, OBE](#). Compositions will include those by Malcolm Archer, J.S. Bach, Copland, Hogan, and Dr. Rose himself including the World Premiere of a recently completed sacred song cycle that Dr. Rose has written for the choristers. This annual concert will also include the "Whiting" of Novices when our newest choristers receive their surplice and take their place among the junior chorister ranks.

FEB 2 – THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held in Tuttle Hall on Sunday, Feb. 2 immediately following the 11 am service. Reports will be given by the Nominating Committee, the Treasurer, the Head of Grace Church School, the Senior Warden, and the Rector. A delicious lunch (\$5 per person suggested donation) will be served.

THE VESTRY HAS ACCEPTED THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT and is pleased to announce the following slate of persons to be voted on at our Annual Meeting. For a second three-year term as a Vestry member: SINGLETON COX. For a first three-year term as Vestry member: DAVID DIDOMENICO, CAROLINE HUBBELL, JENNIFER SAN CARTIER. For a first two-year term as a Churchwarden: LEONA CHAMBERLIN (Leona will replace Sarah Cogan, who is finishing her third two-year term as a Churchwarden, the maximum permitted by our by-laws). Many thanks to the committee and to those who have agreed to stand for election.

FEB 10 – ECW PARISH WIDE MEETING – All women of Grace Church (and their friends!) are welcome at our first meeting of the Episcopal Church Women (ECW) in 2014. \*Hear about upcoming events. \*Bring your

ideas and suggestions. \*Come for fun and fellowship. "No Pressure" Pot Luck! Monday, Feb 10 at 6:30 in Tuttle Hall. Questions? Contact [Elana Foundos](#).

FEB 20 – NEWCOMER RECEPTION/WINE-TASTING – If you are new to Grace Church in the past year, plan to attend this fun, casual, social event to help you connect. Stay tuned, more information to come.

FEB 22 – 20s30s DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER – Teams of 6+ will compete for some amazing prizes–so come help Grace raise someserious booty, and kick some too! \$5 per person at the door will be donated in the name of the Young Adult Network to a predetermined charity. Saturday, Feb 22, 3–6 pm at Church of the Intercession. [RSVP to Melissa](#).

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