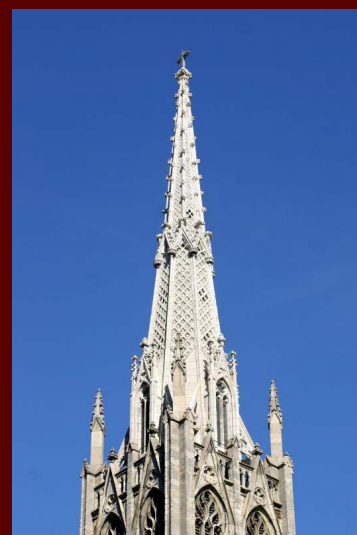


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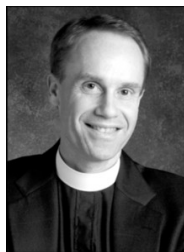
**Kids ages 4-12:
VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL!**



WILDERNESS

June 8, 2014

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday



Dear Friends,

This coming Sunday is the finale of our "official" program season. The Sunday Forum concludes with a performance by "The Bible Players," a wonderful drama troupe who present stories from the Old Testament in ways that are fun and accessible for all ages - especially the children, so bring them! The choristers will sing for the final time until September, and as we do every year, we give special thanks to the 8th graders who are graduating from the choir. Then after the 11 am service we will enjoy our annual parish picnic on the lawn of Huntington Close. Burgers, hot dogs, desserts, and drinks will be available for all. Bring your sunglasses!

Think not, however, that the added incentives for coming to Grace Church are winding down for the summer. One of the benefits of all the interior restoration we have accomplished, including the installation of the new organ, is that we have become a destination. We are on the map again. Choirs on tour want to come sing here. This month alone we have three guest choirs who have sought us out, whom we are able to accommodate. This first is the Boy Choristers of Washington National Cathedral. Eighteen of them will be here on Wednesday, June 11th to eat pizza, and then put on their vestments and sing at our 6 pm Eucharist (which will be held in the church, rather than the chantry). You can read more about music at Washington Cathedral by clicking here:

<http://www.nationalcathedral.org/arts/>

ESCAPE!

(June 30 – July 3)

Through four days of Bible stories, games, and awesome activities the children will learn to trust God as they join Moses on the incredible journey through the wilderness and discover what it was like to live in the Israelite camp! All children aged 4–12 are welcome. Class will meet from 9 am–2 pm, followed by a favorite family movie and snacks from 2–4 pm. *Suggested donation of \$40/child for all four days. Children can come for a day or all four as schedules permit.*

Don't Be Left Out!



THE ECW/GC COOKBOOK deadline is June 15th. Don't forget to send your favorite recipes along with a brief comment related to your recipe, to [Mary Ann](#) (or place a hard copy in the ECW mailbox in the parish office). If you don't have a recipe to share, but would like to

Next comes the Ragazzi Boys Choir from San Francisco who will be with us for the 11 am service on Sunday, June 22nd. This ensemble consists of 80 voices - far more than we can fit in our choir stalls. Therefore they will sit in the north transept, and from there offer anthems and contribute to the canticles of Morning Prayer. Learn more about the Ragazzi Boys Choir by clicking here: <http://www.ragazzi.org/>

Finally, the Men and Boys Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Ottawa, Canada will be here the next week for the 6 pm service on Sunday, June 29. This service also, which is normally held in the chantry, will be moved to the main church. Visit the following link to learn more about music at Christ Church Cathedral: http://www.ottawa.anglican.ca/cathedral/Music.html#choir_mb

Let's give these visiting choirs a hearty and robust Grace Church welcome. See you in church.

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

This Sunday, June 8th

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

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist and Baptisms
Sermon: The J. Donald Waring
Music: The Choir of Men and Boys
with The Girls' Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry
Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring
Music: Hymns with instrumentalists

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

CONGRATULATIONS 8TH GRADE CHORISTERS who graduate today from the Choir Program! Thank you for six years of special musical offerings and service in the Choirs of Grace Church. God bless you. Tattnall Dan Holt, *Optimu*; Gabriel Michael Lopez, Lead; Georgia Anne Sergejevna Ossorguine; Katherine Etta Platzker, Lead; Mahlon David Sorensen, Lead; Camille Jack Segre–Lawrence, Lead; John Segre–Lawrence; Elizabeth Amalia Zaccaro, *Optima*.

THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM – COMEDY AND BIBLE LESSONS FOR ALL AGES The Sunday Forum concludes for the summer with the Bible Players, a "Torah Comedy Duo," (that is, comic teachers of the Old Testament) that are sweeping the nation!

contribute to the effort, please consider a donation to help defray the cost of printing. Your gift is tax deductible, and your name will appear in the cookbook! Books will be on sale in November.

They will perform an interactive and hilarious show based on popular Bible stories. Great for both children and adults. For a sneak preview, go to



<http://www.thebibleplayers.com/>

A Visit from "Boody & Boody"?

Click on the [MUSIC](#) webpage and see...

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 in celebration of the choir ministries of Grace Church and help bring our program year to a joyous and festive close. Suggested donation at the door is \$10 per person.

Reaching Out

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CONTRIBUTED TO THE ECW-LED OUTREACH to women guests at the [NYC Rescue Mission](#). About 25 parishioners helped to assemble individual bags of toiletries at coffee hour on Sunday, resulting in 43 bags (more than enough for the first night's guests) delivered to the Mission on Monday! We were given a tour of the brand new women's dorm, and urged to stay for lunch – which we did! Special thanks to Kathy Scarborough for driving us! We still have monetary donations remaining and LOTS of toiletries for future bags. The Mission was so grateful!

EPISCOPAL SOCIAL SERVICES SUIT DRIVE FOR YOUNG ADULTS – Now through June 15 – we will collect business attire and accessories for young

(LAST CHANCE!) PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHOIRS' ANNUAL JUNE RAFFLE to benefit the Choir Special Projects Fund! You can purchase a raffle ticket Sunday after the 11 am service, or from any choir family or chorister. The raffle includes many amazing items such as fine wines, iPads and also child friendly items. This fund supports activities and opportunities for the choirs that are not covered by the annual budget including such projects as the 2012 tour to Prague, Vienna and Salzburg and helps us work towards our next tour to France in the summer of 2015. Tickets are \$5 and \$10. Winners will be selected at the parish picnic. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

COMING SOON

JUNE 11 – THE WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL Boy Choristers, under the direction of Michael McCarthy, will sing at the Six O'clock service of Holy Eucharist on Wednesday, June 11th. For this occasion the service has been moved into the Church and the choir will offer a special Choral Prelude that starts at 5:40, twenty minutes of lovely music prior to the start of the service.

JUNE 15 – THE SUNDAY FORUM is on recess for the summer and will resume in September. In the weeks to come the Adult Education Committee will be meeting to plan the fall

adults in foster care. [ESS](#) provides professional development and job placement support to the youth in their care to ensure they achieve their full potential, in spite of the challenges they have faced in the past. We are collecting: like-new or new suits for both men and women of all sizes (as a courtesy, please dry clean before donating), as well as professional accessories such as leather folios, purses, briefcases, etc. *Please bring all donations to the nursery or contact [Melissa](#) for more information.*

schedule. If you have ideas, please send them to our co-chairs, Anne Rieselbach: reiselbach@yahoo.org, or Emma Presler: emmabutterfieldpresler@gmail.com.

JUNE 22 – FAREWELL TO THE REV. SARAH WOOD – As many of you know, our Assistant Rector Sarah Wood will be moving to Ashville, NC this summer, where her husband, Kirk, has taken a new job. Sarah will preach at all three services on June 22nd, and after the 11 am we will honor her at a festive fellowship hour.

JUNE 22 – THE RAGAZZI BOYS CHORUS from San Francisco, under the direction of Joyce Keil, will be our guest choir and sing at the 11 am service of Morning Prayer on Sunday, June 22nd.

JUNE 23, JULY 28, AUG 25 – FAMILIES SUMMER BBQs! Think it's impossible to get a cheap and healthy dinner for your kids, with A/C, where your kids can run and scream and play with others their age? Look no further! Drop by every fourth Monday this summer for burgers, hot dogs, salads and drinks from 4:30 – 7 pm in Seymour Close. Rain or shine! The kids can run around Tuttle Hall even if the weather is bad. Suggested Donation: \$20/family – or bring a salad or dessert to share! Help on the grill or bring beverages if you'd like! RSVPs are always greatly appreciated to Melissa at mspindler@gracechurchnyc.org.

JUNE 27 – BABETTE'S FEAST – FILM SCREENING and discussion led by the Rev. Sarah Anne Wood, and hosted by the ECW. ALL PARISHIONERS INVITED! Food and beverages will be served. Friday, June 27 at 6 pm.

JUNE 29 – THE CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS FROM CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL, OTTAWA, CANADA, under the direction of Matthew Larkin, will sing at the Six O'clock service of Holy Eucharist on Sunday, June 29th. For this occasion the service has been moved into the Church.

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