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in New York City



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Ways to Reach Out...

January 18, 2015

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Dear Friends,

At last Tuesday's Vestry meeting we heard a report on the 2015 Annual Campaign. Thus far, 210 households have pledged for a total of \$936,931, meaning that we are 85% of the way toward our goal of \$1.1 million. How will we close the gap between where we are and where we need to be?

Lately we have been making some changes in the Development Department, and the office is now being overseen by our Director of Finance, Rhianna Murphy. We also have in place a relatively new and robust Development Committee that is being chaired by Doug Evans. Other members of the committee include Colbert Canon, Angie Fellers, Adelaide Mueller, and Erik Sorensen. What this group is planning to do is conduct a series of phone-a-thons before and after the Annual Meeting of the parish on Sunday, February 1st. We will aim to contact all of our parishioners who have not yet responded to the 2015 appeal. In order to participate in the Annual Meeting you must be a pledging member in good standing, so we do hope to hear from everyone in the next few weeks.

Allow me to state the obvious: we have more than 210 households who would identify Grace Church as



FEB 14 – HELP REBUILD STATEN ISLAND. More than two years after Hurricane Sandy, thousands of homes remain in some form of distress. Join teams from Grace Church for our next parish work day on Saturday, Feb 14. Many jobs for multiple skill levels are available-- including insulation installation, sheet rocking, and more. We'll schedule a celebration dinner and party after our work days, so *sign up now by contacting [the Rev. Stephen Holton](#).*

FEB 21 – "DON'T WALK BY" HOMELESS OUTREACH Volunteers for this annual outreach and rescue mission seek to offer every street person food, warm clothing and the opportunity to get off the streets for good. This year, the Grace Church team, led by parishioner

their spiritual home. I would venture to guess that our number is closer to 300. If you're new to Grace Church, or have attended for years but never committed to a gift, the benefit of pledging is *belonging*. Grace Church becomes *yours*, and you become part of a family that is dedicated to worshipping the Lord in the beauty of holiness, and doing God's work in the city. For those whose incomes are uncertain, remember: what matters is not how much you pledge, but *that* you pledge. Also, you can take the whole year to fulfill your pledge; you don't have to take care of it all at once in one check.

Let's see how close to 300 households we can get in time for the Annual Meeting. You can save the Development Committee a call by making your pledge online [here](#).

See you in church.

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

This Sunday

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. Stephen Holton

Music: The Adult Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

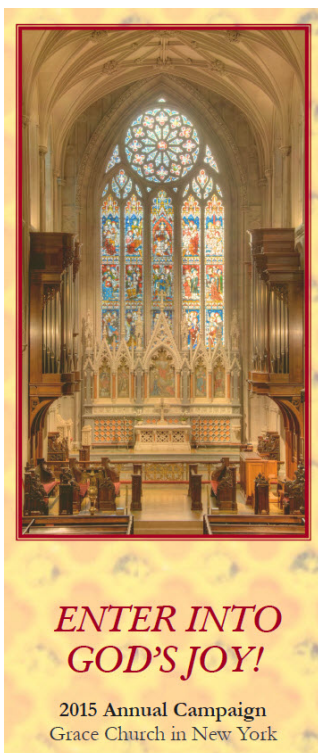
Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

WE WELCOME [DR. BARRY ROSE](#). Our old friend Dr. Rose is conducting the choir this morning at 11 am and will spend the coming week working with all the choirs. Under his direction – THE SEVENTH ANNUAL

Mike Watson, will work on Saturday, Feb 21, from 2-8 PM, departing from Calvary Baptist Church on West 57th St. If you are interested in joining the group please [contact Mike Watson](#) for instructions on how to sign up. For details on the project, please visit <http://dontwalkby.org/>.

**Join the
Community...
by making your
2015 pledge
[now!](#)**



**Questions?
No problem!**

Just contact Rhianna Murphy, Director of Finance, at 212-254-

CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES – will take place on Sunday, Jan 25 at 4 pm in the Church (see description under Jan 25 below).

JAN 18 – SUNDAY FORUM ON RECESS for the holiday weekend.

JAN 18, 25 – NEWCOMERS' CLASSES – Members of the clergy speak, and answer questions, about Christianity, the Episcopal Church, and what it's like to be a member of Grace Church. A light lunch will be served. Sundays, Jan 11, 18 and 25, from 12:45 – 1:45 pm in the Reception Room. *Additional Newcomer classes will be held in April.*

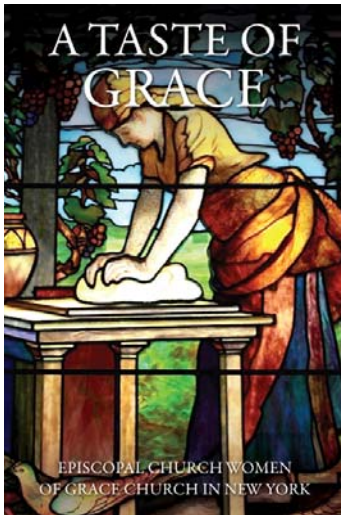
PLEASE PICK UP YOUR 2015 OFFERING ENVELOPES TODAY – and save the church some postage \$! After the 9 and 11 am services, you may find them in Tuttle Hall. After the 6 pm service, and during the week, they may be found in the Reception Room. *If you wish to have envelopes, but have not yet requested them, please contact Rhianna Murphy by [e-mail](#) or by phone 212-254-2000 x116.*

Coming Soon

JAN 25 – WHAT HAS GOD DONE FOR YOU LATELY? – THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM. Led by Hershey Mallette, Pastoral Resident at Grace Church. Join Hershey as we answer this question by looking at the movement of God in each of our lives. Please come with the dates of your baptism and confirmation and other pivotal moments and life changing events in mind. In this interactive adult forum we will plot a Spiritual Autobiography Timeline that traces the movement of the Spirit in our everyday lives. *Come to the Sunday Forum each week at 10 am in the Reception Room for coffee, lively discussion and spiritual enrichment!*

2000 x 116 (or [click here](#)) to ask any questions at all.

Did you get yours?



Books will be on sale at the Annual Parish Meeting on Sunday, Feb 1st! Or [contact Elana Foundos](#).

JAN 25 – THE SEVENTH ANNUAL CONCERT OF MUSIC FOR TREBLE VOICES – will take place on Sunday Jan 25 at 4 pm in the Church. Our friend [Dr. Barry Rose](#) will be back to work with the Novice and Junior Choristers and lead them in this special annual event that celebrates music for the soprano chorister's voice. At the concert 27 Novice Choristers will be "whited" (awarded their surplice) and promoted to Junior Chorister.

FEB 1 – THE SUNDAY FORUM 10 AM – Parishioner and public school principal Richard Limato will continue the Epiphany theme of spiritual autobiography and discernment.

FEB 1 – THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING will be held in Tuttle Hall on Sunday, Feb. 1 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 two-year term as a Churchwarden: BRETT PERTUZ. For a second three-year term as a Vestry member: ERIK SORENSEN. For a first three-year term as Vestry member: HARPER ANDERSON, ANNE RIESELBACH, JASON SLIBECK. Many thanks to the committee and to those who have agreed to stand for election.

FEB 8 – EPISCOPAL YOUNG ADULTS PLAY DODGEBALL! This will be a fun gathering for Episcopal Young Adults and their friends looking to burn some energy and get to know other 20's–30's folk from around the city on a cold winter's day! \$5 per person, includes snacks and drinks (funds raised will be donated to a local youth organization). Sunday, Feb 8, 3–5:30 pm in Tuttle Hall. *RSVP to*

ednyyanetwork@gmail.com by Friday, Feb 6 so we have an idea how many teams to prepare for!

FEB 12 – WINTER NEWCOMERS' EVENT All those new to Grace Church over the last year are invited to "Carnival" on Thursday, Feb 12th 6:30–8:30 pm in the Chantry! Join us for a festive evening of fellowship, refreshments, and fun. Please contact Singleton Cox (singleton.cox@gmail.com) for information and to RSVP. *Let's Carnival!*

FEB 15 –SHROVE SUNDAY! Come celebrate Shrovetide this year with a fabulous Sunday brunch of pancakes, bacon and eggs, and fruit salad. \$15 per person requested donation at the door. Fun activities for all ages included. Share a meal with friends before Lent begins. Held in Tuttle Hall after the 11 am service.

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