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### in New York City



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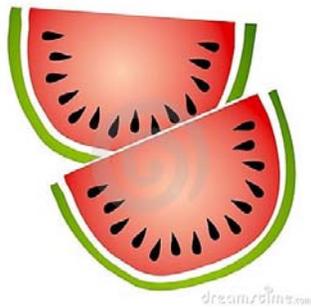
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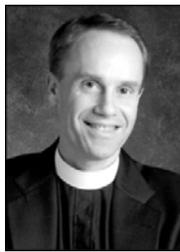


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**Sign up for  
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## May 24, 2015

The Day of Pentecost: Whitsunday



Dear Friends,

Back in the 1970s, when I was growing up in Glen Ridge, NJ, the town held a wonderful Memorial Day parade. If I recall, the route traveled only a block along Ridgewood Avenue between the library and the Middle School where I was a student. Fire trucks, police cars, and hundreds of people in uniform paraded past the adoring crowds on either side of the street. Who were those in uniform? The vast majority were little league baseball players. I was one of them. When my portion of the parade went by where my parents stood, I wasn't sure whether to maintain the dignity befitting my uniform, or break with decorum and wave.

I can imagine that fifty or sixty years earlier, the uniformed marchers in Memorial Day parades across the country were not little league baseball players, but actual soldiers who would soon ship off to the Great War in Europe. The Yanks were going over there, "and we won't come back till it's over, over there," is how the popular 1917 song put it. The sad thing is, many of those young soldiers proudly marching in the Memorial Day parades of that era never would come back. They would die horribly in the trenches of the Western front, or perish at sea, and leave a bitter blank in the future they should have enjoyed.

In the narthex of Grace Church is a memorial plaque that lists eleven names. These were the young men of the parish who left these shores never to return: eleven young men who had undoubtedly marched up and down the Grace Church aisles as choirboys, acolytes, and Sunday School

## School (for kids 4-12)!



*(details below...)*

## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL BACKPACK DRIVE TO SUPPORT THE GO PROJECT KIDS!



Brought to you by the GO Project's Young Leadership Council, the Backpack Drive raises funds to provide a new backpack which is filled with school supplies for each of our students. The GO Project's students are under-resourced and academically-

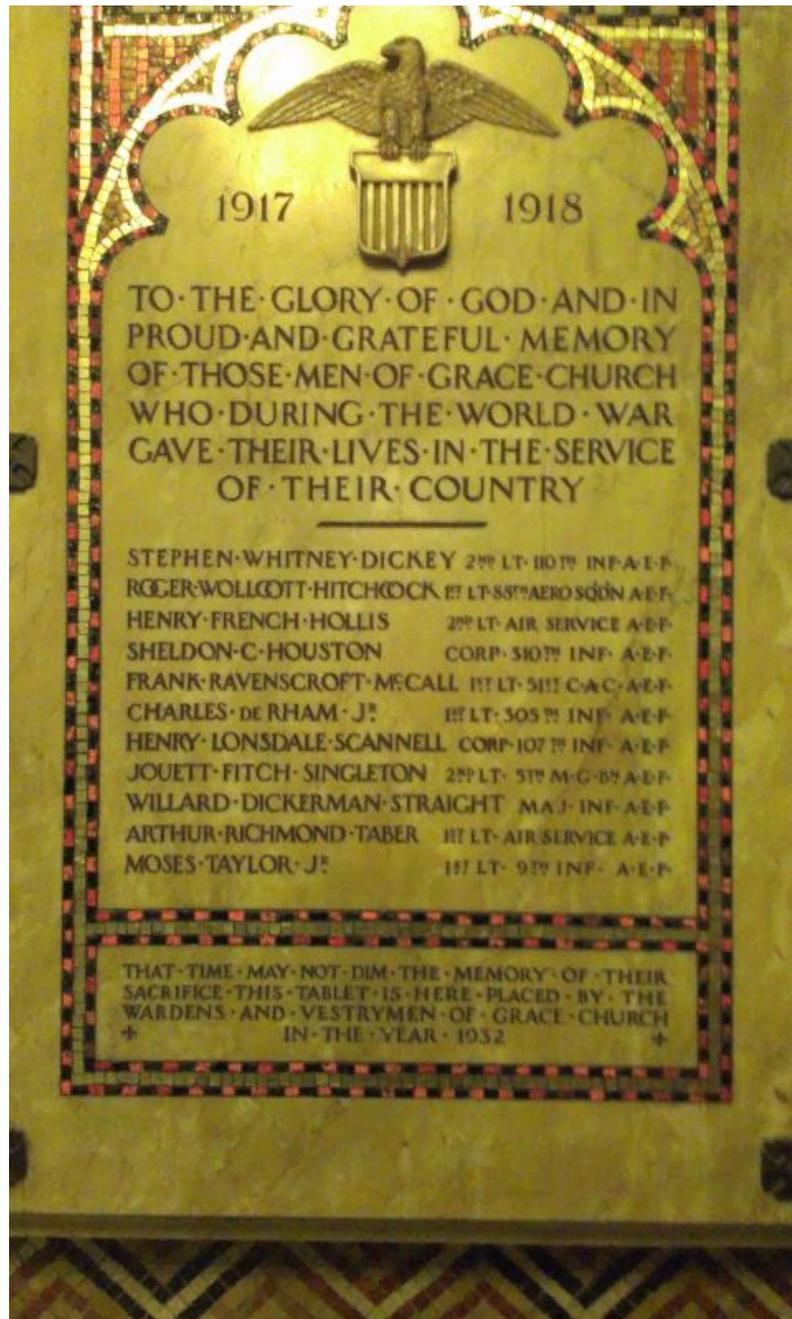
children. Below is a picture of the plaque. I hope you will take a moment to read it, or pause beneath it this Sunday.

War is hell. Some say it is evil. Unfortunately, sometimes it is the lesser of two evils that we much choose. This weekend, remember those who gave their lives in the service of our country. And pray for the day when all the world can truly beat their swords into ploughshares, and the only ones in uniform marching in Memorial Day parades are little league baseball players.

See you in church.

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

struggling public school students, primarily from the Lower East Side and Chinatown. The backpacks and supplies they receive will last them through the entire school year. *We must order school supplies in mid-June, so please make a donation by June 1. Thank you! [Click here today!](#)*



## This Sunday

### 9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: Ms. Hershey Mallette

Music: The Parish Choir

### 11 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Baptism

Sermon: Ms. Hershey Mallette

Music: The Adult Choir

### 6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: Ms. Hershey Mallette  
Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHOIRS' ANNUAL JUNE RAFFLE** to benefit the Choir Special Projects Fund! You can purchase a raffle ticket today at coffee hour 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 upcoming tour this summer to France. Tickets are \$5 and \$10. Winners will be selected on June 7<sup>th</sup> at the parish picnic. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

### *Coming Soon*

**JUNE 2 – OPEN DOOR MINISTRY: SEEKING VOLUNTEERS!** Like spending time in the beautiful Grace Church sanctuary? Open to helping us to provide basic information and a welcome to over 14,000 weekend visitors yearly? Open Door is seeking volunteers just like you to round out our team. Come sit with an Open Door volunteer during their 2-hour shift on a weekend in April or May and give volunteering a try. Please contact Singleton Cox [HERE](#) for more info and to try Open Door. *And save the date for the next Open Door Celebration and Reception: June 2, at 7 pm in the Reception Room.*

**JUNE 7 – 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 to help bring our program year to a joyous and festive close. Suggested donation at the door is \$10 per person. There are many ways to

support this event so please contact [Melissa](#) to find out how you can help.

**JUNE 29–JULY 1 – VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: JOSEPH'S DREAMS & MULTICOLORED COAT!** –Through three days of Bible stories, games, lots of music and awesome activities the children will learn to turn to God as they join Jacob's sons through sibling rivalry, dream–interpretation, and surviving a famine by sticking together! All children aged 4–12 are welcome. Class will meet from 9:30 am–1:30 pm. Suggested donation of \$30/child for all three days. *Please contact [Miss Melissa](#) by Sunday, June 14 to sign up.*

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