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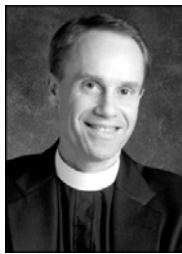
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June 7, 2015

The Second Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

As I write this on Friday morning it is another wet and rainy day, but the forecast for Sunday shows clear skies and sunshine. That's good news, because Sunday is the day of our annual parish picnic, when we gather on the lawn of Huntington Close to enjoy food and drink, and to celebrate the conclusion of another program year. We will give thanks for another successful choir season, and bid farewell to the choristers until next fall. Summer is upon us, and the question I am inclined to ask is, "Where did the year go?"

All are Welcome!



This Sunday

(details below...)

**Backpack Drive
to Support the
Go Project Kids!**
(extended!)

When I was growing up I remember greeting the end of every school year with unbridled, uncontainable joy. Walking out the school door on the last day of classes in June was the best possible experience in life, I thought. The sense of freedom was indescribable. But September would always come, and thus began what seemed to be another impossibly long countdown to the next June. Now, the older I get the less eager I am to mark off any day. And the more I take note of the hymn line that we will sing on Sunday, "*Time, like an ever flowing stream, bears all our years away,*" including our sons and daughters and ultimately ourselves. I want to stop the clock right now. These children are growing up too fast.

Then I remember the opening line of the hymn: "*O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come.*" The Christian faith invites us always to look towards the future with hope for years to come, even with hope for all eternity. Why? Because the resurrection of Jesus is what constitutes us as a people. In Sunday's Epistle you will hear what St. Paul



[The GO Project's](#)
Young Leadership
Council is hosting a
Backpack Drive,
raising funds to
provide a new
backpack filled with
school supplies for
each GO student. The
backpacks and
supplies are much
needed and will last
them through the
entire school year.
Will you help?

Deadline extended!
See the progress of
the drive and make
your gift today.
Simply [click here!](#)

wrote to the Corinthians: that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will raise us also, and bring us into his eternal presence. Indeed, the exuberant joy of a child on the brink of an eternal summer is a mere shadow of the joy that is ours through the resurrection of Jesus.

Happy summer, everyone. See you in church and at the picnic. I'll be the one in the black shirt with a hot dog in one hand and a burger in the other!

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

This Sunday

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 Combined Grace Church Choirs

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Mary Cat Young

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

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 and your families. Stephen Erickson Carr; Julius Lloyd Dunn; Robert Miles Redd McCain; Nicholas McGarry Hurley, *Optimus*; Catherine Sun Ho Cheung, *Optima*; Constance Laranja Gooding; Nina Elizabeth Blum Houston; Camilla McGarry; Eden Henderson Sherrod.

(LAST CHANCE!) PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHOIRS'

ANNUAL JUNE RAFFLE to benefit the Choir Special Projects Fund! You can purchase a raffle ticket today 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 today at the parish picnic!** Thank you for all your prayers and support.



Senior Boy and Girl Choristers 2014-2015

THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC AND CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY AFTER THE 11 AM SERVICE –

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.

AFTER THE 6 PM SERVICE, we'll enjoy fellowship and refreshments outside the Chantry on Huntington Close.



Junior Boy and Girl Choristers 2014-2015

Coming Soon

JUNE 14 -FAREWELL TO HERSHEY – Hershey Mallette, our Pastoral Resident from General Seminary since last September, will complete her assignment with us next Sunday when she preaches at all three services. Following the 11 am service we will give thanks for her ministry at a special coffee hour. Come September we hope to have a new Pastoral Resident in the role. Stay tuned.

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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