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# Summertime Announcements



worship services continue uninterrupted year round on Sundays at 9am, 11am and 6pm. Wednesdays at 6pm.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

During July, classes for ages 4-8 are held at

July 2015

Pentecost

Dear Friends,

Happy July to one and all. What follows is the first of two summer newsletters that you will receive to keep you up to date with the happenings of our parish family. Here are some highlights:

1. The choir tour of France was a great success. Since Luke and James both sing in various configurations of our choirs, all four Warings accompanied the traveling contingent from Grace Church. The choristers sang six concerts and the Sunday service at the American Cathedral in Paris. The concerts were at some of the most recognizable cathedrals on earth, including Chartres and Notre Dame de Paris. What a joy it was to be in these ancient, holy places, and to see and hear, there in the middle of them, our choir holding forth and absolutely distinguishing themselves. Notre Dame, in particular, is crammed with tourists at every hour of the day, but they stopped their milling about and listened for fifty minutes as the voices of our choir bloomed in the reverberate acoustic of the vast and beautiful space. You can see some pictures of the tour on the Facebook page of the music website, or by clicking here:

https://www.facebook.com/MusicAtGraceNYC/photos\_stream?ref=page\_internal.

2. Melissa Spindler is moving. The bittersweet news is that Melissa's husband, Mike, has taken a new job in Springfield, MA, so Melissa will be concluding her time as our Director of Youth and Family Ministry on July 31. Melissa has been with us for three years, and has brought a wonderful spark and organizational skill to the Sunday School, and important annual events like the Christmas Pageant and the Easter Eve Walk. A search is already underway for her replacement, and we hope to have a new staff

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11am only. In August, Sunday school goes on recess, returning after Labor Day.

# BACH AT NOON SUMMER

30-minute meditations celebrating the music of Johann Sebastian Bach, played on the Bicentennial Organ.

Wednesdays through Sept 9, in the Church.
To check the schedule, visit the Music pages of the website HERE.

SUMMER FRIDAYS
The parish office closes
at 1 pm and the Church
closes at 3 pm on
Fridays from now
through Labor Day
weekend.

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person in the role by September. Stay tuned, and in the meantime be sure to thank Melissa for a job exceptionally well done. We will celebrate her ministry at a special coffee hour following the 11 am service on Sunday, July 26.

- 3. A new Pastoral Resident: In June we said farewell to Hershey Mallette, who served as our first Pastoral Resident. Come September we will welcome to the staff Gretchen S. Ratterree who will serve as a part-time member of our clergy team. Gretchen hails from the Diocese of Atlanta, and will be in her third year at General Seminary. The Pastoral Residency is part of a new program at General that embeds third-year seminarians onto the staff of parishes to help enrich their resumes, enabling them to serve in a greater variety of settings upon graduation. What's the difference between a seminarian and a Pastoral Resident at Grace Church? A seminarian is here to observe and learn. A Pastoral Resident is here to do and be held accountable.
- 4. General Convention: For the past two weeks elected delegates and bishops of the Episcopal Church have been meeting in Salt Lake City to consider and vote on a large number of resolutions that are pertinent to the Christian witness we make to the world. We have elected a new Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Michael Curry of North Carolina, who will serve a nine-year term. As for the rest of it, frankly, I have not had time to digest all that has been debated and decided. We will get into all that come the fall. In the meantime, you can read all about it on the Episcopal Church's website, here: <a href="http://www.episcopalchurch.org/">http://www.episcopalchurch.org/</a>.

Blessings to you all this month. I look forward to seeing you in church if you are in town.

The Reverend J. Donald Waring Rector

# This Sunday, July 5th

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

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: Kerry Auer, Soloist

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

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Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

Service info is updated weekly on the website.

# Coming Soon

JULY 28 – NEWCOMER BBQ! New to Grace Church? Come-as-you-are (all ages welcome) for a casual cookout in Seymour Close, the outdoor space just off Tuttle Hall. Our Rector Don Waring will be the Grillmaster for the evening! Enjoy some dinner, sip a cold drink, and have fun getting to know clergy, staff and parishioners. Tuesday, July 28, from 6:30–8:30 pm. *RSVP to James V. Romanik HERE.* 

THE SUNDAY FORUM is on recess for the summer. Plans for the fall season, which launches on Sept 13, include a study of the books of Corinthians I and II – from scripture and historical context to issues for the contemporary church. These books are rich with topics for exploration such as the Corinthian people, Corinth as the crossroads of the Greco–Roman world, the Resurrection and life after death, women in the church, Christian–Jewish relations and more. Watch this space for details, and then plan to come to the Sunday Forum each week at 10 am in the Reception Room for coffee, lively discussion and spiritual enrichment!



Resurrection of the Flesh (c. 1500) by Luca Signorelli – based on 1 Corinthians 15: 52: "the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be

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raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." Chapel of San Brizio, Duomo, Orvieto.

The next Epistle E-news, for the month of August, will arrive in your inbox during the week leading to Sunday, August 2.

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