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in New York City



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JUNE 12



(Details under "Coming Soon" below.)

May 29, 2016

The Second Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

Before coming to Grace Church in 2004 I was the Rector of St. Thomas Church in Terrace Park, Ohio. Terrace Park has a lovely village green at the center of town, complete with a gazebo. Every Memorial Day the residents would gather there for a ceremony to honor those who had served in the armed forces of our country, particularly those who had died. It was the custom that the Rector of St. Thomas stand in the gazebo and give a short prayer. Part of me dreaded doing so because I knew I would get letters: lots and lots of letters. The village atheist would complain that at a civic function prayer was inappropriate, and I should lead instead a moment of silence. The non-Christian families would complain that I should not mention Jesus. The pacifists would complain that I was supporting war. Alas, you can't please everyone, and sometimes you can't please anyone!

One year I composed a prayer and did not receive any complaints. Not a one. You can be sure that I saved that prayer and offered it again the next year. I offer it now for your use this weekend as our nation remembers those who paid the ultimate price in the service of our country.

Almighty God, on this Memorial Day weekend we remember before you those men and women from every conflict who, in times of hardship and strife, answered the call to serve and laid down their lives in the service of our country. We remember those who left these shores never to return, so that we

UPDATE!
**GRACE CHURCH
 & HABITAT FOR
 HUMANITY**
**Official Launch
 date July 16th!**



We are thrilled to announce that we can begin work on our very own "House That Grace Built" on Saturday, July 16 in Queens Village!

Spots will be available for building, preparing lunch, or helping celebrate the start of our build together.

Keep an eye out for specifics in the coming weeks and [click HERE to register now](#).

**JUNE 29 – HELP THE
 GO PROJECT**

and all the children of earth might be free. We remember those who fell in some foreign field, those who perished at sea, those who died in the air, those whose final thoughts were of mothers and fathers and home.

We remember the sacrifice of the brave and courageous, of the eager and reluctant, of the frightened and confused, of the honored and forgotten, and of those who loved them and have seen them no more. We beseech you, Lord, to help us keep faith with those who have died. And we pray that you would look upon them and all the world's pain with your mercy and compassion.

Finally, O Lord, we pray that this nation and our armed forces may serve as an instrument of your peace, so that all the world might greet with joy your promised Great Day, that even now dimly shines: when swords are beaten into ploughshares, when war shall be no more, neither death, nor grief, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain; when at last you shall wipe away every tear from our eyes.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, world without end. Amen.

[The Rev. J. Donald Waring](#)

Rector

This Sunday

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Gretchen S. Ratterree

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. Gretchen S. Ratterree

Music: The Adult Choir

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Chantry

Sermon: The Rev. Gretchen S. Ratterree

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

STUDENTS GET READY TO LEARN!



On Wednesday, June 29th from 9–11 am, GO is filling hundreds of tote bags with brand new school supplies at Grace Church School, and we need your help. Assemble bags with us and make sure each GO student can start their first day of GO Summer (Wed., July 6th) set up for success. If interested, please [email Ravali HERE](#). Thank you!

Please pray for...



Those who suffer

FAREWELL TO THE REV. GRETCHEN RATTEREE, our Pastoral Resident for the past year. Join us at coffee hour after the 11 am service to wish her well as she departs for her new ministry as Associate Rector at the Episcopal Church of the Annunciation in Marietta, Georgia! Her ordination to the priesthood is planned for Sat., June 25th at 2 pm at the Cathedral of St. Philip in the Diocese of Atlanta.

THE SUNDAY FORUM will be on recess until our final session on June 5th. See details below.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE CHOIRS' ANNUAL JUNE

RAFFLE to benefit the Choir Special Projects Fund! You can purchase a raffle ticket beginning 29 May 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, an Apple Watch, Beats headphones, tickets to Shakespeare in the Park, 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 such as last year's tour to France. Tickets are \$5 and \$10. Winners will be selected on June 12th at the parish picnic. Thank you for all your prayers and support.

Coming Soon

JUNE 5 – FAREWELL TO THE REV. STEPHEN

HOLTON Join us for a festive coffee hour after the 11 am service to say farewell to the Rev. Stephen Holton, Associate Rector since 2012. After services on June 12 Stephen will be moving to the Diocese of Connecticut, where he will be the 13th Rector of Christ Church, New Haven.

JUNE 5 – WALKING THE WAY: CHARLES GORE, LIBERAL ANGLICANISM, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE – THE SUNDAY FORUM @10AM. Led by the Rev. John

Kevin McCoy
 Philip Kessler
 Jackie Scordino
 Heidi Kreuzsch
 David Colbert
 William Susman
 Pearl Bennett
 Joshua Glenn
 Davida Judelson
 Bill Nave
 Greg Gillies
 Josephine Ferraiuolo
 Howard Small
 Trish Lawrence
 Paul Tillotson

Wrenius, lawyer, constitutional scholar, Deacon, novelist. One of the founders of the Second Oxford Movement, Bishop Charles Gore was a passionate defender of free scientific inquiry, individual conscience, and social justice. These views often brought him into conflict with the ecclesiastical authorities of his age but stemmed from his belief that doctrine was secondary to a commitment to a Christian life--what he called walking "the Way," as the Early Church called the Jesus Movement. We explore how Gore's belief in a very traditional Christian life and liturgy led to a lifetime of commitment to social justice.

and those who have died

JUNE 5 - YOUTH GROUP - The Rev. Chase Danford invites youth in grades 7-12 to gather for snacks and conversation Sunday, June 5, from 4:30 - 5:45 pm. We'll meet in the Third Floor Conference Room. Email Fr. Chase with any questions

Frank Josef Gfaller

JUNE 12 - THE ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC AND CHOIR RECOGNITION SUNDAY - Grace Church parishioners and friends are welcome and encouraged to come to Huntington Close following the 11 am 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, from food and drink donations to volunteering, so please [contact the Rev. Chase Danford](#).* The day's festive spirit will continue with the 6 pm service, after which we'll enjoy fellowship and refreshments outside the Chantry on Huntington Close.

JUNE 21 (NEW DATE) - COME JOIN THE OPEN DOOR VOLUNTEERS for their summer reception! Open Door volunteers are friendly folks who give 2 hours per month on a weekend afternoon to provide a welcome and answer basic questions for visitors to Grace Church. Interested? Come and meet current volunteers and learn more! Or sign up to sit with an experienced

volunteer during the month of May and give it a try.
Tues, June 21st in the Reception Room 7–9 pm. Dinner
will be served. *Please [contact Singleton Cox](#) for more
info or to RSVP for the reception.*

JUNE 23 – NEWCOMER COOKOUT – Calling all Grace
Church newcomers! On Thursday, June 23 from 6:30 –
8:30 pm, we will host a festive celebration to welcome
you. The evening will be held in Seymour Close (the
courtyard off Tuttle Hall), and will be full of delicious
grilled faire and fellowship. We hope to see you there!
*If you'd like to RSVP or have any questions, please
[contact James V. Romanik](#).*

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