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GRACE CHURCH

in New York City



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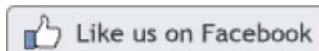
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THIS SUNDAY!
Come to
Huntington
Close after the
11am service for
a festive
fellowship hour!
(After the 6pm
service, too!)

September 11, 2016

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost



Dear Friends,

One day this summer I was headed out on some errand that took me right past the front of Grace Church. As I walked south on Broadway towards 10th St, a couple whom I surmised to be tourists fell in step behind me.

They were speaking rather loudly about the recent things they'd seen on their walk: Union Square, the Strand Bookstore. Then the woman said, "And look at this cute little church!"

Excuse me. Little? What about this is little? I don't mean to boast but the spire they were walking under is over 200 feet high. The nave seats 1,000 people. The organ has 5,000 pipes. Certainly the age is not little; the building is 170 years old, and as a congregation we've existed since 1808. Sadly, the maintenance budget is not little either. Every year it costs hundreds of thousands of dollars just to stave off the effects of time's rude hand. Little?

Something else that I hope isn't little is our mission to love and serve the Lord. Increasingly we are reaching out to the city through Habitat for Humanity, the GO Project, and partnerships with shelters, soup kitchens, and food pantries. On Sundays we are bold to sing God's praises with all our skill, striving to share the love of God with anyone who comes through our doors. What about this is little? Alas, everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, so I simply walked on wondering what on earth the woman was thinking.

This coming Sunday begins our fall season, so if you've been away over the summer, what we say is

**GRACE CHURCH
& HABITAT FOR
HUMANITY**

New build dates!

*Sep 17, Oct 1, 15,
Nov 5, 19, Dec 3!*



[Click HERE to JOIN!](#)

"Welcome back to little old Grace Church!" At 10:00 am the Sunday Forum resumes in the Reception Room, and it will be my pleasure to introduce you to our new Associate Rector, Martha Korienek. I'll also share some thoughts about the scope and timeline for upcoming interior restoration of the church. At the 11:00 am service the choirs will return to their stalls in the chancel. Then following the service we'll all spill onto the lawn of Huntington Close for a bountiful reception. It's shaping up to be a big day and an exciting year.

One final thing: this year we are going to try getting the Epistle to you earlier in the week - certainly before Fridays - to assist your planning and increase readership. Let us know what you think.

See you in church.

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

This Sunday

Please pray for...



Those who suffer

Michael Goldstein
Tom Leaman
Hal Miller
David Colbert
Josephine Ferraiuolo
Howard Small
Trish Lawrence

9 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Parish Choir

11 a.m. Morning Prayer

Sermon: The Rev. J. Donald Waring

Music: The Combined Grace Church Choirs

6 p.m. Holy Eucharist, in the Church today

Sermon: The Rev. Chase Danford

Music: Hymns with Instrumentalists

**WELCOME BACK SUNDAY/THE 122nd SEASON OF THE
CHOIRS OF GRACE CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL
RESUMES** – The Combined Grace Church Choirs (Choir of Men and Boys, Girls' Choir, Parish Choir and Adult Choir) will sing at the 11 am service. Join us for a festive fellowship hour afterwards! **After the 6 pm**

and those who have died

service, stay for fellowship and refreshments in Huntington Close.

Bill Nave

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES – Children ages 4–12 (grades PreK–7) are invited to Sunday school! If you have a new or continuing student, please return a registration form to The Rev. Chase Danford. Forms are available in the classrooms and the Sunday school bulletin board in the Parish House hallway. You can also request one by email [HERE](#).

THE SUNDAY FORUM RESUMES TODAY @10 AM – Today, join the Rector as he reveals "what's new at Grace" this year and gives an introduction to this season's forum: Shakespeare and Christianity.

YOUTH GROUP ICE CREAM SOCIAL @4 PM – On Sunday, September 11, 4–5 pm, youth in grades 7–12 are invited to join Father Chase for ice cream and conversation. We'll meet at the church at 4 pm and then head over to Sundaes and Cones. Hear about this summer's Heifer Farm trip if you missed it, learn about other opportunities this year and next summer, and offer suggested topics for future youth group meetings. [RSVP here](#).

WE WELCOME THE REV. MARTHA S. KORIENEK who has joined Grace Church as the **new Associate Rector**. She comes to us from St. Paul's Church, Burlingame, CA, where she has served as Associate Rector for the past three years. Martha is a 2006 graduate of Berkeley Divinity School at Yale, and earned her B.A. in Education from the University of Illinois.

WELCOME NEW INTERN – Today we welcome Ms. Wesley Ellen Gregory, intern **for Children, Youth, and Family Ministry**. She will assist Father Chase with Sunday school and events such as the Christmas Pageant. Wesley is a graduate student in counseling at the New School and has extensive experience working

with children and youth. She is an active member of Canterbury Downtown and grew up attending an Episcopal church in her hometown, Virginia Beach.

NEW ORGAN SCHOLAR FOR 2016/2017 – Today we welcome our new organ scholar, **Mary Pan, for her year-long residence at Grace Church.** Mary is currently a Master's student at the Yale Institute of Sacred Music, a recent graduate of The Hartt School, University of Hartford, and a native of Burlington, Connecticut. She is the recipient of many scholarships and prizes. Additional biographical details can be found [HERE](#).

Coming Soon

SEPT 13 – BACH AT NOON RESUMES in the Church on the Bicentennial Organ at 12:20 pm, Tuesday through Friday each week. See details under "DURING THE WEEK."

SEPT 14 – WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY RESUMES under the leadership of our Pastoral Resident, Alissa Anderson, in the Reception Room on Wednesdays from 10:30 am–12 pm. *For more info, [contact Alissa HERE](#).*

SEPT 15 – 20's and 30's-*ish* COMMUNION AND COMMUNITY – Connect with other Young Adult Episcopalians from Grace Church and around the city! Join us for Holy Eucharist at 6 pm at the **Church of the Incarnation in Midtown**, followed by a social hour at the scenic Pod 39 Rooftop Lounge at 145 39th St. *To RSVP or for more information, [contact Fr. Chase HERE](#) or at 212-254-2000 ext 113.*

NEW DATES NOW AVAILABLE! SIGN UP FOR HABITAT FOR HUMANITY/GRACE CHURCH BUILD DAYS – As you have no doubt been hearing, we are partnering with Habitat for Humanity to rehabilitate a condemned

house in St. Albans, Queens for a family in need. Volunteers have already been hard at work since July and would love to have your help! *Build dates for fall and winter are available now: Sept 17, Oct 1, 15, Nov 5, 19, Dec 3. For more information, photos, and to sign up, please visit our Outreach page [HERE](#).*

SEPT 18 – YOUTH ACOLYTES! PIZZA AND ICE CREAM!

Have you ever wanted to carry a cross or torch? All children and youth 3rd grade and higher (new and returning acolytes) are invited to acolyte training on Sunday, September 18 after the 11 am service. We'll begin with pizza right after the service, at around 12:30 we'll head to the church for training, and then we'll celebrate with ice cream at 1 pm. **Acolyte service is a wonderful way to experience church**, helping the clergy and volunteers and adding to the sacred beauty and drama of the liturgy. *To RSVP or for more information, contact [Fr. Chase by email HERE](#) or at 212-254-2000 ext 113.*

SEPT 18 – 6 PM SERVICE SOCIAL HOUR – Beginning Sunday, Sept. 18, there will be an off-site social hour after the 6 pm service at nearby Milk and Hops (779 Broadway). Please join Fr. Chase and fellow parishioners for conversation and a bite or beverage.

OCT 1 –20'S and 30's-*ish* at HABITAT BUILD – On Saturday, October 1, join Father Chase and fellow young adult parishioners for a build day at "The House that Grace Built." *Sign-up online at the [church outreach page](#) or [contact Fr. Chase by email](#) or at 212-254-2000 ext 113 for further information.*

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