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WEST END COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER for July, A.D. 2009

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

“Thought is the blossom; language the bud; action the fruit behind it.”
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

CONSISTORY

The local Consistory will meet on Tuesday, July 14 at 6:45.

SERVICE PROGRAMS

The Service Programs will meet on their regular schedule:

Tuesdays - SUPPER CENTER for the hungry and homeless
4:00 p.m. – Bible Study
4:30 p.m. – Supper

Tuesday Supper Center will continue through July 28 and will resume on September 2.

Saturdays - SATURDAY CENTER for the mentally and emotionally healing at 12 Noon.

Saturday Center continues through July 25 and resumes on September 5.

CHILDCARE ...

with Arlene Davey during the Worship Hour will continue throughout the summer.

BUILDING CLOSED

The church office will be closed on Monday, July 6 in observance of **Independence Day**.

WONDER HOUR

Wonder Hour will meet through the end of July in Rooms A/B from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Julia Turner will lead these classes.

CLUB FOR KIDS & YOUTH GROUP

Summer is here and our kids are on holiday. Club for Kids and Youth Group will return on Friday, October 2, at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. If you can't wait three whole months for the return of Club, join us the week of August 25 for Vacation Bible School.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

- July 05** The Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
The Reverend Mariah Britton will offer the meditation.
- July 12** The Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
Reverend Britton will offer the meditation.
- July 19** The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
Reverend Britton will offer the meditation.
- July 26** The Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
Reverend Britton will offer the meditation.

THE GULF COAST YOUTH WORK TRIP

Once again our Youth will be traveling to New Orleans and the Gulf Coast to help rebuild neighborhoods destroyed by Hurricane Katrina. Last summer, twenty of our young people and their chaperones experienced a life-changing mission trip, and most of them are planning to return. Would you like to join us? We leave New York on Friday, August 14, and return on Sunday, August 23. Please call Jim Sterner or Tim Mathis if you feel called to serve. It could change your life.

Jim, Tim and the “kids” from the Talent Show thank their many contributors for helping raise over \$4000. to defray the costs of their trip.

THE BOOK CLUB ...

...will meet at The Gorsuch House (306 West 77th Street) on Monday, July 20 at 7:00 p.m. We are hoping that Monday will be a more convenient evening than Friday and that more people will be able to attend. The choice for July is *The Damnation of Theron Ware* by Harold Frederic, available in a Barnes & Noble edition for \$9.95 and on Amazon or Barnes and Noble for a range of prices and editions. It concerns a Methodist minister in upstate New York at the turn of the 20th Century who is seduced by "modern" ideas (religious, philosophical, scientific and sexual.) All are welcome! For more information, please email or call the church office.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

A huge thank you to our wonderful choir for an exhilarating year of choral music. Our professional octet, April Fisher, Marsha Andrews, Mary Hack, Rose Anderson, David O. White, Andrew Fuchs, Rob Ferrier and James Bingham are wonderful colleagues and we have enjoyed exploring new music together over these last 10 months. Several of them will be with us over the summer months. Our dedicated volunteers, Barbara Dean, Michael Hajek, Doug Mastin, Cynthia Parker, Letitia Scordino, Wendy Realmuto, Walter and Kay Uyterlinde & Albert Watson have added a wonderful dimension to our weekly services, singing more frequently than in the past. We are very lucky to have such talented and dedicated people leading our song as we discover new ways to praise the Eternal.

We bid farewell to Letitia who is moving to Vermont, and Cynthia, who is moving to Connecticut. We will miss you!

We have indeed made a joyful noise, singing in many styles, from classical to gospel, peppered with a little jazz, and, most recently, many of the “old-time” hymns, with their beloved tunes that so many of us remember from childhood days. Needless to say, our musical offerings have been varied and eclectic, and appeal to people from many walks of life. A special thank you to Christian Realmuto, Bill and Jackie Hayes, and Dennis Anderson who, with their instruments, have added so much to our Sunday worship.

Thanks to all the members of West End for welcoming me and for your support of the music ministry. A special thanks to Ken Chase, chair of Worship and Music for his wisdom and enthusiasm.

Lastly, a deep thank you to Robert Palin, who has given so much to the church over this past year. Robert and I enjoyed many deep discussions, hours of creative brainstorming, and many laughs. He is a wonderful friend and colleague and I will miss him dearly. Carol is a joy to be with, and I will miss her so much. We have been very lucky and blessed to have been in their caring presence, and I wish them Godspeed.

See you in church~
Cynthia Powell
Minister of Music

CHOIR SCHEDULE

We look forward to the Fall. Have a great summer! ...and stay tuned for next season’s rehearsal schedule in the September Newsletter.

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Congratulations to Jennifer Lane and her parents, Jeanne and David Lane, on Jennifer’s admission to Fordham Law School with a Merit Scholarship! Jennifer is teaching English in the Galapagos this summer. She will return in the fall to her position teaching Chemistry at Fordham and begin her work toward her law degree.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be Monday, August 31 through Friday, September 4, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and is open to all boys and girls going into Kindergarten through Eighth Grade, with High School Counselors. This year’s featured stories will be the first five major narratives from Genesis 1-11. Come join us.

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