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WEST END COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

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QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

“Learning without thought is labor lost; thought without learning is perilous.”
– Confucius

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

June 07 TRINITY SUNDAY

The Lord's Supper, The Sacrament of Baptism
Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17;
John 3:1-17 Message: “God Loves the World”

June 14 THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

I Samuel 15:34-16:13 or Ezekiel 17:22-24; Psalm 20 or Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; II Corinthians 5:6-17; Mark 4:26-34 Message: “Pile Them Up & Throw Them Away” Guest Preacher: Adriene Thorne, M.Div., Associate Minister, Congregational Life, Middle Collegiate Church. Focus: Building Diversity - This portion of Mark's gospel suggests that Jesus himself incorporated diversity in his approach and in his teaching style - the kingdom of God is like this AND the kingdom of God is like this! With many parables Jesus spoke the word. What might this example of Jesus say to our 21st century church as we seek to be a church in a shifting multicultural and multiracial world?

June 21 THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

I Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49 or Job 38:1-11; Psalm 9:9-20; II Corinthians 6:1-13; Mark 4:35-41 Message: “Going Across to the Other Side”

June 28 THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Pastor's final Sunday here
Isaiah 65:17, 18, 24, 25; Psalm 103; Acts 20:36-38; Matthew 28:16-20
Message: “The End Is Where We Start.”

CONSISTORY

The local Consistory will meet on Tuesday, June 16 at 6:45.

CLUB FOR KIDS / YOUTH GROUP

Club for Kids and Youth Group will continue to meet every Friday through June 26.

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

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

CHILDCARE ...

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, June 21 following the service.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

In *The Heart of Christianity*, Marcus Borg refers to a metaphor for history as “the unending conversation.” We are born long after it began and we leave while it is still vigorously in progress. Such is life--whether 40 years or 12 months. We are always “in between” beginnings and endings. Transitions like the Exodus and Wilderness Sojourn and like interim ministry can be some of the most challenging, satisfying moments to remember. Are we ready to cross the Jordan? To enter the Promised Land? Maybe not! BUT--we're not dead yet! There's more to discover and do. Moses didn't “get there.” Jesus didn't get there: he was already where neither his disciples nor his enemies “got it”, *i.e.*: grasped the power of his love or the geography of his faith. For thanks we tortured and executed him. But even death was not the end of the matter. Christ is still here: many faces fed by That bread and wine; immersion in That hallowed name, all wet with That spirit of Love that does not let us go. May it continue so with all of you at West End Collegiate Church and this neighborhood awaiting your open arms. Thank you for all your prayers, forgiveness, encouragement, and love for Carol and me.
God Bless, - Pastor Robert

THE BOOK CLUB ...

...will meet at The Gorsuch House (306 West 77th Street) on Friday, June 5, at 7:00 p.m. We are reading *Excellent Women* by Barbara Pym. Copies are available online at either BarnesandNoble.com or Amazon.com. For more information, please email or call Kay Uytelinde at uytelinde@hotmail.com or (212) 787-1285.

THE MUSEUM OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK,

Fifth Avenue between 103rd and 104th Streets, is offering a special exhibit, “Amsterdam/New Amsterdam: The Worlds of Henry Hudson”. On Friday evening, June 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 the Collegiate Church Corporation will host a reception for church members at the museum. Dr. Charles Gehring and Kathy Benson, curator of the exhibit, will conduct a gallery tour. There is no charge for this event, but reservations are required. Please sign up on the sheet provided in the back of the sanctuary.

COME ONE, COME ALL
THE 2009 WARWICK RETREAT

West End Collegiate Church's Annual Retreat will take place the weekend of June 12, 13, and 14 at Warwick Conference Center in Warwick, New York. This is a wonderful event when our Church Family takes some time away from the city for relaxation and reflection and has a whole lot of FUN. We have programs for adults and children, so come if you are single, come if you are a couple and/or come with the whole family! The facilities are modern (private bath, A/C, etc.) - but in a beautiful setting with lovely woods for hikes and nature walks. There is a pool for fun and playground equipment for the kids. There are plenty of peaceful corners for reading, prayer or quiet conversations. The fee this year will be \$225 per adult (18 and up) and \$25 per child (4 to 17 years old - under 4 years old is free). This includes two nights' lodging and five meals. There are scholarships for those who need them, and transportation is available. If you are a regular - come on back. If you have never come - please consider joining us!

OUR ARTISTS AT WORK

The **T(erry) Schreiber** Studio is presenting *The Fifth of July* by Lanford Wilson. This is a limited engagement from May 14 to June 21. Details are available at the back of the sanctuary.

Debra Monk will appear as a guest artist on TNT's *The Closer* on June 8 (see your local TV Guide for details).

On Thursday, June 11 at 8:00 p.m. at Landmark on the Park (Fourth Universalist Society), 76th Street and Central Park West, **Cynthia Powell** conducts the Stonewall Chorale in its annual Pride Concert: Stonewall Rocks II, with pop and rock classics including hits from the Beatles, Queen, "Hair" and more! with the sensational rock band Dandy Pants, and special guests: The Metropolitan Community Church Choir. There will be dancing and refreshments - tickets are \$25 in advance, \$30 at the door. To purchase tickets go to www.stonewallchorale.org

Eleven of **Bill Walker's** paintings were shown recently by his gallery in Hudson, N.Y. If you have access to Google, you can view forty of his paintings, including the eleven recently shown, by searching at the following address: *William Bond Walker at Carrie Haddad Gallery*.

An interview with **Christopher Moore** about playwright August Wilson, "*Mysticism and Juba*," is featured in the Teacher's Resource Guide for the Broadway revival hit *Joe Turner's Come and Gone* at Lincoln Center. See pages 30 to 31 on <http://www.lct.org/educationStudyGuides.htm>

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.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

Some highlights of our music for the month of June include the exquisite six-part motet "Beati quorum via" by Charles Villiers Stanford, one of the giants of English choral music. The choir is also preparing an exciting setting of Psalm 150 by Brazilian composer Ernani Aguiar. It has lots of Latin flair! Both of these pieces are planned for Pastor Robert's last Sunday, June 28. We will miss him!

Coming up on June 21, Father's Day, come and call out your favorite hymns during the service, as we'll be having an Old Fashioned Hymn Sing that Sunday!

See you in church, --Cynthia Powell

CONSISTORY

Our Elders are Clarice Graham, Chair of Elders; Madie Ivy Head, Chair of Consistory; Doug Mastin; Craig Russell; Patricia Whitsett. Our Deacons are Stephen Cambor; Katherine Charapko; David Coulson; Julia Turner; Susan Xenarios, Chair of Deacons.

Our Committee Chairs are:

BENEVOLENCE	Karen Blank
BUILDING & GROUNDS	John Russo
COMMUNICATIONS	Patricia Whitsett
EDUCATION	Jane Russo
SMALL GROUP MINISTRIES	Kim Yancey Moore
FINANCE	Clarice Graham
HOSPITALITY	Katherine Charapko
MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT	Andrea Niedziela Daniel Niedziela
PLAYSCHOOL ADVISORY	Joseph Zeigler
PLAYSCHOOL GOVERNANCE	Steve Cambor
SERVICE	Susan Xenarios
WORSHIP	Ken Chase.

The Consistory is pleased to announce that Margaret Tobin and Barbara Hipkins will become our new Deacons. The Consistory and congregation wish to express thanks and appreciation to Madie Ivy Head and Doug Mastin as they complete their terms of service. As members of the Great Consistory, they will continue to serve the congregation in other ways. Deacons Katherine Charapko and Susan Xenarios will become Elders, and Katherine will serve as Chair of Consistory. All these changes become effective in September.

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