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WEST END COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER

for June, A.D. 2010

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

June 06* Jim Sterner, Preaching
Message: "The King, the Widow, Her Son, and His Prophet"
I Kings 17:1-24; Luke 7:11-17

June 13 Church School Recognition Day
Message: "Finding Our Way"
Proverbs 3:1-6

June 20 Retreat Weekend
Guest Speaker – Tiffany Houck-Loomis

June 27 * Communion
Choir Sunday
Message: "The Melody of Faith"
Psalm 100; James 5:15-19

*Note that in June, Communion will be celebrated on the last Sunday of the month, rather than on the first Sunday.

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

"Laughter is much more important than applause. Applause is almost a duty. Laughter is a reward." – *Carol Channing*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

June is a significant month for our family. It has been seven months since I moved to New York, and this month my family finally moves too! To say we are excited does not come close to expressing our enthusiasm for this moment. As you read this, I will be traveling to Muscat, attending Austin's graduation, packing the house, and saying goodbye to our many friends. After nine years it will be hard to leave knowing we are ending a significant era of our lives. It is where we raised our children, had countless adventures, and lived the longest in one home. We know it will be an emotional transition. But what buoys our spirits is that we are joining a new family--all of you. It reminds me of what everyone wants when they move to the Big Apple. We do not want to live in the city. We want to belong in the city. We are thankful we belong to West End Collegiate Church, and may our community be a place where many more fulfill their desire to belong. -*the Reverend Michael S. Bos*

CONSISTORY

The local Consistory will meet on Monday, June 21 at 6:30.

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.

CLUB FOR KIDS & THE YOUTH GROUP

Our two youth fellowship programs will adjourn for the summer on Friday, June 25 and will resume on Friday, October 1. Club for Kids is for boys and girls in second through seventh grades, and the Youth Group is for grades eight through twelve. The Youth Work Trip to Memphis begins on Friday, August 13 at 6:30 p.m. and will continue through Sunday, August 22.

A TIME OF JOY

We will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for **Theodore (Teddy) Timothy Lockwood**, son of **Josh Lockwood** and **Rob Barry**, at the morning worship on Sunday, June 13.

THE BOOK CLUB ...

...will meet at The Gorsuch House (306 West 77th Street) on Friday, June 11, at 7:00 p.m. We will read Paul Auster's *New York Trilogy: City of Grass; Ghosts; The Locked Room*. For more information, please email or call Kay Uytterlinde at uyterlinde@hotmail.com or (212) 787-1285.

2010 WARWICK RETREAT

West End Collegiate Church's annual Retreat will take place the weekend of June 18, 19 and 20. We will return to the Warwick Conference Center in Warwick New York.

This is a wonderful event where our church family takes some time away from the city for relaxation, reflection and a whole lot of FUN. We have programs for adults and children, so come if you are single, come if you are a couple, or come with the whole family!

The facilities are modern (private bath, air conditioning, *etc.*) and 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 fees this year will be \$225 per adult (18 and up) and \$25 per child 4 to 17 years old. Children 4 years and under attend free. This fee 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!

Sign up on the sheet provided at the back of the sanctuary or let Katherine Charapko know at (212) 595-1453 or kcharapko@battaliawinston.com.

CHURCH SCHOOL RECOGNITION SUNDAY

On Sunday, June 13, we will celebrate the last day of Church School and our three Children's Worship Programs during morning worship at 11:00. The children will sing, the high school band will play, the Middle Class and the High School Class will each offer a short presentation, and certificates and Bibles will be presented to the boys and girls for their participation in our worship and educational programs. Church School and Morning Worship Programs for children will resume on Sunday, September 19.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at WEST END COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Vacation Bible School will begin on Monday, August 30 and will continue through Friday, September 3 every day from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We provide a full performing arts camp with singing, dancing, creative dramatics, arts and crafts, a daily trip to the playground, and storytelling for children in kindergarten through eighth grade. Lunch and morning snacks are provided. If you are interested or have any questions, please call Jim Sterner at the church office, 212-787-1566.

OUR ARTISTS AT WORK

The **T(erry) Schreiber** Studio is presenting *Joking Apart* by Alan Ayckbourn (directed by Peter Jensen) This is a limited engagement from May 20 to June 27. Details are available at the back of the sanctuary. www.tschreiber.org

Delphi Harrington will be appearing as Bette Davis in "Interviewing Miss Davis" by Laura Maria Censabella. The play is part of Marathon 2010, a festival of one-act plays at the Ensemble Studio Theatre, 549 West 52nd Street. Previews begin on June 5, and performances continue through June 26. See the bulletin board or visit www.ensemblestudiotheatre.org for more details.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH FAMILY

Ellen Alexander continues to recuperate at home from knee surgery, as does **John Balkema**. Prayers for their recovery are appreciated, as are cards and letters.

Congratulations to **Julia Turner** and **Jim Sterner**, who took their Master of Divinity degrees from Union Theological Seminary on May 21. At the morning worship on May 23, the children of the congregation presented each of the graduates with a stole to wear when they are ordained to the ministry.

Congratulations to **Miguel Hernandez**, who graduated *magna cum laude* from John Jay College with a B.A. in Forensic Psychology on May 27.

Congratulations to **Camille Hughes**, who is graduating from Professional Children's School in June, and will be attending William & Mary College in Williamsburg, VA this fall.

Congratulations to **Sylvester Kisluk**, who graduates from Trinity School this month and will enter Davidson College in the fall.

TALENT SHOW 2010 "WALKING IN MEMPHIS"

Our Third Annual Talent Show to raise money for our Youth Work and Educational Trip to Memphis, Tennessee will be Friday, June 4 in the Chapel. Dinner will be served at 6:00 p.m. and the stars will shine at 7:00. Please come and support our talented boys and girls for an evening of joy and laughter.

There will be a planning meeting for the Youth Group's Service Trip to Memphis at The Gorsuch House, 306 West 77 Street at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 10.

Questions? Call Timothy Mathis at 646-537-5442.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF MUSIC

A huge thank you to our wonderful choir for another exhilarating year. Our professional octet, April Fisher, Marsha Andrews, Mary Hack, Rose Anderson, David O. White, Christopher Lyons, Rob Ferrier and James Bingham and our dedicated volunteers, Barbara Dean, Doug Mastin, Wendy Realmuto, Kay Uyterlinde & Albert Watson add so much beauty and soul to our weekly services. We are so very grateful for their talent and dedication. Choir Sunday is June 27! Be sure to come on the 27th for some special music!

INTERSECTIONS INTERNATIONAL

Meet us at the Intersection with your Support!

On Thursday, June 10, Intersections International will host The First Annual 'Intersector' Awards to recognize individuals and organizations whose courage to walk the thin edges of difference among people, ideologies, and communities have helped change the stories that we tell of ourselves and others. With your support, Intersections can further its mission to promote justice, reconciliation, and peace across lines of faith, culture, ideology, race, class, national borders, and other boundaries that divide humanity.

Questions? Contact us at (888) 282-0898 ext 3. For additional information visit www.intersectionsinternational.org

NEW CONSISTORY OFFICERS

The new Deacons selected to serve terms on Consistory beginning in September are **Jocelyn Camp** and **Don Thompson**. They will be ordained to their offices at a service of worship in the fall. We thank them for their willingness to serve.

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