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WEST END COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER **for October, A.D. 2009**

QUOTE FOR THE MONTH

“The influence of each human being on others in this life is a kind of immortality.” - *John Quincy Adams*

CONSISTORY

The full Consistory of the Collegiate Church will meet at West End Collegiate Church on Monday, October 5.

The local Consistory will meet at West End on Monday, October 19 at 6:45 p.m.

CLUB FOR KIDS/ YOUTH GROUP

Club for Kids and Youth Group will resume on Friday, October 2. Club for Kids is for Second through Seventh Grades and will meet from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parlor/Chapel. Youth Group is for Eighth through Twelfth Graders and will meet from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at The Gorsuch House, 306 West 77 Street. This year the Youth Group will begin their year with an over-night. Please join your church family and their friends for fun, fellowship, pizza and play. Questions? Call Jim Sterner at 212-787-1566.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE THEMES

- Oct. 4 The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; John 7:1-9
Sermon: "What Time Is It?"
- Oct. 11 The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Matthew 8:18-22
Sermon: "Perils of Following a Vagabond"
- Oct. 18 The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Mark 10:35-45
Sermon: "What Are You Asking For?"
- Oct. 25 The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
REFORMATION SUNDAY
Psalm 34:1-8 (19-22); Mark 10:46-52
Sermon: "You Are Invited..."

SERVICE PROGRAMS

The Service Programs 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.

A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

Autumnal Reflection

Yesterday, we quietly tilted into Autumn. Summer in all her glory hesitated for just a brief moment, as if in the middle of a dance, and then pirouetted into the waiting arms of a new season. Even this morning I looked out the window and saw just a few hints of the leaves turning from verdant green to the robust hues of Fall. This season always reminds me of when I eagerly walked to school on crisp days, pencils and books in hand, filled with anticipation. It is a time of new beginnings, decision making, knuckling down to matters that call for determination. A time when we begin new semesters, vote for new leaders in government, work during harvest time on farms and give thanks for the precious life we live. The term Autumn is used only once in the Bible – Jude 1:12, where false teachers are compared to fruitless trees in Autumn, indicating that they harvest nothing. It suggests that those who teach (and I might add, learn) must do so with a spirit that is focused on the Gospel message of community, of love, of salvation, which produces much to the glory of God. It also implies that there is judgment for false pride and deception. Autumn is a time of personal change, a time of reflection, a time to mull over the challenges and joys that are behind us and anticipation of what lies ahead. We should allow for prayers and meditation that open us to this character of the new season. –*Dr. Mariah Britton*

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Adult Christian Education continues Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. In October, we will work with a new curriculum, “Seasons of the Spirit,” recommended by the Reverend Dr. Mariah Britton.

Please join us in Room 25.

OUR ARTISTS AT WORK

T(erry) Schreiber Studio will present Tom Stoppard’s *Rosencrantz & Guildenstern Are Dead* October 15 to November 22. See the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary for more details.

Beth Lincks (writing as Arlene Hutton) will have two plays being read this month: *Running*, at The Barrow Group on October 11 and *Vacuum*, for Ensemble Studio Theatre’s Octoberfest on October 21 and 22. For more information email betharlene@aol.com.

Matthew Takes Mannahatta, based on the book Matthew’s Secret Door by **Christopher and Matthew Moore** will play at the Vital Theatre on 76th Street from October 17 to November 29, Saturdays and Sundays at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Visit www.vitaltheatre.org for reservations and information or call (212) 579-0528.

YOU’RE INVITED

The Youth Group and the Hospitality Committee invite all potential princesses, Batmans, Jokers, ghosts, and witches to the Hallowe’en Party of the year! On Friday, October 30, join your church family for food, games, prizes, trick-or-treating, and of course candy. The festivities begin at 6:00 p.m. and will last until 9:00 in the Chapel/Parlor.

*Don't you dare
miss it!*

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Invite a friend!



LECTURES

You may be interested in the lecture on “Women of the Dutch Golden Age” on October 1 at 6:00 p.m. at 38 W 86 Street. A few \$12.00 tickets are still available to hear Els Kloek, Associate Professor at Utrecht University, at Bard Graduate Center. Call Ken Chase at (212) 799-4203 for tickets and more information. See the November Newsletter for more recommended lectures.

BOOK CLUB

The Book Club will continue to meet once a month throughout the year. However, at the time of this publication, the October date had not been selected. Please watch the Sunday announcements for specifics regarding the Book Club's October meeting.

GULF TRIP REPORT

Following the Fellowship Lunch on Sunday, October 4, our children and young people will present a report to the congregation on their Mission Trip to New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. The congregation supported the youth in their effort to raise funds for this trip, and the young people are eager to let you know what they saw and accomplished on their trip. Please join us to see their pictures and hear their account of their activities.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHOIR DIRECTOR

How exciting to see our new concert series inaugural organ recital by Kent Tritle on September 20 so well attended! We estimate the crowd at between 200 and 250, and judging from the enthusiastic response (enraptured faces, standing ovations, and shouts of "Bravo!") our audience was very appreciative and hungry for more.

With that in mind, please put Sunday, December 20 at 3:00 p.m. on your calendar now. Our choir and soloists, along with members of the New York Philharmonic, and special guests The New York Saxophone Quartet, will offer shimmering music of the Christmas season, including world premiere arrangements of holiday classics by our own Dennis Anderson (soprano sax in the Quartet) and Allison Sniffin. Until then... See you in church! - *Cynthia Powell*

INTERSECTIONS INTERNATIONAL

Intersections is a global, multi-cultural, multi-faith initiative dedicated to building respectful relationships among diverse individuals and communities to forge common ground and develop strategies that promote justice, reconciliation and peace. Pat Whitsett invites you to stay informed of the Collegiate Church's newest ministry by visiting www.intersectionsinternational.org.

HOLIDAY

The church office and programs will be closed on Monday, October 12 in observance of Columbus Day.

