



RECTOR'S LETTER

MICHAELMAS 2009

Good people:

The human species certainly loves certainty. Remember when you were taught how to swim? Some adult put you in water and told you the absurd: that if you just recline into the uncertainty of hydrodynamics, you would float! And not only that, you could actually propel yourself through the water and perhaps even enjoy the experience! How crazy an idea was that! Even in the water, before anything else, the question was, "Can you touch bottom?" Certainty was there where the foot met *terra firma*. Certainty, predictability- nothing like it.

When there is a high degree of predictability the tension is less, folks are relaxed, and good humor seems to reign. Take certainty away and watch what you know will happen: anxiety and suspicion, guarded conversation and humor that tends toward sarcasm. We are a species that really likes to know the boundaries and the goal posts. It's just who we are. In our time, the certainty at the end of the Cold War has given birth not to a stable and predictable world, but to the uncertainty of terrorism, a renewed latent distrust of government and leaders, and questions about who to trust and where certainty is, if it is at all.

Architecture betrays the human desire for the certain. Our most expensive buildings are built to last and to say that the building's enterprise is certain. Look at Wall Street and Washington and Albany, there are buildings that say, "we're solid." In former times churches did the same, they said, "We know we're on solid ground here," even if this were an act of faith. Our church was built with that in mind. In our age of quantum mechanics, it's hard to say what's really solid, what's certain, but those big Manhattan buildings certainly *look* solid!

Each year the parish goes through a faith exercise which has to do with certainty and faith. Grace Church is a

building and a community which says we are certain about our faith even when it's wrapped in a healthy garment of doubt. What we are uncertain about is how our faith and the Holy Spirit meet. That's what the pledge campaign is all about. We don't know who we are helping in the meals for Midnight Run, in the sharing of spiritual journey in Adult Spiritual formation. No one has any idea whether the youngsters in the Church School will grow up to be faithful followers of Jesus. We can't be sure our liturgy and prayer are what God wants or desires even as we are certain that the effort is what seems to count in the eyes of the Almighty. There is no guarantee that everyone in Twelve Step will recover, that the families in Rockland Parent Child Center's Family Connections program will see their way through troubles, or that the guests at Helping Hands will find some long-term shelter some day. The pledge we make is a total act of faith and it says that on some fundamental level we understand the life of faith is grounded in a dynamic relationship with an unseen God and a Way of life embraced and shared by the human face of that God in Jesus Christ. But it is not certain, it is clear only through the eyes of faith.

While it is easy to dismiss the pledge campaign as 'just money,' it really is an integral part of the life of faith and the spirituality of stewardship. I hope all might spend some time reflecting on the discipline of stewardship and the act of faith in making a pledge.

Rejoice Always,

Richard +



**FEAST OF
ST FRANCIS**

**SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 4**

**PET BLESSING
AT ALL SERVICES**

The complex block features a photograph of a bronze statue of St. Francis, the patron saint of animals, standing with two dogs. To the right of the photograph is a yellow rectangular box containing text in red, bold, sans-serif font. The text announces the Feast of St. Francis on Sunday, October 4, and a Pet Blessing at all services.

FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL

Church School is off to a great start! Below is a list of this year's volunteer teachers and classroom breakdown:

PRE-K4's/KINDERGARTEN

Kim Hamilton, Bonnie Parsekian and Lynette Marshall

1st GRADE/2nd GRADE

Siobhan Masterson, Lainie Murrell and Beth Paskowski

3rd GRADE

Laura Cavazzi, Melissa Perkins and Holly Leibesberger

4th/5th GRADES

Cathy Friesen, Erik Johnke, Jennifer Stay and Susan McCann

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP

Kim Cross, Judy Humeston and Steve Wilson

SENIOR YOUTH GROUP

Colleen Cummings and Moriah Olsen

One important change this year is the switch to a lectionary based curriculum. Lessons taught in church school each week will be a continuation of Father Gressle or Mother Emily's homily, based on the Gospel reading. This switch will enable continuity between church, class and home that will deepen children's understanding of both the lesson and the service.

Church school will once again include time for a classroom lesson, crafts, games and song. Our 3rd-5th grade students will continue to work with Maija Kupris as part of the St. Cecilia's Choir singing during the 9:30am service on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month and occasionally at the 11:00am service. All kids aged 4 through 2nd grade will once again work with Bonnie Parsekian as part of the Joyful Noise Gospel Choir (JNGC). They will be performing on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month during the 9:30am service.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

DONATIONS OF PET SUPPLIES REQUESTED

One of our most beloved events of the church school is the Blessing of the Animals, which will be held on the feast day of St. Francis, **Sunday, October 4** at all services.

All are welcome to bring their pets for a special blessing and a pet parade, in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, lover of all creation and patron saint of animals and the environment.

This year we will be working to make St. Francis proud through the collection of needed items for Hi Tor Animal Shelter, Rockland's only animal shelter. Donations can be dropped in a labeled box in the Narthex anytime leading up to or on October 4. Needed items include:

**New or used towels
sheets and blankets**

Newspaper

**Dry or canned dog or cat food –
any major brand**

Kitty litter



JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP NIGHTWATCH

Another much anticipated event is the annual Junior Youth Group Nightwatch, taking place on Friday, October 30th from 6:00-midnight and featuring chinese food, ice cream sundae making, a scavenger hunt, instruction in circus performance and drumming! Parents and kids in JYG should keep an eye out for more information!

HALLOWEEN HAUNTED HOUSE

The Senior Youth Group will once again host the annual Haunted House on Saturday, October 31, following the Nyack Halloween Parade (raindate of Sunday, November 1).



Be prepared to be scared!!!!

AMAZING GRACE CIRCUS!

After School Circus Arts Classes

We're offering a 10 percent discount for Grace Church Nyack parishioner children currently enrolled in Church School. In Memorial Hall on Tuesdays : 4-5:00pm, basic and intermediate Ground Skills (juggling, rola bola, plate spinning and rolling globe); 5-6:00pm, basic and intermediate Tumbling and Acrobatics. On Wednesdays : 5-6:00pm, Trapeze Class (only 8 students); 5-6pm, Silks (only 8 students). On both days : semi-private classes, 6-6:40pm, any skill (only 4 students). On Saturdays: private 1-on-1 classes - any skill.

Call Carlo Pellegrini (348-8740) for registration forms, fees and availability. The 10 percent discount is our way of saying thank you to Grace Church for its support.

Email Carlo at carlo@amazinggracecircus.org.



THE FELLOWSHIP COMMISSION PRESENTS:

FALL PARISH HIKE SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

The annual Grace Church Fall Hike will take place this year on **Sunday afternoon, October 25**. We will meet at 2:00pm at the barn at St. John's-in-the-Wilderness, take a short drive to a trailhead, and enjoy an easy walk through the autumn woods of Harriman Park. We'll then return to the cozy barn for a potluck supper in front of the big stone fireplace. Besides fall colors, we may see native American rock shelters, signs of Revolutionary War history, old iron mines, streams and ponds, and interesting wildlife. This is Win Perry's 44th year as leader. While walking and talking, you will get to know another side of your fellow parishioners. Great for the entire family!

If you go:

- ◆ Palisades Parkway to Exit 13; turn left on Willow Grove Road and follow it for 3 miles.
- ◆ After crossing two branches of Lake Welch, turn left at Episcopal Church sign and look for barn on left.
- ◆ Allow a half hour from Nyack. Meet at the barn at 2:00 p.m.
- ◆ Bring something to share for supper.

If you have questions, call Win at 358-0552.

ON STEWARDSHIP

When I reflect on what stewardship is, I see it as a way that I can respond in a concrete and spiritual manner to God's love. The true concept of stewardship goes far beyond the fall pledge drive, but is a *continuous* opportunity to be in a greater relationship with God through commitment and generosity of our time, talent and treasure. As we work to renew the year-round stewardship program, the time period of September until Thanksgiving is the Season of Commitment. It is during this time that we ask our parishioners to renew their commitment to Grace Church through their annual pledge. As we all take time to reflect on making a pledge for 2010, I thought it important to share some of the budgetary goals the Vestry has as well as some of the actions taken this year to try to address our budget woes of 2009.

First and foremost, it is the goal of the Vestry to restore salary cuts that were made in 2009 in an effort to balance the budget. Those impacted by those cuts were the Rector, Father Gressle; the Assistant to the Rector, Mother Sieracki; the Organist & Choirmaster, Robert Barrows and the Parish Administrator, Thayer Woodcock. We need to make it very clear to our staff that we value the work they do. This will require a commitment from everyone that considers Grace Church their spiritual home.

In addition to restoring and ideally increasing staff salaries, it is our goal to continue to provide excellent worship and program opportunities. At our recent ministry fair, I was impressed by all of the groups that live and exist under the "tent" that we call Grace Church. I am unaware of any other Episcopal Church in Rockland that has the breadth of youth programs that we offer. Our Sunday morning church school is full of children who love to come to church. We have a vibrant Senior Youth Group program that provides opportunity for spiritual reflection as well as community service. Our Adult Spiritual Formation Commission continues to examine new ways to expand and enhance our spiritual growth. The addition of the between service ASF programming is an opportunity for all of our diverse communities to come together to grow in spirit.

In an effort to address our financial issues of 2009, the vestry examined the budget and looked for additional areas that could be cut. In addition, we made the decision to pay our Diocesan Assessment at the 2008 rates on a monthly instead of a quarterly basis, as was our habit and the diocesan expectation. We also sent a letter to the diocese explaining the difficulties we were having with our budget and the assessment. We requested a review of our assessment and the formula for calculating assessments. We recently heard that the diocese is reducing the 2009 assessment by 20%. It is our hope that when we look back on the year in December, this reduction will allow us to restore at least some of the salary cuts in 2009. The committee that was formed by the Bishops to review the assessment process is making recommendations to the convention to update and reform the assessment formula. We hope that this new calculation will have a positive impact on our future assessment amount.

The vestry also looked at possible revenue streams to help address our financial shortfall. We are entering our second school year of sharing our church school space with the Nursery School of the Nyacks. This relationship has provided us with another source of income that we hope will continue into the foreseeable future. Several individuals or groups of individuals in the Parish have held fundraisers to help add revenue to the operating budget. The Fellowship Commission sold a cookbook, the Foyer Group held a pasta dinner, Erik Johnke held a toy sale, the Columbarium Committee held a plant sale, GraceMusic is holding a concert for the benefit of Grace Church on October 10, and the Youth Commission is coordinating the Harvest Celebration on October 17. We hope that these and other revenue producing ideas continue.

As you make your pledge, I ask that you take time to reflect on what Grace Church means to you. Consider this Season of Commitment an opportunity to make a personal commitment of treasure to God's work through us here at Grace.

Moriah Olsen
Senior Warden, Stewardship Chair

OUR THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HAS ALREADY MADE THEIR PLEDGE FOR 2010

Evelyn Bachert, Michael Berg, Ruth Butler, Stephanie & Larry Campbell, Alan & Linda Chisholm, James & Sally Cochran, Pat Cose, Barbara & Charles Cross, Kim Cross, Patricia Decker, Barbara De Francis, Elaine Dempsey, James and Virginia Dillon, Douglas Doller, Gerald & Marjorie Federico, Barbara Fleischer, Kickie Fulmor, Eleanor & Harold Hafstad, Vickie Hertz & Rod Greenwood, Richard Gressle, Don Hammond Family, Howe Family, Thomas & Judith Humeston, Myria Jean-Gilles, Amy Lehman, Margaret Lehrecke, Holly Leibesberger, Evelyn Lombardi & Jeanette Matthews, The Rev. Kenneth Mann, Steven Marsh, Valerie Mathews, Roberta & Nils Mathsen, Neely McCormick, The McNeill Family, Jeff McDowell, Sally Ann Mock, Keith & Moriah Olsen, James O'Toole & Gregory Birchett, Beth & Joe Paskowski, Thomas Perry, Karen & Wayne Phelan, Caran Pullen, Sally & John Sarvent, Phil & Helen Scala, Helen Scalici, Fran and Semo Sennas, Carol & Paul Streichert, Charles & Lori Tauken, Jeanne Treat Tozer, Charlotte Trott Bruce & Thayer Woodcock, Fredrica Wyman (through 9/28/09)

**RETURN YOUR PLEDGE BY
NOVEMBER 1 — ALL SAINTS DAY —
AND YOU'LL BE ENTERED IN THE
DRAWING FOR A GREAT GIFT BASKET
THAT INCLUDES
A \$50 GIFT
CERTIFICATE TO
PATISSERIE DIDIER
DUMAS IN NYACK!**

Yummmmmmmmm



CALENDAR OCTOBER 2009

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

9:00am to noon MINI WORK DAY—JOIN US!!!

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 – Feast of St. Francis

8:00/9:30/11:00am Holy Eucharist – Pet Blessing
9:00am Parish Choir
10:10am Church School - Community Activity
3:00pm Amazing Grace Circus Rehearsal (Memorial Hall)
6:30pm Senior Youth Group (Fenton Room)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

10:00am Staff Meeting (Patterson Hall)
12:15pm Clericus (Patterson Hall)
3:30pm Amazing Grace Circus Afterschool Program (Memorial)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (Memorial Hall)
8:00pm Choir

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

3:30 pm Amazing Grace Circus Afterschool Program (Memorial)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Patterson Hall)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

2:00pm Chohan Wedding

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

9:00am Adult Spiritual Formation Commission (Patterson Hall)
10:00am Midnight Run (Memorial Hall)
10:30am Commission on Social Ministries (Patterson Hall)
7:30pm GraceMusic presents: ANONYMOUS 4
A benefit performance for Grace Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00/9:30/11:00am Holy Eucharist
9:30am SCOP (Rector's Office)
10:10am Church School Classes/Adult Refreshments
3:00pm Amazing Grace Circus Rehearsal (Memorial Hall)
6:30pm Senior Youth Group (Fenton Room)
6:30pm French Creole Mass (Bradley Chapel)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 12– Columbus Day/Office Closed

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 13

10:00am Staff Meeting (Patterson Hall)
3:30pm Amazing Grace Circus Afterschool Program (Memorial)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (Memorial Hall)
7:30pm Program Council (Patterson Hall)
8:00pm Choir

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14

3:30pm Amazing Grace Circus Afterschool Program (Memorial)
7:00pm Confirmation Class (Patterson Hall)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

3rd Annual Harvest Festival Celebration
To benefit Youth Commission & Grace Church

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00/9:30/11:00am Holy Eucharist
9:00am Parish Choir
10:10am Church School Classes/Adult Refreshments
Parish Forum: Parish Organization & The Diocese
3:00pm Amazing Grace Circus Rehearsal (Memorial Hall)
6:30pm Senior Youth Group (Fenton Room)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

10:00am Staff Meeting (Patterson Hall)
3:30pm Amazing Grace Circus Afterschool Program (Memorial)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (Memorial Hall)
7:30pm Vestry (Patterson Hall)
8:00pm Choir

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

3:30pm Amazing Grace Circus Afterschool Program (Memorial)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast (Patterson Hall)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

9:00am - 3:00pm Parish Retreat at Marydell

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00/9:30/11:00am Holy Eucharist
10:10am Church School Classes/Adult Refreshments
Parish Forum: A History of Sainthood
2:00pm Parish Hike (Meet at St. John's in the Wilderness)
3:00pm Amazing Grace Circus Rehearsal (Memorial Hall)
6:30pm French Creole Mass
6:30pm Senior Youth Group (Fenton Room)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27

10:00am Staff Meeting (Patterson Hall)
3:30pm AGC Afterschool Program (Memorial Hall)
7:00pm Boy Scouts (Memorial Hall)
8:00pm Choir

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

3:30pm AGC Afterschool Program (Memorial Hall)
7:00pm Confirmation Class (Patterson Hall)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

JYG Nightwatch

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31

7:30pm Halloween Haunted House
(after Nyack Parade)



OCTOBER

SERVICE MINISTRY SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

St. Francis' Day – Blessing of Animals

8:00am

Subdeacon/Lector: J. Humeston; **Acolyte:** J. Martin
K. Fulmor – Animal Blessing

9:30am

Subdeacon: M. Olsen

11:00am

Subdeacon/Chalice: P. Gilbert/L. Holt

Lectors: S. Holt/E. Wilkins

Crucifer: P. Cose/J. Cochran

Torch: B. Nelson/J. Hahn

Usher Team: Graham **Greeter:** R. Fee/S. Chalke

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

8:00am

Subdeacon/Lector: J. Tozer; **Acolyte:** M. MacQueen

9:30am

Subdeacon: tbd

11:00am

Subdeacon/Chalice: J. McDowell/R. Seiler

Lectors: O. Mann/L. Marshall

Crucifer: J. Cochran/C. Cox

Torch: *A. Falcicchio/S. Marshall

Usher Team: Colgan/Mann **Greeter:** B. Cross

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

8:00am

Subdeacon/Lector: V. Matthews; **Acolyte:** J. Martin

9:30am

Subdeacon: I. Graham

11:00am

Subdeacon/Chalice: J. Matthews/C. Cox

Lectors: N. Bark/P. Lehrecke

Crucifer: C. Howe/E. Lombardi

Torch: *A. Falcicchio/S. Burns

Usher Team: Cross/Seaman; **Greeter:** B. Cross

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

8:00am

Subdeacon/Lector: R. Hammond; **Acolyte:** M. Martin

9:30am

Subdeacon: N. McCormick

11:00am

Subdeacon/Chalice: C. Howe/E. Lombardi

Lectors: M. Owens/J. Weslowski

Crucifer: J. McDowell/P. Cose;

Torch: *A. Falcicchio/*K. O'Shea

Usher Team: Wanamaker; **Greeter:** B. Wanamaker/S. Seiler

- ◆ Confirmation Student
- ◆ Coffee Hour hosting is now by sign-up at Coffee Hour



COLUMBARIUM & MEMORIAL GARDEN FINANCIAL POLICY & MEMORIAL GIFTS CONTACT INFORMATION

PURCHASE OF NICHES

When you purchase a niche for ashes in the Columbarium of Grace Church, you are guaranteed the perpetual upkeep of the walls and garden. Because the cost of upkeep has risen over the years and the price of niches has *not* risen in many years, it has become necessary to raise the cost. Your elected vestry, upon review and comparison with other churches and burial grounds, has approved an increase from \$1300 to \$1800, *beginning March 30, 2010*. Should you wish to take advantage of the current pricing, select a niche or niches in the present or soon-to-be-built walls, and arrange a payment schedule, contact either of the persons listed below.

MEMORIAL GIFTS FOR THE GARDEN

The building of additional columbarium walls and the refurbishing of the garden provides the opportunity for memorial gifts for those who wish to remember a loved one in this way. The new walls themselves, the Arbor frame, the Sensory Garden for those with disabilities, the Children's Garden trellis, as well as plantings are among the specific items that may be designated as memorial gifts. Every such gift, large or small, will be recorded in a Memorial Book.

If you are considering such a gift, contact:

Linda Chisholm (845)-358-2683 lchisholm@verizon.net
or

Thayer Woodcock, parish administrator
(845) 358-1297 twoodcock@gracechurchnyack.org

FALL PARISH RETREAT

You loved Sister Catherine Grace during the Lenten spiritual program, so we are bringing her back for more. Join us on **Saturday, October 24** for a full day workshop on "Benedictine Spirituality for Everyday Life" at Marydell Faith and Life Center in Upper Nyack.

The workshop will run from 9:00am to 3:00pm and includes lunch. All adult members of the congregation and young people who have been confirmed are welcome to attend. Child care will not be provided, so plan accordingly.

The recommended registration fee is \$30 for adults and \$15 for young people under 21. There is a sliding fee scale for those in need. Registration forms are available in the narthex, or send an email to parishoffice@gracechurchnyack.org

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMING EVENTS

ANONYMOUS 4 TO OPEN GRACEMUSIC'S 40th SEASON WITH BENEFIT CONCERT FOR GRACE CHURCH

Anonymous 4 will open GraceMusic's 40th season on **Saturday, October 10, at 7:30pm.** The internationally known women's vocal group will sing a new program of selections called "Secret Voices." The October 10 concert features the varied repertoire of 13th-century polyphony and sacred Latin song collected in the Spanish *Las Huelgas* Codex for a convent of aristocratic women. In spite of a rule forbidding women of their order from singing polyphony, these sophisticated ladies sang the most beautiful, and demanding music from all over Europe.

Tickets are \$20 and will be available at the door. Childcare is available, and there will be a reception following the performance.

CALLING ALL COOKS!!

Looking for an opportunity to show off your newest culinary creation? For this fabulous concert, we need some fabulous food! GraceMusic welcomes contributions of food for the reception following this special benefit performance for Grace Church. If you'd be willing to make a sweet or savory treat (finger food only please), or put together a cheese, vegetable, or fruit platter - please contact Bobbe Wanamaker at 358-5523.



HARVEST CELEBRATION SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

Dust off your dancing shoes and get ready for a great night!

This year's Harvest Celebration will be held on Saturday evening, October 17 with proceeds to benefit the **Youth Commission** and Grace Church. This event will include a delicious buffet, great music by Cover-Up and a silent auction. Child care will also be available with prior registration. Tickets are \$40 per person and are on sale now.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Claudia Uccellani at uccell@yahoo.com. For silent auction donations, please contact Kim Cross at kim.cross@nyackcenter.org.

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS ALWAYS WELCOME!

**PARISH
MINI WORK DAY**
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3
9:00am – NOON
Many hands make light work!



FROM COMMISSION ON SOCIAL MINISTRY HELPING HANDS 2010

Grace Church will provide a "Safe Haven" in Memorial Hall for some of Rockland County's homeless for twelve nights next year. On each night the Social Ministry Commission will need volunteers to prepare and serve a meal for our guests, and one or two people who are willing to sleep (the couch opens up into a bed) overnight in Patterson to serve as supervisors (there has never been a problem).

The dates are: **Jan. 9, 10, 11; Feb. 20, 21,22; March 28, 29, 30; and April 24, 25,26.** Check your calendar, talk with your friends and family about putting together a team and be ready to sign up when the volunteer sheet is posted in the back of church. If you have any questions contact Charlie Cross (358-4599 or cjcross3ny@yahoo.com.)

Second Annual Gala Dinner for Helping Hands Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless of Rockland County Dinner! Auction! Music!

Thursday, November 5

Reception and Silent Auction at 6:00 pm

Dinner and Live Auction at 7:30 pm

Pearl River Hilton \$75 per dinner guest

Sponsorships Friend (\$1000) Patron (\$2500)

Benefactor (\$5000)

Checks to: Helping Hands PO Box 240 Nyack

Raoul Cansino 845-352-9259

canstowe@gmail.com

FROM PARISHIONER LYNN MARIE SCHNALZER

Blisters do not require chemo - I hope my blisters will help someone avoid it. I will be walking in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer again this year, October 10 and 11. I hope to complete 39 miles over two days to raise money and awareness for the fight against breast cancer. If you would like to and can donate, **call me at 845-354-1226** and I will let you know how to get your donation in. If you cannot donate, I simply ask for your prayers for those fighting this disease, those who have triumphed, for those who have lost. I also ask that you keep all of the walkers and volunteers in your prayers on October 10 and 11th as we complete 39 miles.

In gratitude, Lynn-Marie Schnalzer

Avon Walk For Breast Cancer NYC 2006-2007-2008-2009

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY FAIR



Representatives from many of the activities that call Grace home — from our Church School, choirs, commissions, and service ministries to twelve step groups, Nursery School of the Nyacks, Boy Scouts and beyond — were here on September 13 to welcome everyone back from the summer, celebrate all that happens here, and introduce the array of opportunities for involvement and ministry.



OCTOBER 2009

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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Assisting Clergy:

The Rev. Alan Chisholm, The Rev. Suzanne Hope Graham
The Rev. Dr. Kenneth Mann, The Rev. A. Meigs Ross

Grace Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:00 – 4:00pm

WORSHIP SCHEDULE *(beginning 9/13/09)*

Sundays

8:00am - Holy Eucharist - Rite One
9:30am - Holy Eucharist followed by Church School/
Adult Refreshment & Programs
11:00am Holy Eucharist (Senior Choir)
6:30pm French Creole Mass (2nd & Last Sundays)