

First Notes

*The First
Presbyterian Church
in the City of New York*

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How We're Spending Our Summer Vacation

It used to be that summer meant down-time, an afternoon nap, a trip to the beach, a week away, hotdogs and hamburgers at a cookout, and definitely a baseball game or two. This summer the church will be having its Wednesday evening cookouts on the lawn, Sunday worship in the air-conditioned Alexander Chapel at 9:00 a.m. and the Great Hall at 11:00, and the committees will be taking a break in July and August. But the church will be busy nonetheless. Elsewhere in this issue you will read about the work that will be underway to repair our fifty-year-old elevator in the Mellin-Macnab Building. When all is said and done, the elevator will be more efficient, solid state controlled, and more reliable. It will not be more attractive, but it will be utilitarian, ready to use in the eventual construction project planned for the Mellin-Macnab Building.

This summer the congregation and our officers are anxiously awaiting the outcome of two studies that are currently underway: one is the feasibility study of Herbert S. Newman architects, and the other is that of Community Counselling Service, a fund-raising firm which has been doing an assessment of our fund-raising potential. Both reports will be helpful as we determine what can be done to solve the serious problems that have developed because of long deferred maintenance, the aging of our facilities, and the inability of our buildings to serve today's congregation's needs.

In recent years the South Wing and the Sanctuary have been painted, restored, and preserved through capital campaigns addressing their aging and deterioration. But the Mellin-Macnab Building, built in the mid-fifties, has not had a facelift or a major improvement in over fifty years. As a result, heating, lighting, and air-conditioning is poorly controlled because there are too few heating zones causing us to heat space when it is unoccupied.

Windows are not thermal paned. Our classrooms are small, have too little storage, and not enough wall display surface. The restrooms are dingy and unsightly. The electrical service is so unevenly distributed that it is impossible to run a room air conditioner and a computer in the same office without tripping an electrical circuit. Administrative offices are scattered on three floors of the building, leading to inefficiency and poor communication. It is impossible to get to the South Wing of the church without walking through the nave of the Sanctuary. And each Sunday the majority of the congregation try to squeeze past a doorway that is one person wide as children exit worship and people in wheelchairs, walkers, and the able-bodied patiently wait their turn to pass into the lobby. In a word, the building just doesn't serve us as well as it used to.

Many of those who have been serving on the Building and Design Committee have not only seen the problems that the Mellin-Macnab Building has, but they have also dreamed of ways that will allow the building to do more to serve both our own congregation and the community. The dream is that we will have a more gracious lobby where it is clear to members and visitors alike how to navigate the buildings. There should be rooms devoted to toddlers and crib space to be used by the growing number of younger families with infants and small children. Administrative offices should be consolidated so that counseling and pastoral care can be provided in a quiet, confidential manner. We need well-lit, clean, and more attractive church spaces where members can gather for adult education, fellowship, children's programs, and meals. We should be more accommodating hosts to the Twelve Step Groups, after-school programs, community organizations, the school for autistic children, and our own First

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Summer Education Programs



Sunday Morning Bible Study July 8, 15, 22, 29 & August 5, 12, 19, 26 at 10 a.m.

(Bible Study held in the Morrow Room)

Bible study this summer will address a variety of topics including: The Bible and Harry Potter; God in the Bible: Tools for Faithful Living; and Importance of Context: Tools for Bible Study. Each session will be led by trained and energetic lay leaders. Since each session of summer Bible study is on a separate topic, you will not have to commit to a series—just come and join us anytime your summer schedule allows—we'd love for you to join us!

Please note the time change from our usual 9:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. This change is to coordinate with summer worship. We have two worship services each Sunday, at 9 a.m. in the Alexander Chapel and at 11 a.m. in the Great Hall. Bible study will take place *between* the two services, so we hope you will either stay after the 9 a.m. service or come early for the 11 a.m. service and enjoy this time of conversation, learning, and fellowship. There will be no bible study on July 1 and Sept 2.

Summer Child Care

Child care for children under three years old is provided in July and August during the 11:00 a.m. worship service. It will be available in the Mezzanine of the South Wing.

During the summer the 9 a.m. service is especially family-friendly. However, as always, children are welcome in the worship services at both 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. throughout the summer.



Families: Save These Dates for Fall

Sunday, Sept. 9—Child care reception for parents at 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, Sept. 16—First Day of Church School Classes & Welcome Home Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 23—Children's Choirs resume rehearsals

Summer Movie Series:

Our World, Our Souls Tuesday Evenings at 6:30 p.m.

*Each film begins promptly at 6:30 p.m.
and is followed by a brief discussion.*

JULY 10—SOPHIE SCHOLL: THE FINAL DAYS

(2005-Germany) - Nominated for Best Foreign Film in 2006, the film is a true story of the imprisonment and trial of a young German woman who stood up in resistance to the Nazis and became an inspiration and legend. (Discussion Leader: Pat Nuñez)

JULY 17—THE CORPORATION (2004 - USA) - [Part One]

This documentary, directed by Mark Achbar and Jennifer Abbott, looks at the concept of the corporation and how it has changed throughout recent history up to its present-day dominance. In a quote from the film, Robert Monk says, "The great problem of having corporate citizens is that they aren't like the rest of us. As Baron Thurlow in England is supposed to have said, "They have no soul to save, and they have no body to incarcerate." (Discussion Leader: Mark Fontaine)

JULY 24—THE CORPORATION (2004 - USA) - [Part Two]

(Discussion Leader: TBA)

JULY 31— NO FILM SHOWING

AUGUST 7 - AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH (2006 - USA)

- Directed by Davis Guggenheim. The documentary on Al Gore's campaign to make the issue of global warming a recognized problem worldwide. Gore presents a wide array of facts and information in a thoughtful and compelling way. The film is not a story of despair but rather a rallying cry to protect the one earth we all share. (Discussion Leader: Liz Hubbell Riggs)



Mellin-Macnab Building Elevator Summer Work

The summer maintenance schedule is upon us, with its usual routine of waxing floors, painting classrooms, and roof repairs but it will be more challenging for our porters this year. After many valiant attempts to keep the elevator in the 12th Street Building in good working order and meet the required tests, it has recently started a rapid decline in function and reliability. This is no news to those of us who are frequent riders on the old grey enamel behemoth. While it recently passed the five-year 3500 lb. test required by the City, it has since begun to fail at an alarming rate, unable to function for a day or so most weeks.

Installed in 1958 during the construction of this building, and functioning since then for an ever-increasing crowd of users, to say that it has performed well and out-lived its expectations is no understatement. With the able assistance of our Sexton, Tony Feliciano, we hired Walsh Associates Ltd. to inspect the equipment, make recommendations, and guide us through the modernization process. They found several problems, including the fact that most of the components were well beyond their designed life and no longer available for replacement. We changed maintenance companies in an effort to prolong the life of the elevator, hoping that we could put off replacement until the renovation work begins on our facilities. It soon became evident that we could not continue to guarantee operation for our busy facilities with such an unreliable elevator. We then asked Walsh Associates to compile bid documents for the replacement of the elevator. Five companies prepared bids, and the contract was awarded to American Elevator.

The current elevator will go out of service on Monday, July 2, and remain out throughout the summer. During that time, the old equipment will be dismantled and replaced with new computerized equipment. The new elevator will have fireman service, meet handicap access requirements, and will have upgrades to the call equipment on each floor to meet current codes. We are installing it in such a way that it could be modified for any future planning in an effort to accommodate any future changes in the Mellin-Macnab Building. Our goal is to have the new elevator up and running on Tuesday, September 4th, after the Labor Day Holiday. This is a very ambitious goal, but we will do everything in our power to make it happen. In the meantime, we ask your understanding of our porters and other staff who will not have access to the elevator this summer. Please be patient with them as they attend to other maintenance items, moving heavy and cumbersome equipment via the stair wells. Let's minimize our request of them for even small tasks that we could do ourselves as they undertake this effort.

My sincerest thanks go out to Tony Feliciano, our Maintenance Team, and the members of the Buildings and Grounds Committee for their efforts in this regard.

Eric G. Hilton, Chair, Building and Grounds Committee

CRAFTERS and also the CRAFT-CHALLENGED: THINK CHRISTMAS ...

On **Wednesday, July 18th**, join us for Christmas in July - craft-making for the whole family - all skill levels - all ages. Come to the Cookout in the North Garden at 6:00 p.m. (bring your picnic; church provides beverages & grills) **5 different craft projects will be underway from 7:00 - 9:30ish** in the air-conditioned Great Hall. Join us again on **Wednesday, August 15th** for Christmas in August. Cook-Out at 6 p.m. - **Crafting from 7:00 - 9:30ish.**

Crafting not your thing? Then come and help **sort, price, and box white elephant items.** Same time, same nights.

And don't forget: when you do your summer cleaning bring us your treasures for the Silent Auction, and your gently-used White Elephants. (NO computer components and NO ADULT clothing, please!)

The Tartan Fair is **looking for volunteers!** Areas needing assistance are the **Children's Boutique, Set-up, Advertising, and the Thursday Night Preview Party.** Let Joan Ryan know at (212)765-2141 or joanryan@aol.com if you can help with anything.



Summer Cookouts

Wednesday Evening Cookouts:

During July and August, beginning July 11, the Membership-Fellowship Committee is sponsoring cookouts in the North Garden at 6:00 p.m. Bring a picnic supper or food to grill; hot coals and beverages will be supplied. If it is raining at 4:30 p.m., the cookout will be canceled.



Summer Worship Schedule

July 1—September 2

South Wing

- 9:00-9:45 a.m.**.....Chapel Worship Service
Alexander Chapel
- 10:00-10:45**... .Adult Christian Education
Morrow Room
(except for July 1 and September 2)
- 10:45-12:15**..... .Child Care
SW Mezzanine
- 11:00-12:15**.....Worship Service
Great Hall
- 12:15**.....Coffee
Morrow Room/Garden

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 Chapel Service • / Communion NO Adult Education 10:45 Child Care in Mezzanine, S.W. 11:00 Worship in G.H. • / Communion/Dr. Walton preaching 12:15 Coffee Hour •	2 9 to 5 Caring Community• 12:00 Chapel Open Closed at 5 PM	3 9 to 5 Caring Community• 6:00 AA Groups	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY Staff Holiday	5 9 to 5 Caring Community• 12:15 Al Anon Closed at 5 PM	6 9 to 5 Caring Community• 12:00 Chapel Open 6:00 Godwin/Brown Rehearsal <i>Dr. Walton</i> 6:15 NA/D.A. Groups	7 Mission Trip to West Virginia 5:30 Godwin/Brown Wedding <i>Dr. Walton</i>
8 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 Chapel Service 10:00 Adult Education 10:45 Child Care in Mezzanine, S.W. 11:00 Worship in G.H. • / Dr. Walton preaching 12:15 Coffee Hour •	9 9 to 5 Caring Community• 12:00 Chapel Open Elevator Out of Service (7/9 thru 9/3) Closed at 5 PM	10 9 to 5 Caring Community• 6:00 AA Groups 6:30 Movie/Discussion <i>(Sophie Scholl: The Final Days)</i>	11 9 to 5 Caring Community• 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Sanctuary open for Meditation 5:00 Qi Gong 6:00 Fellowship Cookout 6:30 Bldg. & Grounds	12 9 to 5 Caring Community• 12:15 Al Anon Closed at 5 PM	13 9 to 5 Caring Community• 12:00 Chapel Open 6:15 NA/D.A. Groups	14 Closed
15 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 Chapel Service • 10:00 Adult Education 10:45 Child Care in Mezzanine, S.W. 11:00 Worship in G.H. • / Rev. McCaslin preaching 12:15 Coffee Hour • 12:30 Pre-Baptism Meeting	16 9 to 5 Caring Community• 12:00 Chapel Open Closed at 5 PM	17 9 to 5 Caring Community• 6:00 AA Groups 6:30 Movie/Discussion <i>(The Corporation Part 1)</i>	18 9 to 5 Caring Community• 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Sanctuary open for Meditation 5:00 Qi Gong 6:00 Fellowship Cookout 7:00 Christmas in July <i>(Tartan Fair Crafts)</i>	19 9 to 5 Caring Community• 12:15 Al Anon 5:30 Marcum/Leary Rehearsal <i>Rev. McCaslin</i> Closed at 5 PM	20 9 to 5 Caring CommunityY 12:00 Chapel Open 5:30 Marcum/Leary Wedding <i>Rev. McCaslin</i> 6:15 NA/D.A. Groups	21 Closed
22 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 Chapel Service • / Baptism 10:00 Adult Education 10:45 Child Care in Mezzanine, S.W. 11:00 Worship in G.H. • / Baptism <i>Rev. McCaslin preaching</i> 12:15 Coffee Hour •	23 9 to 5 Caring Community• 12:00 Chapel Open Closed at 5 PM	24 9 to 5 Caring Community• 6:00 AA Groups 6:30 Movie/Discussion <i>(The Corporation Part 2)</i>	25 9 to 5 Caring Community• 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Sanctuary open for Meditation 5:00 Qi Gong 6:00 Fellowship Cookout	26 9 to 5 Caring Community• 12:15 Al Anon Closed at 5 PM	27 9 to 5 Caring Community• 12:00 Chapel Open 6:15 NA/D.A. Groups	28 Closed
29 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 Chapel Service • 10:00 Adult Education 10:45 Child Care in Mezzanine, S.W. 11:00 Worship in G.H. • Rev. Davis preaching 12:15 Coffee Hour • 3:00 Bailey House •	30 9 to 5 Caring Community• 12:00 Chapel Open Closed at 5 PM	31 9 to 5 Caring Community• 6:00 AA Groups NO MOVIE TONIGHT	The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York 12 West 12th Street (at Fifth Avenue), New York, NY 10011 Tel: (212) 675-6150 Fax: (212) 675-8674 All data subject to change without notice. Check with Church Receptionist at (212) 675-6150 for confirmation and details. • indicates volunteer opportunities.			

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Volunteer Opportunities

Welcome to the **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES CALENDAR**, published monthly to let you know of events where you can help.

- **COFFEE HOUR HOSTING**—Hosts, coffee pourers, and greeters are needed for Coffee Hour after church. To volunteer, call **JOHN COX** at (212) 260-3094.
- **USHERS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES**—Volunteers are needed to usher for **Sunday morning services**. To volunteer, call **JOAN RYAN** at (212) 765-2141, or **SUZANNE FREEMAN** at (646) 827-4559.
- **FIRST NOTES**—Volunteers are needed to help assemble and label **FIRST NOTES** mailings. For the next mailing, volunteers will meet at the church at 10:00 a.m. and work until about 1:00 p.m., on **TUESDAY, August 28**. Call **ANNA WHITE** (212) 675-6150 to help.
- **LAYREADERS**—Those interested in participating as lay readers are asked to call **DENISE JACKSON** at (212) 675-4366.

- **CROSS BEARER**—To explore the possibility of carrying the processional cross at worship, please call **PAT PENICK THOMPSON** at (212) 242-6916.
- **IN THE KITCHEN**—If you can help with *Vespers*, please call **James Hollander** at (646) 335-2969 or e-mail hollander-james@yahoo.com. For all other events call **Jackie Fike** (914) 793-4017 or e-mail jackiecf@verizon.net.

Wednesday, September 5—Vespers Fellowship Supper

Tuesday, Sept. 4—5:00 p.m. - 800 p.m. Prep.

Wednesday, Sept. 5—3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Prep., Serve,
Clean-up

Sunday, Sept. 16—Welcome Home Picnic

Thursday, Sept. 13—3:00 - 6:00 p.m. Set-up

Friday, Sept. 14—11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Prep.

Saturday, Sept. 15—11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Prep.

Sunday, Sept. 16—9:00 - 11:00 a.m. Prep.

Sunday, Sept. 16—12:30 - 3:30 p.m. Serve, Clean-up

2007 Nominating Committee Needs Your Help

The Nominating Committee has begun preparing a slate of new officers to present to the congregation at the Annual Meeting in January 2008. With this in mind, we are soliciting suggestions for elders, deacons, and trustees for the three boards of the church. We need your suggestions so the Nominating Committee can begin its work in the fall. Here is a brief description of each of the three positions:

Elders. Serve on the Session, which is the principal decision-making body of the church. Session is responsible for the overall mission and government of the congregation.

Deacons. The Board of Deacons has responsibility for ministering to “those who are in need, to the sick, to the friendless, and to any who may be in distress.”

Trustees. The Board of Trustees “holds and manages properties and, as authorized, conducts business for the church.”

Please assist your Nominating Committee in this task by suggesting members of the church to be considered for these leadership positions. Members should also feel encouraged to propose themselves for positions in which they would be willing to serve. All officers serve three-year terms and should expect to meet at least once a month and often more frequently.

Here are some general qualifications to consider when suggesting yourself or another person for office:

Church involvement: regular attendance at worship, active participation in church activities, offices held and leadership rendered, evidence of commitment to the church and its mission, understanding of and commitment to Presbyterian polity.

Christian life: evidence of grace and compassion in common life, evidence of maturity and effectiveness of ministry in the world.

Personal qualifications: cooperativeness, willingness to listen, readiness to learn, ability to follow through on assignments, organizational ability, creativity, openness to new ideas, maturity of judgment, freedom to express ideas and thoughts.

Other factors: occupational background and life experience, service in other organizations, interest in particular causes, offices held and quality of performance in them, education and training in the duties and responsibilities of the office.

As you suggest a person, please specify some of the qualities above that lead you to offer this person's name. Please remember that the Nominating Committee will consider many names. Your suggestion is important, but not all those suggested will actually be nominated, so help the committee with as much information as possible.

Please place your suggestions in the labeled box in the Melin-Macnab Building lobby. You may also speak to a member of the committee (noted below) or contact the committee chair, Susan Korchak (skorchak@nyc.rr.com or 212-477-7150).

Members of the Committee: John Cox, John Davis, Mark Fontaine, Julia Glazer, Donna Hurley, Mary Smith, Myrle Wall, John Wilmot, Susan Korchak, Chair.

How We're Spending Our Summer Vacation

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Presbyterian Church Nursery School by providing more welcoming and attractive rooms.

During the summer the architects will be working on how to provide that space for us, and the financial feasibility consultants will be helping us discern what we can afford. Together we will be spending the summer preparing to come back with more information about what has been discovered and what needs to be done. In the meantime, please fill in the questionnaire mailed to your home asking your thoughts and opinions regarding fundraising for the capital improvement program which is still in the planning stages.

Jon M. Walton

DEACONS FOR JULY

Marie Warmbold (212)679-0172

Lisa Ruffler (212) 375-1601

The Deacons have a designated telephone line for people requiring assistance. There is a voice mail where messages may be left that will be checked and responded to daily. The number is (212)741-8620. We have ears to listen and resources for referral. Call if you or someone you know needs help.

DEACONS FOR AUGUST

David Earle (917)334-6336

Brian Macy (917)209-9694

Welcome Home Picnic & Potluck Sunday, September 16



Save the Date!!!!!!

*Gardens and Walkways . . .
immediately after the Service*

Reservations required, Sign-up sheets available in the Mellin-Macnab Building lobby starting August 26 or call the church at 212-675-6150.

The North lawn will again be reserved for families with small children.

A free-will donation will be collected. Suggested donation: \$5 for adults and children over 12.

Nursery School



The First Presbyterian Church Nursery School will open for the 2007-08 school year on Monday, September 10, 2007. Applications for the 2008-09 school year can be requested by phone between September 10 and October 1, 2007, for children who will be two years old on or before 5/31/08. To receive an application, call the Nursery School office during that period at (212) 691-3432 between the hours of 9:30 and 3:30. The option of early notification, which is not a guarantee of admission, is offered to families who joined First Church before January 1, 2007.

The Church Tower



The Communications Committee is currently looking for submissions to be included in the 2007 edition of *The Church Tower*. *The Tower* began publication at First Presbyterian back in 1924. Initially, it was created to distribute sermons and included articles on First Church history and faith issues of the day. Today *The Church Tower* has grown into a publication that reflects the diversity and large number of members in our congregation and community. We are looking for faith-related poetry and short stories, articles about life here at First Church, and stories related to the church and its history. We would also like to include pictures of church-related activities as well. Please contact Sorrel Alburger, email: salburger@aol.com, Bob Larson, email: bob@sharpentertainment.com, or Marie Warmbold, email: mewarmbold@aol.com. Final Deadline: July 31.

A Month of Sundays

Worship This Month at First Presbyterian

SUNDAY, JULY 1

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching

Sacrament: Communion

SUNDAY, JULY 8

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching

SUNDAY, JULY 15

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Rev. Sarah Segal McCaslin preaching

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Rev. Sarah Segal McCaslin preaching

Sacrament: Baptism

SUNDAY, JULY 29

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Rev. Barbara E. Davis preaching

SUNDAY, AUGUST 5

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Rev. Barbara E. Davis preaching

Sacrament: Communion

SUNDAY, AUGUST 12

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Rev. Sarah Segal McCaslin preaching

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Rev. Barbara E. Davis preaching

Sacrament: Baptism

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: Rev. Barbara E. Davis preaching

DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER

***First Notes* IS AUGUST 10**

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Calendar of Events

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Sarah Segal McCaslin, Associate Pastor
Barbara E. Davis, Minister of Christian Education
Mark Hostetter, Associate Pastor
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