

First Notes

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

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Changing Seasons

In a recent sermon, I spoke about the Wisdom literature and used a text from Proverbs as the basis for that sermon. The Wisdom literature in the Bible includes not only Proverbs, but also Ecclesiastes, the book that follows. It's in Ecclesiastes that the songwriter Pete Seeger found the inspiration to write the words to a hit recorded by The Byrds, a rock group of the 1960's. The words are easy to remember: "To everything, turn, turn, turn; there is a season, turn, turn, turn, and a time for every purpose under heaven." It's really Ecclesiastes 3:1, minus the "turns" that we're hearing. The song, like the Biblical passage simply marks the fact that time marches on, things change, there is war and there is peace; a time to mourn and a time to dance. It may not be the most profound insight into life, but it is an accurate and undeniable one. The pop version of this truth would be "the more things change, the more they stay the same."

This fall, as school begins and we start another season of church activities, I keep hearing people say that the summer went too quickly and no one seems ready for the fall. "How was your summer?" I've asked a lot of people, and many have said, "Not as good as I had hoped." There is a weariness in the air this fall that is different from the other autumn seasons that I remember. People are not volunteering as readily to help with church activities, such as teaching church school or helping supervise the homeless shelter. Everyone seems weary... and we've only just begun. Maybe it's the economy, the grinding sameness of work that seems less rewarding because it's less lucrative, and many of the people we know are out of work. I'm not sure what it is, but it's palpable; a sameness to this season that seems to make us tired before we've started.

The writer of Ecclesiastes had a name for this feeling. He called it vanity; the futility of making more of the events of life than they warranted. Perhaps too many people he saw were making too much of the successes and the failures of their lives. So he called for a realization that there is not much new under the sun, and all of our accomplishments are not as great when compared to God's accomplishments.

Things change, and today's success will turn into tomorrow's disappointment, but don't let it get you down, the writer of Ecclesiastes warns; it's vain to make too much of any success or any failure, because in time whatever seems so monumental will change.

Recently I heard about a teacher new to the city who began her class on Friday, September 11th, by inviting the students in the class to observe a moment of silence. On the face of it, it would seem a very thoughtful and respectful thing to do. The problem was, most of the children in the class were eight or under, and while they may have heard of 9/11, they didn't really have any appreciation of the meaning, impact, and life-altering power of what had happened that day when they were still infants. It seems impossible to imagine anyone who doesn't understand the power of 9/11 in our lives, but if you were just born that year, how could you know? Everything changes, everything stays the same. If this autumn seems to be off to a slow start, read Ecclesiastes 3 again and ponder how time and eternity are God's, not ours, to behold.

Jon M. Walton



REFORMATION SERIES

**Tuesdays: October 6, 20, & 27; November 3 & 17
6:30-8:00 p.m.**

Dr. Charlie Mitchell

The Protestant Reformation: what was it? Why was it? How does it relate to us? We may not answer every possible question, but we will introduce Luther and Calvin, as well as the radicals who thought they were too timid! Henry VIII and a selection of his wives may also be examined in the context of this incredible time in church history.

ADULT EDUCATION EVENTS
OCTOBER 2009

A JOURNEY WITH PAUL
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

October 4 and 11
Paul's Life and Thought, Parts 2 and 3
Dr. Hostetter/The Rev. Davis

October 18 and 25
Paul and the Letter to the Romans, parts 1 & 2
Dr. Beverly Gaventa



BEYOND PEACEMAKING SUNDAY:
DOING JUSTICE, LOVING KINDNESS,
AND WALKING HUMBLLY

Sunday, October 4, at 12:30 p.m.
The Rev. Rick Ufford-Chase

ECLIPSING EMPIRE:
PAUL, ROME, AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD
Fridays at 12:00 p.m.
The Rev. Barbara E. Davis

October 9: Empire
October 23: Jesus

WHAT DO PRESBYTERIANS BELIEVE ABOUT...?

Sunday, October 18, at 12:30 p.m.
Reading the Bible
The Rev. Barbara E. Davis

REFORMATION SERIES
Tuesdays, October 6, 20, and 27
6:30-8:30 p.m.
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SPA FOR THE SOUL:
SURPRISED BY THE SACRED

Saturday, October 24
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
at Wave Hill

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EDUCATION ALERTS! To receive updates and reminders about programs from Education at First, email education@fpcnyc.org with "add me to the list" in the subject line.

SIXTH ANNUAL
SPA DAY FOR THE SOUL
"SURPRISED BY THE SACRED"

Saturday, October 24, 2009
10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.—Retreat
3:00 to 4:00 p.m.—"Soul Conversation"

This year's Spa Day for the Soul will be held at Wave Hill, a public garden overlooking the Hudson River and Palisades (a twenty-minute train ride from Grand Central station). Nina Frost, wilderness guide, along with other New York naturalists and guests, will lead the program. Our theme is finding the sacred in unexpected places.

We will meet at 10:00 am at the Perkins Visitor Center and gift shop at Wave Hill on Saturday morning.

Program fee: \$35, includes fresh lunch prepared by Lise Worthington, chef of Gilmor Sloane House at Stony Point Center. **Transportation (not included in program fee): \$5.25** one-way train ticket from Grand Central to Wave Hill. Free shuttle service is provided from Metro-North Railroad Riverdale Station to Wave Hill.

Please send a \$35.00 check payable to First Presbyterian Church and marked "Spa Day" in the memo to: The Rev. Barbara E. Davis, First Presbyterian Church, 12 West 12th Street, New York, New York 10011.

This program is limited to 20, so please make your reservation early. If you have any questions, please contact the Rev. Davis at (212) 675-6150 or bdavis@fpcnyc.org, or Katherine Gotshall English at (212) 529-8512 or kathcoach@earthlink.net.

FIRST KIDS: Peacemaking Project
Friday, October 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

First Kids (children in Kindergarten through 4th grade, and their families) are invited to join in a special project in preparation for FPC's World Communion Sunday and dedication of the Peacemaking Offering on Sunday, October 4.

THE MARIE SIBILLA "AGING WELL" LECTURE SERIES

Thursday, October 22

What's "Organic" about Organic?

A WORK-IN-PROGRESS ABOUT FOOD PRODUCTION

Please join filmmaker **SHELLEY ROGERS** for a presentation about her work-in-progress, *What's "Organic" about Organic?* This film documentary, to be completed and released at a future date, will explore food politics, public health, and environmental stewardship.

6:00 p.m.: Light supper in the Parlor (voluntary contribution)
6:45-8:15 p.m.: Presentation and discussion

If you plan to join us for supper, please be sure to sign up so sufficient food can be prepared. There will be sign-up tables after worship on Sundays, October 11 and 18; to sign up, you can also call the FPC receptionist by Tuesday, October 20.

STAFF APPRECIATION

First Presbyterian Church is proud of the men and women on the church staff and grateful for their work. Each month, *First Notes* will recognize and honor members of our staff. This month we focus on Sandra Gutierrez, Custodian. Say hello when you see her!

Sandra Gutierrez, Custodian

Growing up in Cuenca, Ecuador, Sandra always wanted to visit New York. She found her way here in 1994, at 22 years old, arriving alone and speaking no English. Living at first with an aunt, who soon moved back to Ecuador, Sandra supported herself by working as a seamstress in the garment district, for long hours and little pay. Yet Sandra's eyes light up when she describes living in the City. She fell in love, married, and had a son, Steven, who is now four years old. Sandra is an avid cook, preferring Latino and American cuisine, and an excellent seamstress. She remembers walking in the streets of Cuenca as a child with her mother, seeing a beautiful dress in a store window, buying the material, making her own patterns, and creating the dress from memory. She also plays the guitar and loves to sing.

Sandra came to First Church in January of 2009 and describes this past year of working in our church as extremely gratifying. She studies English in a two-hour class three nights a week. The fellowship of working here has been good for her, and she expresses dedication and thankfulness with her eyes and a few beautiful words.



HOMELESS SHELTER ORIENTATION EVENING

**Thursday, October 15
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.**

in the Parlor of the Mellin-Macnab building

This evening is meant to orient new volunteers and refresh experienced ones. There will be an opportunity to hear from Urban Pathways, our new organizational partner, as well as time for Q&A. If you are a brand new volunteer, this is an essential event for learning the ropes and meeting evening coordinators. Snacks and beverages provided.

RSVP to shelter@fpcnyc.org or Sarah McCaslin at smccaslin@fpcnyc.org.

FIRST-TIME EXPECTANT AND NEW PARENTS

Come learn what you can look forward to for your first child at First Church.

Information about

**Baptism ♦ Church School ♦ Nursery Care
♦ Nursery School**

Join the Rev. Sarah S. McCaslin
and the Rev. Barbara E. Davis on
Sunday, October 11, at 12:30 p.m.
for bagels, coffee, and fellowship

RSVP to Lisa Polite in the Church office,
(212) 675-6150 or lpolite@fpcnyc.org.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Wednesday, October 7, at 6:00 p.m.

beginning on the South Lawn (rain or shine)

led by the Rev. Barbara E. Davis and the Family Ministries Committee

You and your pets are invited to join us for this warm-hearted and fun service, which will feature animal-friendly music, readings, and prayers. Blessings will be offered for your companion animals. Please bring your pets to the service on a leash or in a carrier, and be sure they are house-trained and under your control at all times.

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP—FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH

6:00 p.m. in the Alexander Chapel, followed by a light supper in the Esther Morrow Room

No RSVPs required

November 4—Celebration of All Saints, led by the Worship Committee

December 2—Advent: Friends and Community, led by the Youth Group

First Presbyterian Church

Sun	Mon	Tue
<p align="center">The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York 12 West 12th Street (at Fifth Avenue) Tel: (212) 675-6150 New York, NY 10011 Fax: (212) 675-867</p> <p align="center"><i>All data subject to change without notice.</i> Check with Church Receptionist for confirmation and details.</p> <p align="center">Indicates Volunteer Opportunities ♥</p>		<p>DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER FIRST NOTES: WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14</p>
<p>4 <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>World Communion Sunday/Peacemaking Offering</i></p> <p>9:30 Adult Education 10:45 Child Care 11:00 Worship ♥ <i>Communion</i> <i>The Rev. Rick Ufford-Chase preaching</i> 12:15 Coffee Hour ♥ <i>Mission Service Art Show</i> 12:30 Mission Service Presentation, 2009-10 Programs 12:30 Family Ministries 12:30 Adult Education 3:00 Church of Gethsemane Anniversary Celebration</p>	<p>5</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open 5:45 Qi Gong 6:00-9 Tartan Fair Crafts Night</p>	<p>6</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ 6:15 A.A. Groups 6:30 Adult Education Reformation Series</p>
<p>11 <i>Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:30 Adult Education 10:45 Child Care 11:00 Worship ♥ <i>The Rev. Davis preaching</i> 12:15 Coffee Hour ♥ 12:30 First-Time Expectant and New Parents 12:30 Adult Education/New Sanctuary Movement</p>	<p>12 <i>N.S. Closed</i></p> <p align="center">COLUMBUS DAY OBSERVED</p> <p align="center"><i>Staff Holiday</i></p>	<p>13</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ 6:30 Buildings and Grounds 6:30 Personnel 7:00 House Committee 7:15 N.S. Workshop</p>
<p>18 <i>Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i></p> <p>9:30 Adult Education 10:45 Child Care 11:00 Worship ♥ <i>Reception of New Members/Dr. Walton preaching</i> 11:15 Youth Worship 11:15 Teachers' Rounds 11:20 Church School/Children's Choir Rehearsal 12:15 Coffee Hour ♥ <i>Art Reception</i> 12:30 Adult Education 12:30 First Serves Planning Meeting 12:30 Teachers Circle 12:30 Pre-Baptism Meeting</p>	<p>19</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open 5:45 Qi Gong 6:00-9 Tartan Fair Crafts Night</p>	<p>20</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ 6:15 A.A. Groups 6:30 Adult Education Reformation Series 7:15 N.S. Workshop</p>
<p>25 <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Reformation Sunday</i></p> <p>9:15 Ushers' Breakfast with Worship Committee 9:30 Adult Education 10:45 Child Care 11:00 Worship ♥ <i>Baptism</i> <i>Dr. Walton preaching</i> 11:20 Church School/Children's Choirs Rehearsal 12:15 Coffee Hour ♥ 12:30 Toddler Gathering</p>	<p>26</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open 5:45 Qi Gong 6:00-9 Tartan Fair Crafts Night</p>	<p>27 <i>Art Hanging</i></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community ♥ 6:15 A.A. Groups 6:30 Adult Education Reformation Series 7:15 N.S. Workshop</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; text-align: center;"> <p>First Notes Mailing Team</p> </div>

OCTOBER 2009

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p style="text-align: center;">DEACONS FOR THE MONTH: Paulette Griefen (212) 942-0620 Denise H. Jackson (212) 675-4366</p>	<p>1</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:15 Al-Anon 6:15 Nominating Committee 7:00 60+ Circle Committee 8:00 NA Solutions</p>	<p>2</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open 6:00 First Kids 6:15 NA/DA Groups</p>	<p>3</p> <p>11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Tartan Fair Work Day</p>
<p>7</p> <p>8:00 Capital Campaign 9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Midday Prayers 6:00 Wednesday Worship 6:30 Fellowship Supper Committees Meet</p>	<p>8</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:15 Al-Anon 6:15 Nominating Committee 6:30 N.S. Board Meeting 8:00 NA Solutions</p>	<p>9</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open 12:00 Lunch 'n Learn 6:15 NA/D.A. Groups</p>	<p>10</p> <p>8:30 Inquirers' Class 10 to 3 Mission Service Project: Fence Painting 11 to 2 Tartan Fair Work Day 12:00 Session Lunch with Inquirers</p>
<p>14</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Midday Prayers 6:30 Candidates' Committee 6:30 Tartan Fair Meeting 7:00 New Sanctuary</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">First Notes and Calendar Due</p>	<p>15</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:15 Al-Anon 6:15 Nominating Committee 6:30 Homeless Shelter Orientation Meeting 8:00 NA Solutions</p>	<p>16</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:00 Sanctuary Open 6:15 NA/D.A. Groups</p>	<p>17</p> <p>8 to 5 Mission Svc Project: Habitat for Humanity "Brush with Kindness" 11 to 2 Tartan Fair Work Day</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Holmes Presbyterian Camp All-Day Outing & Retreat with Bible & Bagels Service Event (Grades 5-8)</p>
<p>21</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Midday Prayers 6:30 Deacons/Trustees</p>	<p>22</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:15 Al-Anon 6:00 Marie Sibilla "Aging Well" Lecture Series 6:15 Nominating Committee 8:00 NA Solutions</p>	<p>23</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 9:30 N.S. Workshop 12:00 Sanctuary Open 12:00 Lunch 'n Learn 6:15 NA/DA Groups 6:30 New Member Reception (May and October)</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10 to 3 Mission Service Project: Fence Painting 11 to 2 Tartan Fair Work Day</p> <p style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. SPA FOR THE SOUL at Wave Hill</p>
<p>28 <i>N.S. Bake Sale</i></p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 10:30 Staff Meeting 12:00 Midday Prayers 6:30 Session</p>	<p>29</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 12:15 Al-Anon 6:15 Nominating Committee 7:00 Presentation: 2010 Mission Svc Trip to Peru 8:00 NA Solutions</p>	<p>30</p> <p>9 to 5 Caring Community♥ 9:30 N.S. Workshop 12:00 Sanctuary Open 6:15 NA/DA Groups</p>	<p>31 <i>Halloween</i></p> <p>11 to 2 Tartan Fair Work Day</p>

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 **CHARLOTTE WALLACE** at (973) 692-0541.
- **USHERS FOR WORSHIP SERVICES** – Volunteers are needed to usher for **Sunday morning services and special 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, October 27**. Call **PAULETTE GRIEFEN** at (212) 942-0620 to help.
- **LAY READERS** – 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 contact **MEG HARPER** at (718) 624-1516 or harpermeg@hotmail.com.
- **IN THE KITCHEN** – If you can help with Fellowship Suppers after Wednesday Worship, please call **JAMES HOLLANDER** at (646) 335-2969 or e-mail hollander_james@yahoo.com. For all other events call **JACKIE FIKE** at (914) 793-4017 or e-mail jackiecf@verizon.net.

Wednesday, October 7—Fellowship Supper

Wednesday, Oct. 7—3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Pr, Sr, Clean-up

Saturday, October 10—Session Lunch with Inquirers

Friday, Oct. 9—11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Prep.

Saturday, Oct. 10—9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Prep., Serve, Cleanup



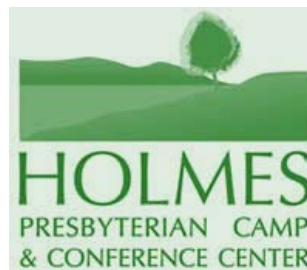
TODDLER GATHERING

Sunday, October 25, 2009

12:30 p.m.

The Toddler Gathering is an opportunity for families with young children, ages 18 months to three years, to mingle, play, and get to know each other. A light meal is served and age-appropriate toys and/or activities are provided. Siblings are always welcome. If you and your family would like to attend, sign up in the Mellin-Macnab lobby or e-mail families@fpcnyc.org.

Harvest Time at



WHO: Members of all ages—from toddlers to seniors

WHEN: Saturday, October 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHAT: Join the Membership/Fellowship and Family Ministries committees for a fun-filled autumn day! “Welcome time” will be followed by pumpkin painting, scarecrow making, hiking, boating, outdoor games, music, meditation, reading, barbecue, napping, an optional visit to a nearby organic farm, and more!

WHERE: Holmes Presbyterian Camp, 55 miles north of NYC

HOW: Bus transportation will be provided, leaving First Presbyterian at 9:30 a.m. and leaving Holmes at 4:30 p.m. Directions will be provided for those who wish to drive or take the nearby train.

COST AND REGISTRATION—RESERVE A SPOT!

\$20 – Adult, (12 and up) includes bus and lunch

\$10 – Adult (12 and up) lunch only

\$5 – Children (3-12) flat rate

Free – Children under 3

Sign up in the Mellin-Macnab lobby.

Payment requested upon registration to secure numbers for lunch and bus rides.



GRAZIA VITA Photographs

Sunday, October 18, 2009
Artist Reception at Coffee Hour

Please join us in the Great Hall for an exhibition of Grazia Vita's photographs of Italian and New York landscapes and architectural details. Grazia Vita, a long time resident of lower Manhattan, studied photography at the International Center of Photography and the School of Visual Art. Her images have been shown in various solo and group exhibitions, selected for numerous private and public collections in the United States and abroad, and published worldwide.

From the artist:

“I'm always looking for natural scenes and objects that reveal the merging of harmony and symmetry. Even the most mundane setting can become interesting if viewed from a particular angle. In my photographs, I seek to capture an anonymous world that exists beyond a first glance, just beneath the surface.”



DECEMBER 4, 5 & 6

large toys or car seats, please! And no computers!) We need your books for the balconies and your personal services, antiques, art and jewelry for our Silent Auction room. Bring them to the church **any weekday from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. or on Sundays.**

Do you know how to bake? We need your baked goods for the Fair!

We also need personnel:

Crafts Coordinator ♦ Graphic Designer

Baked Goods Chair ♦ Set-Up Director

We will be sorting and pricing in the church basement every **Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and every **Monday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.** Join us—there will be pizza at 6:00 p.m. on Mondays!

Questions or offers of help go to Joan Ryan at (212) 765-2141 or joanryan@aol.com.

The Tartan Fair Committee has begun work on this year's extravaganza, and we WANT YOU! We need your gently-used household items for the White Elephants room and children's clothing for the Children's Boutique. (No

**Mission Service Committee
Photo Exhibit and Presentation
Sunday, October 4, during Coffee Hour**

Learn about trips taken this year and those planned for next.
12:15 to 12:45 p.m.—Coffee, socializing, and photo exhibition on mission service trips in 2009
12:45 to 1:15 p.m.—Reports from trip participants and announcement of trips scheduled for 2010 (Ghost Ranch, Haiti, Mexico, and Peru)

**Presentation by the Facilitator of FPC's
Mission Service Trip to Peru in 2010
Thursday, October 29, at 7:00 p.m.
in the Parlor of the Mellin-Macnab building**

The Mission Service Committee is very pleased to announce that there will be an opportunity to meet with The Rev. Jed Koball, the facilitator of FPC's trip to Peru scheduled for February 6 to 14, 2010. Jed is known to many of the alumni of FPC's trips to Nicaragua because he formerly worked with the facilitating agency of those trips. Jed is now a Mission Co-worker for the Presbyterian Church (USA) assigned to Peru. He will explain his current work and how the participants in FPC's trip can be of assistance with those efforts.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet and hear Jed, who is a first-rate speaker!

**Celebrate Auburn Seminary's Third Annual
FACE TO FACE | FAITH TO FAITH BENEFIT: PEACE IS POSSIBLE
Monday, November 9, 2009
6:30 p.m. Reception; 7:30 p.m. Dinner and Program
Guastavino's, 409 East 59th Street, New York, NY 10022**

Honorees:

Harvey M. Krueger, Vice Chairman, Barclays Capital

The Rev. Dr. Jon M. Walton, Senior Pastor, The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York

Featuring:

Participants and alumni of Face to Face/Faith to Faith from the Middle East, Northern Ireland, South Africa, and the United States.

For tables, tickets, or more information, please contact Meredith Sanandres at peaceispossible@dsconsultinggroup.com or (212) 888-7003.

Entering its ninth year, Face to Face/Faith to Faith is an international multifaith youth leadership program developing a new generation of leaders able to negotiate conflict in a global society. The program's approach recognizes the power of the world's religions as a resource for waging peace, not war. Face to Face/Faith to Faith is a program of Auburn Seminary.



MISSION SERVICE COMMITTEE WEEKEND PROJECTS

Saturdays, October 10 and 24: Painting the Church Fence

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. or any part thereof; 6 people needed

Sign up in lobby of Mellin-Macnab Building or call Georgia Pease at (212) 477-1693.

Saturday, October 17: Habitat for Humanity "Brush with Kindness" Project

8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; 6 people needed

painting, gardening, and cleaning public spaces in Brooklyn

Sign up in the lobby of the Mellin-Macnab Building or call Kurt Regush at (646) 428-5180.

A Month of Sundays

October Worship at First Presbyterian

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

World Communion Sunday/Peacemaking Offering

Sermon: The Rev. Rick Ufford-Chase preaching

Sacrament: Communion

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: The Rev. Barbara E. Davis preaching

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching

Reception of New Members

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Reformation Sunday

Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Jon M. Walton preaching

Sacrament: Baptism

**DEADLINE FOR
NOVEMBER FIRST NOTES:
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 14**

THE CHURCH OF GETHSEMANE IS 20!

On Sunday, October 4, at 3:00 p.m., the Church of Gethsemane will celebrate its 20th anniversary. Starting in 1987 as a Fellowship meeting in our Alexander Chapel on Sundays, Gethsemane became incorporated as a congregation of the Presbytery of NYC recognized by the General Assembly in 1989. Organized to join in ministry with incarcerated persons, formerly incarcerated persons, their families and the poor, the Church of Gethsemane continues to be truly welcoming, diverse, and inclusive. Join us as we celebrate with them at 1012 Eighth Avenue in Brooklyn, between 10th & 11th Streets on 8th Avenue. Take the F train to the 7th Avenue stop in Brooklyn.

SAVE THE DATE!!!

FIRST SERVES

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2010

Join the Planning Team

Sunday, October 18, at 12:30 p.m.

Sign up to help plan this year's all-church service day. Coordinate a site, design registration materials, or call volunteers!

For more information, contact Sarah McCaslin, smccaslin@fpcnyc.org or (212) 675-6150.

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Calendar of Events

CHURCH HOUSE

12 WEST 12TH STREET NEW YORK, NY 10011

Return Service Requested

The First Presbyterian Church
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Tel: (212) 675-6150 Fax: (212) 675-8674
<http://www.fpcnyc.org>

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Sarah Segal McCaslin, Associate Pastor
Barbara E. Davis, Minister of Christian Education
Mark D. Hostetter, Associate Pastor
William F. Entriken, Organist and Choirmaster
Mia Alvar, Communications Supervisor

