

Sunday, September 28, 2008

# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## **About This Bulletin**

The format used for today's bulletin represents the style used on Sunday, October 19, 1969.

## **FAPC NEWS**

### **Opportunities Fair 2008**

The Opportunities Fair Committee would like to give its heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped with the Fair – to the large number of volunteers and servant leaders who provided so much of their time and talent; to those who prepared the guide booklet, the maps of the booths and the signs; and also to those who brought delicious cookies, cakes and other goodies. Without each and every one of you, the Opportunities Fair 2008 would not have been such a success. The special service undertaken by the Hospitality Committee and Next Ministries is also greatly appreciated, as is the strong support and guidance provided by the FAPC staff and maintenance team. This was a glorious day for all – the camaraderie and involvement shown by everyone embodied the true family spirit of FAPC.

## **VISITORS AND GUESTS**

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church; we are blessed to have you here. If you would like more information about the church, including how to become a member, please fill out a "Welcome" card located in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate. Please feel free to join us again at any of our Sunday services.

### **Parking for Sunday Services**

The parking arrangement with the garage at 51 West 56th Street (second garage on the left between 5th and 6th Avenues) now includes Saturday and Sunday up to 10 hours and weekday evenings, 5:30-10:30 p.m., for \$9. SUVs and any oversized vehicles are charged \$10 extra, bringing the total to \$19. Parking tickets must be stamped at the church, no exceptions. Please see an usher to get your ticket stamped.

### **Prior to Worship**

Please switch off mobile phones, pagers and other mobile devices upon entering the sanctuary.

**MORNING WORSHIP • 9:30 AND 11:15 A.M.**

**PRELUDE**

Three Preludes

Kenneth Meek

- I. Carol
- II. In Memoriam
- III. Agnus Dei

**CHORAL INTROIT**

“I Will Worship the Lord”

John Rutter

I will worship the Lord all the days of my life;  
I will tell of his glory and will show forth his praise;  
I will sing and rejoice, for the Lord is my stronghold.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**ELDER JAMES COPLAND**

Liturgist: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Ministers:\*\* We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

Liturgist: The Lord is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar

**Ministers: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.**

**All: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.**

**\*HYMN #288: I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

**THE REV. KATHARINE C. DUNN**

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Beautiful and vibrant God, you reveal yourself to us in multifaceted ways. You call us to "taste and see" that you are good and yet we confess that our relationship with you, our experience of you, is often one dimensional. We confess that our minimal comprehension has, in essence, forced the word made flesh, back into word. Dear God, burst upon our limited understanding with textures and flavors and colors of your love and truth that we have not yet tasted. And make the wineskins of our hearts pliant to receive more of you. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

**\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

*\* Please stand.*

*\*\* All Christians are Ministers of the Faith.*

*The community stands to sing the hymns at the sounding of the first notes from the organ.*

**\*SUNG RESPONSE** (Hymn #138, stanza 1)

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and Mighty!  
God in Three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you.  
Ministers:\*\* **And also with you.**

**SCRIPTURE READING** Leviticus 6:8-17

**THE REV. DR. SCOTT BLACK JOHNSTON**

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.  
Ministers: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** (Hymn #579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.

\*\*\* Latecomers' Seating

**ANTHEM**

“Silent Devotion and Response” (from “Sacred Service”)

Ernest Bloch

*Yihyu, lerozon imrei fi,* O Lord, may the words of my mouth  
*Vehegyon libi lefonecho,* And the meditations of my heart be acceptable before Thee,  
*Adonoy tzuri vegoali.* Adonai, my rock and redeemer.  
*Amen, amen.* Amen, amen.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TODAY'S OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE**

**ELDER ALEXIS TOLBERT**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (“...and forgive us our debts...”)

**DR. BLACK JOHNSTON**

**OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

“Opus 25”

Joseph Gentry Stephens

Sing unto God! Lift your voice and rejoice. Sing to him a new song all the earth!

Sing unto God! Give Him praise all your days. Let your voice rise up and praise his name

For God is king of all the earth!

Sing unto God! Sing and shout, cry out. Lift your voice unto the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

Praise his holy name.

Praise him, oh praise him, oh sing with your heart and voice.

Sing and be joyful, let go of your sorrow and open your heart to the hope of tomorrow.

Praise his name ye saints of God. Let your voice resound with praise all the measure of your days.

Glory be to our God. We lift up our voice and sing forevermore.

Glory be to the Son, our Lord and Savior, Friend. His name we adore.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow ... For God so loved the world he gave us his only Son,

Praise him all creatures here below ... that all who believe in him shall have everlasting life.

Praise him above ye heavenly hosts ... For God so loved the world he gave us his only Son,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost ... that all who believe in him shall have everlasting life.

Praise him all ye nations. Oh sing his praises forever more.

Sing and be joyful, oh sing!

### **\*DOXOLOGY (Hymn #592)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host:

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**ELDER COPLAND**

## **CHORAL AMEN (Hymn #584) BICENTENNIAL CHOIR AND CONGREGATION**

**\*HYMN #324:** Open My Eyes That I May See

**SCRIPTURE LESSON:** Mark 14:3-26

**THE REV. PAUL T. ROCK**

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

Ministers:\*\* **Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON: “SENSUAL FAITH”**

**\*HYMN #476:** O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

## **\*BENEDICTION**

## **SUNG RESPONSE**

**BICENTENNIAL CHOIR AND CONGREGATION**

(Hymn #210, stanza 5)

Our God, our help in ages past,

Our hope for years to come,

Be thou our guard while life shall last,

And our eternal home.

## ORGAN POSTLUDE

Allegro con brio (from “Sonatine”)

Eugene Hill

The Musicians for this morning:

Dr. Don McManus, Bicentennial Director of Music Ministries

The Bicentennial Choir of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Mitchell Crawford, Assistant Organist

Flowers are given to The Glory of God and in loving memory of Andy Erish.

In the leadership of public worship, your pastors intentionally use inclusive language as much as possible. On occasion, exceptions occur due to language usage at the time of composition and the historicity of a document.

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### Hearing Enhancement Equipment Available

Hearing enhancement equipment is available to help you hear the service more clearly. An usher will be happy to assist you. At the close of worship, please return the unit at the rear of the sanctuary.

### Large-Print Hymnals Are Available

Large-print hymnals, with text but no music notation, are available. Please ask one of the ushers.

### Photos

As a kindness to fellow worshippers, please do not take flash photos during worship services.

## TODAY AT FAPC

### Hymn Sing

Starting today, a hymn sing will be held in the choir loft from 9:00-9:15 a.m., just prior to the early worship service. You are invited to come to the choir loft using the stairs and doors on the north side of the loft. There are so many great hymns – more than we can sing solely in worship. Please feel free to gather and sing some of your favorites each Sunday morning.

### Today’s Opportunity for Service: Next Ministries (20s/30s)

Next Ministries is FAPC's community of diverse young adults in their 20s and 30s. They come together for fellowship, fun, spiritual growth and enjoy retreats and service opportunities. If you would like to learn more, please stop by the gallery table, opposite the Bicentennial Store and chat with our speaker today, Alexis Tolbert ([alexis@georgeholz.com](mailto:alexis@georgeholz.com)).

### Tickets for Bicentennial Play on Sale at Coffee Hour

Tickets for “A Proud Heritage—FAPC Bicentennial Play” are on sale today and next Sunday at coffee hour. Tickets sell for \$20.08 each. This original staged event is written by three FAPC members and the cast features members of FAPC and professional actors. Buy your ticket today to celebrate 200 years in the life and ministry of FAPC told in words, music and through visuals. The play will be performed Thursday-Saturday, October 9-11 at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, October 12 at 2:00 p.m. Seats will go fast so buy your tickets or make your reservations today.

## **Focus of Next (20s/30s)**

We enjoyed a great kickoff last weekend and are excited to start our weekly meetings with our first topic: "Going it alone in NYC – the underside of individualism and independence in the big city." Join your fellow 20s and 30s for our discussion of how the flash and busyness of this city can thrill, entertain, and distract while heightening our loneliness and feelings of being unmoored from any solid sense of identity. We'll be meeting downstairs in the CEC following the 11:15 service.

## **“What We Believe” New Members Class**

The second part of the “What We Believe” new members class starts at 12:30 p.m. today. A light lunch will be served. The class will be taught by all of our pastors. Those desiring to unite with our congregation will be received on Sunday, October 5. For information, speak to a pastor or call the Rev. Randy Weber at the church office.

## **Fifth Avenue Fellowship Club**

Join us at 1:00 p.m. for our lunch/brunch at Kennedy’s Restaurant, located at 353 West 57th Street (between 7th and 8th Avenues). Come and enjoy a private dining room with a woodburning fireplace. Cost is \$22 per person (full brunch). All are welcome to attend this afternoon of fellowship, fun and great food.

## **Worship Opportunity at Bowery Mission**

“A Mighty God Can Do Mighty Things!” Join us at this mission for homeless men in Lower Manhattan. Preaching this evening will be FAPC Seminarian Ben Lynch with musical offerings by singer Sylla Haskell and pianist Harold Brown. Gathering time is 5:45 p.m. for a service which runs 6:15-7:15 p.m. Volunteers are needed to greet, read a lesson, offer a prayer, or serve dinner afterwards from 7:15-8:00 p.m. Directions are available at the reception desk or online ([www.fapc.org/outreach/bowery.html](http://www.fapc.org/outreach/bowery.html)).

## **SUNDAY AFTERNOONS AT FAPC**

### **Coffee Hour**

Come for coffee hour from 9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on the 2nd floor. Your hosts are members of the Women’s Association. Following the 11:15 service, coffee is now available in the bell tower (south entrance at 55th Street and 5th Avenue) in addition to the second floor. A pastor will be there to greet you.

## **New Books in Library and on Library Cart with Grateful Thanks to the Contributors!**

New and contributed books on theology and Christian life are now available for reading, reflection or research including Paul Tillich’s “A History of a Christian Thought” and Richard K. Fell’s “Liturgies and Trials: The Secularization of Religious Language in the Library”; and Gary W. Charles’ “The Bold Alternative: Staying in Church in the 21st Century,” Dorothy L. Sayers’ “The Mind of the Maker” and Alister E. McGrath’s “In the Beginning: The Story of the King James Version” and Barclay’s “Commentaries” on the library cart. Volunteers staff the library and library cart during coffee hour. Books in the Library without a red dot can be checked out. During the week, books can be borrowed by contacting Mary Bostic ([mbostic@fapc.org](mailto:mbostic@fapc.org) or 212.247.0490). Returned books can be left in the box marked “Return Books” located on the Library shelves or left at the front desk.

## **THIS WEEK AT FAPC**

### **Monday: Women’s Association Crafts Group**

Our Crafts Group invites you to join us each Monday from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. No experience? No problem – we will teach you. Bring a sandwich. For more information, please contact the Women’s Association office (212.247.0490 or [wassoc@fapc.org](mailto:wassoc@fapc.org)).

### **Monday-Friday: Alcoholics Anonymous**

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 12:30-1:30 p.m. All are welcome.

### **Tuesday: Women’s Association Luncheon**

Please join the Women’s Association for its weekly luncheon beginning at noon in Bonnell Hall (\$10/person). Reservations are required by contacting Lorna Lewis (212.247.0490). Following lunch will be guest speaker Brian Johansson, executive director for the Bowery Mission for Men. For more information, please contact the Women’s Association office (212.247.0490, ext. 3041, or [wassoc@fapc.org](mailto:wassoc@fapc.org)).

### **Tuesday: Women’s Association Exercise Class**

The Women’s Association Exercise Class (including Tai Chi) will take place from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the 5th floor.

## **Tuesday: Speaking English Class**

The Women's Association invites all students to its Speaking English class. It will take place from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on the 5th floor.

## **Tuesday: Bridge with the Women's Association**

Please join the Women's Association for a friendly game of bridge from 1:30-4:00 p.m. in Bonnell Hall (2nd floor). We now offer a "whist table" for beginners who want to learn how to play.

## **Wednesday: Up@7**

Up@7 is a small group for young professionals that meets at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays. First time participants welcome! We will kick off the fall series on Wednesday, October 1. Please join us at 7:00 a.m. for a mid-week spiritual boost. Contact [nextministries@fapc.org](mailto:nextministries@fapc.org) for more information.

## **Wednesday: Bicentennial Choir Rehearsals**

The Bicentennial Choir practices each Wednesday in Jones Auditorium on the third floor of the parish house starting at 6:30 p.m. There is no audition to sing with the Bicentennial Choir and all who have a voice to raise are welcomed through regular attendance at the midweek rehearsals. An eclectic selection of exciting and meaningful music for worship is on slate for the new program year and the celebrations around the arrival of the Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston as senior pastor. You are cordially invited to be a part of it; come sing with us! For more information, contact Dr. Don McManus ([dmcmanus@fapc.org](mailto:dmcmanus@fapc.org) or 212.247.0490).

## **Thursday: New2NY Meeting (20s/30s)**

New2NY is a quarterly gathering of folks in their 20's and 30's who are new to the New York area. Test your knowledge with some Manhattan trivia, learn about resources FAPC has to offer, and get to know others who are facing similar challenges in adjusting to the city. Join us to learn how to take the best bites out of the Big Apple! Our first meeting of the year will take place on Thursday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. in the Corning Logan Room (5th floor). RSVP to Amanda DeMeola ([ademeola@hotmail.com](mailto:ademeola@hotmail.com)).

## **Friday: Young Married Couples (20s/30s)**

(See the "Fellowship and Educational Opportunities" section for details.)

## **Friday: Scottish Dance**

The Cameron Scottish Dancers, headed by Jack Cole, have been a part of the FAPC community since October 1992. Classes are taught with live music and are held from mid-September to mid-June, Friday evenings at 7:00-9:00 p.m. Beginners are always welcome, as different levels are taught by several teachers. Just bring comfortable clothes, soft-soled shoes and the \$7 nominal class fee. The 2008 season will begin on September 26. No partner is needed, so come alone or bring a friend. For more information contact Kirsten Kane (212.247.0490 or [CameronSCD@aol.com](mailto:CameronSCD@aol.com)) or visit us online ([www.camerondancers.org](http://www.camerondancers.org)).

## **FOR KIDS (OF MANY AGES)**

### **Kindership Childcare**

Our Kindership program provides safe, secure nurseries for our babies and small children during worship services. Our nurturing staff of experienced caregivers and parent volunteers offers a welcoming environment to all children. Childcare is available on Sundays, during the 9:30 and 11:15 services, for infants and children.

### **Sunday School**

The FAPC Sunday school program offers worship and classes for three-year-olds through 5th grade, who meet today at 9:30 and 11:15 for Bible-based discussions and activities. Information about Sunday school is available through the FAPC Website or by contacting Jacob Bolton ([Jbolton@fapc.org](mailto:Jbolton@fapc.org) or 212.247.0490).

### **Junior High Youth**

Our junior high youth meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Christian Education Center. All youth in grades 6-8 are invited to attend each Sunday for weekly Bible discussions and activities. E-mail [FamilyMinistries@fapc.org](mailto:FamilyMinistries@fapc.org) or see <http://fapc.org/families/youth.html> for more information on how to become involved, and our full calendar of events.

### **Senior High Youth**

All senior high youth (grades 9 through 12) are invited to the Youth Group class on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in the CEC. In addition to our Sunday morning class, our dynamic and active youth program offers many ongoing fellowship and service events. See the "Youth Page" on the <http://fapc.org/families/youth.html> or e-mail [FamilyMinistries@fapc.org](mailto:FamilyMinistries@fapc.org) for more information on how to become involved.

## **Children's Choir**

The Children's Choir meets on Sundays (10:45-11:30 a.m.) in the CEC. New members and all singers in grades 1 through 5 are welcome. For more information, please contact Eugenia Oi Yan Yau at 212.247.0490, ext. 3068.

## **Youth Choir**

The Youth Choir meets on Sundays (12:30-1:15 p.m.) in the CEC. New members and all singers in grades 6 through 12 are welcome. For more information, please contact Eugenia Oi Yan Yau at 212.247.0490, ext. 3068.

## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Lend an Arm to a Fellow Church Member**

The Deacons' Transportation Committee is looking for volunteers to assist members in getting to and from church services on Sunday. You do not need a car to participate in this meaningful service. If you can help or for more information, contact William Wanek (718.458.9345).

### **Bicentennial Volunteers Needed**

For our Bicentennial Dinner on November 15, several descendants of our former senior pastors and charter members will be in attendance. In many instances, these honored guests will be traveling from far away – some as far as England – at considerable expense. If you would be willing to offer lodging to any of these people for one or two nights, these guests would be able to experience the warmth of our church and reduce their costs. If you would like to accommodate an out of town guest, please contact Dale Hansen at [dalewhansen@nyc.rr.com](mailto:dalewhansen@nyc.rr.com) or 212.595.4086.

### **Project Find Needs You**

Can you give two hours a month to help serve lunch to needy senior citizens? The place is Project Find's Coffee House at 41st and Ninth Avenue. The time is the second Sunday of each month after the 9:30 worship service. We supply transportation by cab. No long-term commitment is required and you can serve the months that fit your schedule. If you would like to join us please contact Evelyn DiMaria at [dimariafam@aol.com](mailto:dimariafam@aol.com) or call 718.798.8033.

### **Meals on Heels**

Volunteers are needed each Saturday morning to help prepare and deliver hot meals for some of our city's homebound elderly. Come to Bonnell Hall, 2nd floor, at 9:30 a.m. to help prepare or at 11:00 a.m. to deliver. For information, contact Bob Brennan ([april24bob@aol.com](mailto:april24bob@aol.com)).

## **Volunteer for Homeless Ministries**

We continue our ministry of "befriending" the people who sleep on the church steps. Volunteers are needed for the early morning wake-up and coffee from 5:30-7:00 a.m. and for the evening 7:00-8:30 p.m. Training will be provided for new volunteers. For more information, please contact Joe Vedella ([jvedella@fapc.org](mailto:jvedella@fapc.org) or 917.297.8940).

### **Homeless Shelter**

The shelter provides a safe, comfortable environment for 12 men who are currently awaiting NYC housing. Male and female volunteers are needed to host them in the early evening and especially overnight in our shelter. Training is provided. (Overnight hosts have private sleeping quarters.) Please contact Joe Vedella (917.297.8940 or [jvedella@fapc.org](mailto:jvedella@fapc.org)).

### **Habitat for Humanity**

Help us eliminate substandard housing and support Habitat-NYC, the local branch of Habitat for Humanity International. This nonprofit, ecumenical Christian housing ministry seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world by helping people buy their own safe, decent and affordable shelter. FAPC can help in many ways: building actual homes, through financial contributions and advocacy. For more information please contact Michael McAllister ([mmcallister@fapc.org](mailto:mmcallister@fapc.org)).

### **Bite-Sized Opportunities to Volunteer**

Learn! Grow! Connect! Volunteer for just a few hours and make a difference within and beyond our walls. Visit <http://www.fapc.org> and link to listings of "Bite-Sized Opportunities" for information on where and how to volunteer.

## **PASTORAL AND CAREGIVING SERVICES**

### **A Time of Prayer**

After Sunday morning worship services, deacons and Stephen Ministers wearing white stoles are available in front of the sanctuary to pray with you. Your prayer will be kept confidential unless you request that it be shared with the pastoral staff. You may also get a blue prayer request card at the back of the sanctuary and place it in the offering plate or give it to an usher.

## Caregiving

We want to provide the best possible pastoral care to our faith community. If you or a member you know are going through a difficult time, please call the Rev. Kate Dunn or Emily Dunlap, our church social worker, at 212.247.0490. Every Sunday morning, deacons and Stephen Ministers are also here to extend the caregiving arms of our church. Please feel free to ask them questions or share your joys and concerns. Each deacon wears a white flower and gold name tag, and Stephen Ministers wear a blue name badge.

## Commemoration of Faithful Departed

If you have a loved one who passed away since our last celebration of Communion and would like to list his or her name, please contact Diana Kypar, Secretary for Congregational Life ([dkypar@fapc.org](mailto:dkypar@fapc.org) or 212.247 0490), by Monday, September 29, at 10:00 a.m.

## Sunday Flowers

Would you like to share the good news of a birth, marriage, or graduation with the FAPC church family? Or memorialize a loved one? We invite you to share the events in your life by purchasing and dedicating the weekly floral arrangement in front of the pulpit. Please contact Diana Kypar for information ([dkypar@fapc.org](mailto:dkypar@fapc.org) or 212.247.0490).

## FELLOWSHIP AND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

### October 17: Next Ministries (20s/30s) Fall Retreat

The retreat will be at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center, a beautiful campgrounds and conference center 70 miles north of New York City (<http://www.presbyteriancenter.org/>). This is a fantastic opportunity for you to connect with others in their 20s and 30s and have a fun and memorable weekend outside the city. The cost of the retreat is \$125 per person, scholarships are available. Please RSVP by giving the following 3 items to Kent Collier: (1) A check for \$125, payable to FAPC; (2) A completed registration form; and (3) a completed release form. The registration and release forms can be found online or at Focus of Next each Sunday. The deadline for registration is October 12, and spots are limited, so please confirm your attendance as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please e-mail Kent Collier ([kentcollier@gmail.com](mailto:kentcollier@gmail.com)). The Fall Retreat is one of the highlights of the year, so don't miss out!

## Next (20s/30s) Small Groups

Next Ministries Small Groups for 20s/30s include a wide range of topics for the fall. The Wired Word (a current events study), a women's group, and studies on the book of Galatians and other books, will meet on weeknights. Up@7 for urban professionals will meet on Wednesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. And Finding God in the Sermon will meet on Saturday mornings at 10:00 a.m. If you are interested in joining one of these groups, please e-mail Amelia Grayson or Wendy Eilers ([nextministries@fapc.org](mailto:nextministries@fapc.org)).

## Young Married Couples (20s/30s)

This year, Next Ministries has an exciting program planned for married and engaged couples. Our first event will be Friday, October 3, in Jones Auditorium. The topic, led by Paul Rock and Stacey Perkins-Rock, is "Carving Out Couple Time in NYC." Please join us as "Next Couples" kicks off the program year with wine and snacks from 6:30-7:00 p.m., followed by a dialog led by Paul and Stacey about how to make time for your mate in this busy city. Afterwards, those who wish can split off into smaller groups for dinner around the city. It's a wonderful chance to get to know some of the other young married and engaged couples at FAPC. If you have questions, contact Emily Emmett ([EEEmmett10@gsb.columbia.edu](mailto:EEEmmett10@gsb.columbia.edu)).

## Small Group Ministries

New small groups are forming for the fall. Please consider joining a small group for Bible study and Christian fellowship in homes throughout the metropolitan area and at FAPC. Small Group Ministries offers groups for mixed ages, couples, gays and lesbians, and women. Beginning October 15 for six consecutive Wednesdays at FAPC, we will be offering a book study small group using "The Soul of Money" by Lynne Twist to examine our relationship with money – how we earn it, spend it and give it away. For further information please contact David Liu ([dliu@fapc.org](mailto:dliu@fapc.org) or 917.723.3129).

## CCS CLASSES

Register by contacting Mary Bostic  
([mbostic@fapc.org](mailto:mbostic@fapc.org) or 212.247.0490).

### Term 1, September 14 - October 18, 2008

#### Sundays:

- “What We Believe (Intensive Course)” –  
The Rev. Randolph L.C. Weber  
(9/28, 12:30-3:00 p.m.)  
“Reading Music” – Dr. Don McManus  
(1:15-2:30 p.m.)  
“Jesus 101” – Jacob Bolton  
(9/28 and 10/5, 11:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)  
“Faith in Fiction” – Rev. Kate Dunn  
(10/5, 12:30 p.m.)  
“A Mission Trip to Haiti” – Sally Harwood and  
Naomi Kruger (10/12, 12:30 p.m.)  
“Thomas Jefferson Visits FAPC” –  
The Rev. Jack Van Ens (10/19, 12:30 p.m.)

#### Tuesdays: (7:00-8:30 p.m., unless indicated)

- “Creative Writing” – Emily Dunlap  
(10/14, 4:00-5:15 p.m.)  
“FAPC Yoga for the Mind, Spirit & Body” –  
Serena Soffer

#### Wednesdays: (7:00-8:30 p.m.)

- “FAPC’s History of Servant Leadership” –  
Dale Hansen (9/17 - 10/1)

#### Saturdays:

- “FAPC’s History of Servant Leadership (Walking  
Tour)” – Eric Daniels (10/4, 10:00 a.m.)  
FAPC Men’s Golf Outing – Pastors and Staff  
(10/11, 1:30 p.m.)

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### October 26: Legacy Association Reception

If you are considering making a gift to FAPC through our planned giving program, there are many different options available to you. You can see some of your choices on the church’s Website ([www.fapc.org](http://www.fapc.org)) under “Planned Giving” or you can contact the Rev. Randolph Weber or Brandon Paine (chair of the Planned Giving Committee) at 212.247.0490 to discuss ways you might give. Our Legacy Association reception will be held on Sunday, October 26 and we would like to include you along with the many others who have remembered Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in their planned giving, so be sure to notify either Rev. Weber or Brandon Paine if you have made a gift.

## Pew Dedications – Preserving Our Sanctuary

In this celebration year individual members, families, groups and friends are being given a special opportunity to dedicate a favorite pew or another pew in the sanctuary as a memorial to a loved one, to honor somebody special, or to name the person or persons making the dedication. A simple plaque will be placed on the chosen pew with prescribed wording options. The cost for each plaque will be \$10,000 with the proceeds going into a special fund for the preservation of our sanctuary. If you look at pews #22, #71 and #78, you will see examples from prior dedicated members. Please contact the Rev. Randolph Weber or Brandon Paine, chairman of Planned Giving, at 212.247.0490 to purchase a plaque or for further information.

## Bicentennial Dinner Journal Ads

We are now accepting ads for the Bicentennial Journal which will be distributed to all who attend the Bicentennial Dinner on November 15, 2008. Ads range in price from a \$100 tribute to the \$1500 inside back cover. The journal will be a tribute to FAPC’s 200-year legacy and a collector’s item. We are offering ad building services free of charge and will accept company logos. Ads are due by October 8. Ad forms are available in the narthex, church house lobby and on the Website (<http://fapc.org>). Please consider honoring our 200th anniversary by making your tribute to FAPC permanent in the Bicentennial Journal. Contact Holly if you have any questions ([holly.hendrix@ubs.com](mailto:holly.hendrix@ubs.com)).

## FAPC Gift Shop

Fall is here and the FAPC Gift Shop is open for business! In addition to our Bicentennial assortment of mugs, t-shirts, scarves and Christmas ornaments, we now have postcards and two architectural reproduction prints of FAPC. And, don’t forget to pick up your copy of our newest history book, “A Proud Heritage,” spanning the history of our great church for the last 50 years, complete with a section of color photos. The shop is open every Sunday after the 9:30 and 11:15 services. We are located in the hallway behind the sanctuary. For more information or to volunteer in the Shop, contact Mary Jo Keeble ([mjkeeble@nyc.rr.com](mailto:mjkeeble@nyc.rr.com)).

## **October 31 and November 1: “Joy of Christmas” Bazaar**

The Women’s Association will gladly accept your donations now for our upcoming bazaar taking place on Friday, October 31 (10:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.) and Saturday, November 1 (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Please clean out your closets and bring new clothing, handbags, jewelry, treasures, and linens (no books, toys, pots/pans or electronics) marked “Women’s Association” to the reception desk. If you need a merchandise pick-up, please contact the Women’s Association office (212.247.0490, ext. 3041, or [wassoc@fapc.org](mailto:wassoc@fapc.org)) to schedule an appointment. Thank you in advance for your support.

## **The 200 Club**

Thanks all of you who have joined the “200 Club” by making a donation to support our church’s bicentennial activities. Those who wish to contribute \$20, \$200, \$2000 or any other amount may do so by check made payable to FAPC, earmarked “200 Club” or by calling Jannett Harris (212.247.0490) in the finance office who can help you contribute by credit or debit card.

## **Looking for a Green Hymnal?**

The Worship Group is trying to reunite green hymnal donors with their hymnals. If you or a family member donated a plated green hymnal to FAPC in the past we may have your hymnal in storage. To inquire, please contact Anita Anthony Estling ([DBLA31@yahoo.com](mailto:DBLA31@yahoo.com)). We will be returning hymnals to donors until November 30, 2008. Afterwards the used hymnals will be available for purchase in the gift shop. For more information, please contact Anita Anthony Estling (212.213.8382).

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **October 7: Women’s Association Luncheon**

Please join the Women’s Association for its weekly luncheon beginning at noon in Bonnell Hall (\$10/person). Reservations are required by Friday, October 3, by contacting Lorna Lewis (212.247.0490). Following lunch will be guest speaker Michael Goldstein, and his topic is “Fun with Diamonds and Jewelry”. For more information, please contact the Women’s Association office (212.247.0490, ext. 3041, or [wassoc@fapc.org](mailto:wassoc@fapc.org)).

### **October 7: Employment Advisory**

“Selling Yourself in an Uncertain Economy” is the current Employment Advisory series. Our upcoming program, “Retirement and Other Options for Mid-life Career Professionals,” will be led by Denise Ward. The program begins at 6:30 p.m. in the Corning Logan Room, 5th floor of the church house. These seminars are led by professionals in the field and are free of charge and open to all. Refreshments will be served. Contact Diana Kypar (212.247.0490 or [dkypar@fapc.org](mailto:dkypar@fapc.org)) for more information.

### **October 9 and 23: Ballroom Dance Lessons**

Join in the fun and learn to ballroom dance by coming to lessons this fall. They are held from 6:30-8:00 p.m. and are open to all – whether you are single or coupled, a beginner or more advanced dancer. Each lesson costs \$10 and every penny will go to FAPC to help with operating expenses. Learn the Rhumba. There is no need to sign up in advance. Please check at the front desk at 7 West 55th Street for the floor location. For further information contact Lynn Pitz (212.838.1666 or [rjppitz@bigplanet.com](mailto:rjppitz@bigplanet.com)).

### **October 11-18: Pearlinton Mission Trip**

(See the “FAPC News” section for details.)

### **October 17: Next Ministries Fall Retreat**

(See the “Fellowship and Educational Opportunities” section for details.)

### **October 17: City Club Kick-Off Celebration**

Join the City Club for its Kick-Off Celebration at Maxine Foshay’s (East 60’s) on Friday, October 17, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Bring finger food and your favorite beverage for four to share. Cost \$5, and reservations are necessary. Space is limited so please book early. For more information contact Wendy Schildwachter (914.835.7600, ext. 132, or [wschildwachter@richtravel.com](mailto:wschildwachter@richtravel.com)).

### **October 18: Spooktacular Good Time!**

The Fall Festival, FAPC’s annual party for children and families, will take place on Saturday, October 18, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the CEC. We’ll have fun, games, prizes, costume parade, tricks and treats! Come one, come all, come in costume! Contact Jacob Bolton ([jbolton@fapc.org](mailto:jbolton@fapc.org)) for more information about this and all Kindership activities.

**October 18: Fifth Avenue Fellowship Club**

Please join us for our Annual Fall Foliage Cruise. We will travel north up the Hudson River where the foliage is at its brilliant best and experience the spectacular blend of colors and beautiful sights. The cost is \$50 per person and includes a sumptuous fall lunch buffet, DJ music for dancing, a live cabaret show, awesome scenic views from climate-controlled indoor desks and a huge outdoor patio deck. All are welcome. RSVP by October 15 by contacting Tom Crowfis at 212.879.0569.

**October 19: Fifth Avenue Fellowship Club**

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 19. Enjoy an afternoon of music with guest performer Jun Luke Foster, 16-year-old FAPC member and classical pianist. He will be sharing the music of Bach, Mozart and Rachmaninoff; accompanying him will be soloist Annette Hunt and pianist Harold Brown. The program will begin at 12:45 p.m. in the Kirkland Chapel.

**October 21: Employment Advisory**

Our upcoming program, "From Employment to Entrepreneurship: Steps to Making a Successful Transition," will be led by Beverly Daniel. Contact Diana Kypar (212.247.0490 or [dkypar@fapc.org](mailto:dkypar@fapc.org)) for more information.

**October 26: Legacy Association Reception**

The reception will be held on Sunday, October 26, 1:00-3:00 p.m. in the Corning Logan Room, 5th floor (see the "Stewardship Opportunities" section for details).

**October 26: Fifth Avenue Fellowship Club**

Save the date for our Happy Halloween brunch at Kennedy's Restaurant (327 West 57th Street, between 8th and 9th Avenues). Please bring your favorite mask and win a prize. All are welcome to join this afternoon of great fun and fellowship. Total cost is \$22 (brunch includes a drink, tax and tip). R.S.V.P. by Thursday, October 23, by contacting Tom Crowfis (212.879.0569).

**October 31 and November 1: "Joy of Christmas" Bazaar**

(See the "Stewardship Opportunities" section for details.)

**November 6 and 20: Ballroom Dance Lessons**

Learn the Waltz. The cost of each lesson is \$10. There is no need to sign up, and everyone from beginners to more advanced dancers are welcome. Contact: Lynn Pitz (212.838.1666 or [rjpitz@bigplanet.com](mailto:rjpitz@bigplanet.com)).

**November 15: Bicentennial Dinner**

The year-long Bicentennial festivities culminate with a gala bicentennial dinner to be held at the Roosevelt Hotel on Saturday, November 15, 6:00 p.m. Enjoy an evening of dining, entertainment and fellowship as we honor those who have served before us and look forward to our next century of service. Please respond early as seating is limited. For more information contact Dale Hansen ([dalewhansen@nyc.rr.com](mailto:dalewhansen@nyc.rr.com)).

**December 4: Ballroom Dance Lessons**

Learn to Swing. The cost of each lesson is \$10. There is no need to sign up, and everyone from beginners to more advanced dancers are welcome. Contact: Lynn Pitz (212.838.1666 or [rjpitz@bigplanet.com](mailto:rjpitz@bigplanet.com)).

## **THIS WEEK IN FAPC HISTORY**

As researched by Jacquelyn Sapiie and Dale Hansen)

On October 3, 1844, the Rev. Dr. James Waddel Alexander is installed as pastor for the first time.

On October 1, 1855, William Mason starts as organist.

In October of 1876, the steeple of our current sanctuary is finished. It is the tallest in New York at 286 feet, two feet higher than that of Trinity Church. Some say it was the tallest structure in New York City at the time.

On October 1, 1909, the resignation of the Rev. Dr. J. Ross Stevenson is accepted at a congregational meeting. Henry W. Jesup gives him \$5,000 in gold in a silver casket and offers resolutions of praise for his work as a pastor. Jesup then proposes that the committee to choose a new pastor be comprised of three elders, three deacons, three trustees, and six members of congregation. This is met with immediate opposition. The Rev. Dr. Edwin F. Hallenbeck, presiding, then proposes that the committee should consist of all the officers, about 40 men, and 12 from the congregation. Miss Caroline Emanuel proposed that women be put on the committee, but that motion was defeated.

On October 3, 1926, the quarter is augmented by eight more to become a choral ensemble of 12.

In October of 1942, the Military and Naval Armed Services Committee is formed under the leadership of Mrs. Kate Wolff. Thousands of servicemen take up the Women's Association offer to write letters personally to their wives and families, and many answers come in from all over.

On October 2, 1947, the Rev. Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell declines a \$2,000 increase in his salary. At a previous meeting of Trustees, an increase in salary was voted for Dr. Bonnell and also for a number of other staff members. All but Dr. Bonnell accept. He refuses, hoping that his actions would encourage the church to contribute more generously to the work of missions and wartime restoration and he and his wife also thought that by an adjustment in the family budget they would be able to meet the rising cost of living.

On September 28, 1952, the Rev. Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell says that "we have every right to anticipate certain spiritual gains as a result of the publication of this new revised version" in speaking of the New Revised Standard Version Bible to be published the next day.

**MAKE SURE TO BUY YOUR TICKETS FOR THE  
BICENTENNIAL PLAY (SEE THE "TODAY AT FAPC" SECTION)**

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8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday

The Rev. Scott Black Johnston, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Paul T. Rock, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Randolph L.C. Weber, Associate Pastor

The Rev. Katharine C. Dunn,

Temporary Supply Pastor of Pastoral Care

The Rev. Helen E. Jackson, Parish Visitor

The Rev. Dr. J. Oscar McCloud,

Associate Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Don McManus,

Bicentennial Director of Music Ministries

Dr. Eugenia Oi Yan Yau,

Director of Music for Family Ministries

Mr. Mitchell Crawford, Assistant Assistant Organist

Mr. Jacob Bolton, Director of Family Ministries

Mr. Michael Coniaris,

Interim Director of Communications /

Adult Education Coordinator

Mr. Robert S. DeLuke,

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Mr. David Liu, Coordinator of Small Group Ministries

Mr. Derek Maddalena, Building Superintendent

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## TODAY

- 8:30 Bicentennial Choir:  
Jones Auditorium, 3rd Floor
- 9:00 Child Care (Infants):  
Room 1, Christian Education  
Center (CEC)  
Child Care (Toddlers): Room 2, CEC  
Coffee Hour: Bonnell Hall, 2nd Floor
- 9:30 Worship Service: Sanctuary  
Sunday School (Age 3 to Grade 5):  
Rooms 4, 7, and 10-13, CEC  
Junior High Youth Class  
(Grades 6 to 8): Room 6, CEC  
Senior High Youth Class (Grades 9 to  
12): Room 9, CEC
- 10:00 Young Married Couples:  
Romeyn Room, 5th Floor
- 10:30 "Opportunity for Service" Discussion:  
Gallery
- 10:45 Children's Choir (Grades 1 to 5):  
Rooms 5 and 8, CEC
- 11:15 Worship Service: Sanctuary  
Sunday School (Age 3 to Grade 5):  
Rooms 4, 7 and 10-13, CEC
- 12:15 Coffee Station: 5th Avenue Bell Tower
- 12:30 Youth Choir (Grades 6 to 12):  
Rooms 5 and 8, CEC  
"Opportunity for Service" Discussion:  
Gallery  
"What We Believe" New Members'  
Class: Jones Auditorium, 3rd Floor  
Focus of Next: Gathering Hall, CEC
- 12:45 Center for Christian Studies Classes:  
See posters for locations