

The Congregation of  
Saint Saviour at the  
Cathedral Church  
of Saint John  
the Divine

Sunday, September 9  
is Congregation  
Homecoming

Welcome our new Vicar,  
the Rev. Victoria Sirota.

The program year is about to begin.  
It's time for the Congregation  
Homecoming!

Join the Congregation of St. Saviour after the 11:00 a.m. service for lunch on the bishop's green at the annual Congregation Homecoming. The homecoming celebration on the green has become a lovely tradition. It gives us all a chance to greet old friends, make new friends, welcome new members, and learn about how to become more deeply involved in the life of the Cathedral and of its faith community.

# Crossings

The Cathedral Congregation's Newsletter  
September 2007

## THE CARPENTER'S KIDS PROGRAM

*"The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all."*  
Proverbs 22:2

It was quite an honor to travel to Tanzania with our Sub-dean, Alan Dennis, as a representative of our congregation and it was a delight to meet the children we sponsor as a part of the Carpenter's Kids program at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Dodoma. As Bishop Roskam tells us, The Carpenter's Kids began in the middle of 2005 over a cup of tea. When the Bishop of Central Tanganyika, M d i m i M h o g o l o , came to her to discuss ways in



which the bonds of our Anglican communion could be enriched, one of the issues they discussed was the orphan problem in Tanzania and how it could be helped. When Bishop Roskam heard it would take only a pledge of \$50 a year to allow one orphaned child of AIDS attend school, she signed on immediately.

As Paul writes in Galatians 6:2, "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." What I learned on

the pilgrimage is the burden is indeed great in Central Tanganyika. Today, there are 2.5 million orphans due to AIDS in Tanzania. Nearly 9% of the population is infected with HIV or AIDS. In the villages, malaria is a serious matter. Malaria kills more children than any other disease. In Tanzania, 80,000 children under the age of 5 die from Malaria each year. Hunger is a problem, too. More than 40% of the population lives with chronic

food deficiency. Also, in Tanzania 38% of children under the age of five live with chronic malnutrition.

I got to meet several of the children that the Carpenter's Kids program supports, often times right in their own adopted homes. I will never forget the first girl I met in the village of Mvumi Makulu. Her name was Turquoise and she reminded me so much of one of my nieces. She had the same shy smile, the quiet voice, and the quiet rocking back and forth of her feet when speaking that my niece has when she is nervous too. She also had a magnificently radiant smile, and an inno-

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## Letter from the Vicar

My Dear Friends,

*“Deep silence leads us to realize that prayer is, above all, acceptance. When we pray we are standing with our hands open to the world. We know that God will become known to us in nature around us, in the people we meet, in situations we run into . . . prayer creates that openness in which God is given to us. Indeed God wants us to be admitted into the human heart, received with open hands, and loved with the same love with which we have been created.”*

With Open hands,  
Henni J.M. Nouwen

I write this letter having recently returned from a journey to Tanzania, experiencing the Carpenters Kids, Program in action. Read more about this as seen through Matthew Pritchard’s spirit on page 1.

Two summers ago, (about the same time as my recent visit to Tanzania) I spent ten days in Rome, studying early Christianity. While these were two very different experiences, I feel grateful to have the opportunity to “experience” the spaces and places, the pathways and journeys of the early Christians. I feel thankful, having been touched so deeply by the people of Tanzania, especially the children.

Two marks of the early Christians and the people of the Diocese of Central Tanganyika, continue to leave an indelible impression upon my soul. The two marks are: Enthusiasm and Prayer.

Enthusiasm:

The Latin *enthusiasmus* derives from the Greek *Enthousiasmas*, which ultimately comes from the adjective *Entheos*, “having the God within.”

As with the early Christians the people of Central Tanganyika teach us so much about abundance, enthusiasm, joy and grace amidst their poverty and scarcity.

I believe that our Cathedral faith community is entering an exciting time of great opportunity to embrace and express such enthusiasm. The ‘God,’ within each of us will be given the grace in our forthcoming program year, and the years ahead, to enter more deeply into a fruit-bearing relationship.

An upbeat, attractive, positive and creative program year is planned. Opportunities for worship, study, outreach, formation and social interaction will abound.

I feel enthusiastic as we prepare to reclaim the renewed Cathedral Nave and look forward to those first notes on the Great Organ.

Prayer:

“My soul is restless until it finds rest in thee, O Lord.” Saint Augustine of Hippo puts his finger on it! I don’t know about you, but I am not able to function optimally when I do not take enough time to pray.

Words are necessary, but not important. “God is the friend of Silence,” encourages Mother Theresa of Calcutta. She goes on to say, “Silence gives us a new look on everything. We need silence to be able to touch

souls. The essential thing is not what we say, rather what God says to us and through us. Jesus is always waiting for us in silence. In that silence he will listen to us then he will speak to our souls, and there we will hear his voice.”

~ Meditation by Mother Theresa of Calcutta.

It is my very sincere prayer that as we enter a new program year, God will touch your heart mightily, empowering you to offer prayerful enthusiasm as your primary gift to the Cathedral. I have no doubt that all else will flow from this. As we honor God in worship, with prayerful enthusiasm, God will honor us, as God always does. As we do this, I am convinced that our participation, our programs, our giving and our attendance will increase.

In conclusion, I am grateful for the grace to have served as your vicar for the past year. Thank you for your support and willingness to engage in the ministry and mission of our Congregation. While change is challenging at times, I sincerely believe as your new vicar, The Reverend Victoria Sirota will grow the mission and ministry of the Congregation with prayerful enthusiasm.

On your behalf, I welcome Victoria and her husband Robert into our midst and assure them of our care and support.’

In their enthusiasm for God, the early Christians and the people of Central Tanganyika teach us that God’s grace is always sufficient for us. May it be so!

Every Blessing, with much thanksgiving and God’s reconciling Peace.

The Rev. Canon Alan G. Dennis  
Sub-Dean  
adennis@stjohndivine.org



## Letter from the Wardens

By Bob Carey  
& Chris Johnson



### Has a Year Really Gone By? An Appreciation

Is it true that Alan Dennis has been here for only a year? Somehow it feels longer, like we have known him and worked with him for a long time. But, yes, it has only been a year. And though he is no longer going to serve as the Congregation's vicar, he is not, thank goodness, going anywhere. We are welcoming a new vicar and Alan will continue to be with and for us, a source of leadership, ideas, helping to shape the community that we want to become.

Alan brought a great deal of relevant experience to his work with us, and maintained a very steady hand at the wheel. As a result, some real progress has been made in the last year in securing a strong relationship with the Cathedral and building a foundation for growth both in spirituality and numbers.

Both your Warden's have been grateful for his wise counsel and open leadership style, although his tenure as our Vicar was short, his impact on our Congregation will be lasting.

Bob Carey & Chris Johnson,  
Wardens  
[wardens@saintsaviour.org](mailto:wardens@saintsaviour.org)

### Hello to our new Vicar, the Rev. Victoria Sirota.

We also have the pleasure of welcoming our new Vicar, Rev. Vicki Sirota, who began her formal duties on August 20.

We hope all of you will join us at the Homecoming on September 9th to welcome Vicki into our faith community and to say "hello" if you have not had the chance to do so.

Rev. Sirota has been on staff around the close for a year as one of the Assisting Ministers and many of you who attend the 9 o'clock service or one of the weekday services will have met her there. On August 26, Vicki preached her first sermon at the 11 o'clock service as our new Vicar and Cathedral Pastor.

Vicki brings relevant experience in urban ministry and parish leadership, and a deep and abiding faith. With God's help, together we will continue to grow this Cathedral Congregation.

### EfM at the Congregation of St. Saviour

EfM (Education for Ministry), our Congregation's theological study program, will convene in September to begin its first full year in session.

During our initial meetings last spring, we read and discussed the first section of the Old Testament, the Genesis myths. We focused, as well, on becoming closer as a prayer community by sharing our life stories in our spiritual autobiographies. Each of us, coming from some very different places, explored our present needs and what we hoped for ourselves during the time spent in this program. Reading and analyzing scripture and shaping our own actions as we see them through the lens of our tradition, modern culture, and the complex and confusing world in which we are active participants, is our focus and our goal.

We also hope to discern our own particular ministries in the Church and how we might fulfill that calling. Fortunate for us we have the support of our surroundings giving us every consideration to make our way as smooth as possible. We look forward to being present among you as members of the Congregation, praying, sharing, laughing together as any close family will do.

As the emphasis on lay ministry has grown, EfM plays an important role in developing an informed and knowledgeable laity.

Camille Ryan

# Sub-Dean Alan Dennis to Lead Fall Retreat at Holy Cross, November 16-18

The Reverend Canon Alan G. Dennis, Sub-Dean of the Cathedral will lead this year's pre-Advent retreat at Holy Cross Monastery. The retreat will begin Friday evening, November 16 and run through Sunday afternoon, November 18. Alan will be basing his reflections on Henri' Nouwen's book, *With Burning Hearts: A Meditation on the Eucharistic Life*. The book begins with the Emmaus road experience, when the disciples realized that their hearts were burning as Jesus walked and talked with them. We will look at our own journeys as we discern, recognize, reflect and ponder on times when our hearts were burning...and could burn with hope and passion. It is Alan's hope that people will read the book before they come on the retreat. It is readily available through Amazon, Borders and Barnes and Noble.

The retreat fee of \$155 (payable to the Congregation of St. Saviour) includes two nights and all meals at Holy Cross.

## About Holy Cross

Holy Cross is a quiet and beautiful monastery on the banks of the Hudson easily reached by train (Metro North) or car. It is a place to enjoy real Christian hospitality allowing you a safe space to just be yourself. The guesthouse was built in 1905 and was the original monastery. It has been undergoing substantial renovations to make it more accessible with wheelchair accessible bathrooms on all floors. At Holy Cross you enter into the rhythm of the Benedictine life. You are free to participate in any or all meditations and the daily monastic offices, take walks along the river or just sleep!

Visit the Holy Cross website for more information, maps and directions: <http://www.holycrossmonastery.com/> If you've never been on a congregation retreat, why not give it a try?

## Transportation

Holy Cross is reached by taking the METRO North train to Poughkeepsie, the last station on the Hudson (Green) line. Trains leave once an hour during off-peak and about twice an hour during peak (rush) hour. The ride is 2 hours long. Train schedules should be checked with Metro-North since small changes are made every fall and spring. On the web check <http://www.mta.info> We will publicize actual train schedule about two weeks before the retreat. 2007 fares are: round trip peak \$34; off-peak \$25.50; senior \$17.00 A cab ride from the Poughkeepsie station to the monastery is \$12.00.

**Schedule** Guests may check in anytime after 3:00 p.m. on Friday. Dinner is at 6:00 and the first retreat session will start at approximately 8:00 p.m. The retreat ends after lunch on Sunday at approximately 1:00 p.m. A detailed schedule including all monastic offices will be distributed to all who register.

## Registration

We have reserved 22 spaces. Please sign up as soon as possible and no later than October 17. To reserve your space, fill out the form attached and send to Congregation Office with your check.

**Cancellation fees:** If you must cancel, the monastery charges us a cancellation fee. For cancellations before November 9 the fee is \$70 unless another member of the congregation fills your space. After November 9 the fee is \$150 unless another member fills the space.

For more info, please call 212-316-7483 or email [office@saintsaviour.org](mailto:office@saintsaviour.org)

Retreat at Holy Cross, November 16-18, 2007

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone numbers:  
day \_\_\_\_\_ Evening \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ I require vegetarian food

\_\_\_\_\_ I require a room accessible by elevator

I expect to arrive at approximately: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please note, dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. and there is no food available after dinner except fruit and drinks).

Please send retreat fee of \$155 (payable to the Congregation of St. Saviour) to Congregation of St. Saviour, 1047 Amsterdam Ave, NY, NY 10025.

## The Green Retreats: A Quest for a Sustainable Spirit, Community, and World

As people of faith, how are we called to respond to care for Creation? This fall we invite you to join us in a series of discussions focusing on this question. In each session, we will explore the Biblical basis for environmental stewardship as well as responses by theologians and faith-based communities to the needs of the natural world. Each week, individuals who work at the crossroads of faith and environmental concerns will lead the discussion.

Discussions will be held after the 11am service on four consecutive Sundays beginning on October 21st. Additionally, an all-day retreat on Saturday, November 3 will center on our responses as individuals and communities to issues such as climate change and environment sustainability, and will include participants from around the diocese. Please mark your calendars now for these exciting events! For more information, please e-mail [education@saintsaviour.org](mailto:education@saintsaviour.org) or [20s30s@saintsaviour.org](mailto:20s30s@saintsaviour.org).

### About Us

*The Congregation of Saint Saviour at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine offers events, classes and programs that benefit the spiritual growth and formation of the community at the Cathedral and neighborhood.*

*We are a family of Christians, drawn together by a common mission: "To build and nurture an active Christian community; to support the mission of the Cathedral; to offer opportunities for exploring and expressing spirituality, affirming the diversities that exist among us; above all, through worship, service, and example, to bear witness to Christ's healing and reconciling love to neighbors, pilgrims, and visitors.*

*Please visit our website for updated information and schedule of events [www.saintsaviour.org](http://www.saintsaviour.org) or email: [information@saintsaviour.org](mailto:information@saintsaviour.org)*

## Carpenter's Kids continued . . .

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cence just like my niece had. I guess that's why I choose the scripture passage above.

The Carpenter's Kids program assists orphans of AIDS and vulnerable children in the parishes of the Dodoma region by helping pay for their schooling. For \$50 a year, a child receives their school uniforms, books, school supplies, and a cooked meal each day they attend school. This does not solve the problems in Tanzania but it goes a long way in helping. It also provides these children with hope. By the year of 2010, Bishop Roskam and Bishop Mhogolo hope the program will have linked the 200 parishes in the Diocese of New York with 200 parishes in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika; thus giving 10,000 orphaned and vulnerable children access to primary education. Already, the Diocese of New York has linked 36 of its parishes to 36 parishes in the Diocese of Central Tanganyika. By the way, our congregation was one of the first linked to a parish in Dodoma. Our sister church is the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit in Dodoma. We support 50 children over five years, promising \$12,500.00.

The task is daunting. At times, I truly felt overwhelmed by the scope and depth of need in Tanzania. There are so many children living in chronic poverty. In most villages, water was miles away. Adequate healthcare was virtually non-existent. The children had little, if anything. I remember seeing one soccer ball that was made from paper scraps and fixed with string. However, I realized that the children, even though they needed so

much, had given me much more. Their smiles kept me full of hope. Their gratefulness reminded me of what was truly important: that I was there to share in the love of Christ. I remembered reading in Matthew, Chapter 18: "And whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives me." Indeed, the people of Tanzania displayed to us a grace so profound and a joyfulness so deep that I now understand how profoundly God's love conquers all.

It struck me as odd, too, that although I came from a land of plenty on a mission of giving that I had, in fact, received so much in return. I guess that's what they mean when they say; "It is more blessed to give than to receive." It is with a newfound joy in my heart, that as a Christian, I humbly urge you to consider helping us out in our mission to carry God's love in Tanzania. If you'd like to pledge to support our effort with the Carpenter's Kids program please email Diane Reiners at [missionandoutreach@saintsaviour.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@saintsaviour.org)

Note:

On September 30, 2007, after the 11 a.m. service in the Cathedral House our Sub-dean, Alan Dennis, and our own vestry member, Matthew Pritchard, will give a presentation on their pilgrimage to Tanzania.

Also, if you would like to see photos or read Matthew Pritchard's blog, please visit <http://web.mac.com/matthewpritchard1/iWeb/Site/Blog/Blog.html>

Matthew Pritchard  
[missionandoutreach@saintsaviour.org](mailto:missionandoutreach@saintsaviour.org)

## The Wild Angels Poets and Writers Group

begin Thursday, October 4, 2007 at 6:45 PM. We will meet in room 118 in Cathedral House. The theme for this season is **Rebuilding Through Structure, Foundation and Form**. The instructor for the series is Rosie Schaap. She is an editor and writer at *Guidedposts*, an inspirational magazine with more than two million subscribers.

Contact:

[wildangelsgroup@saintsaviour.org](mailto:wildangelsgroup@saintsaviour.org)

## Come Work At Our Major Fundraiser! Crafts Fair 2007

We had tremendous success at last year's Crafts At The Cathedral - garnering a 20% increase in attendance, through an effective marketing campaign, and compliments all round from Crafts people and attendees alike. If you didn't know it, the Crafts Fair's proceeds go to our Congregation - a significant portion of our annual budget. This year the Vestry and Crafts Fair Committee are asking you and your friends to help us build this spectacular event even further. The show is scheduled for Nov 30-Dec 2, and we need:

- Committee Members to help buoy the publicity
- Foot Soldiers to distribute advertising postcards and posters
- Gate Keepers to sell tickets, keep attendance and promote the show
- Café Chefs and Café Servers to feed the hungry masses.
- And, of course, Attendees who also bring friends, family, and friends of friends and family!!

So don't wait to be asked, grab the job of your choice early and help our Congregation by contacting Brian Nelson at [brian@banelson.net](mailto:brian@banelson.net) (718) 852-1881 for publicity, or Rich Whaley at [richswahley@aol.com](mailto:richswahley@aol.com) (212) 740-2983 for Gate Keeping and Café.

Thanks and hope to see you soon.

Blessings and peace  
Brian Nelson, Crafts Fair Co-Chair

## The Rev. Mark Hummell Accepts A Call to Church of the Ascension



It is with mixed emotions that I write to tell you that as of September 1st I am leaving the Cathedral as an Assistant Minister in order to accept the call as an Associate Rector at The Church of the Ascension on 5th Ave. at 10th Street in Manhattan. I've ministered on the Cathedral close for over five years at Cathedral Community Cares and Episcopal Charities. At the Cathedral I served as a transitional Deacon and Priest by invitation of Dean Kowalski, and participated in liturgical services on Sundays and throughout the week, revived the 20/30's into the vital community it is today, assisted the Cathedral Canons with various forums, adult education opportunities, The Spirit of Pride, and even learned some Spanish to cover the services for Canon Luce.

The Cathedral was my first placement as a newly ordained person, and I must say that this community has helped me to grow. As some of you know, I had protestors at my diaconal ordination in Connecticut due to the fact that I am in a committed monogamous relationship with my partner of 14 years, Peter Christensen. Peter and I felt so supported when Dean Kowalski personally drove staff from CCC from the Cathedral to that ordination in Hart-

ford Connecticut one Saturday morning four years ago. And, it was the Dean and the Cathedral clergy and staff, and the Congregation who welcomed Bishop Smith of Connecticut to St. John the Divine one year later for my ordination to the priesthood. Peter and I have never felt so welcomed and affirmed as we did that night.

About a year ago, I covered the sabbatical for The Rev. Deborah Tammearu, Rector of St. Thomas Mamaroneck. I felt more of a calling to minister in a parish since that time. So, on September 1st Peter and I will make our way to our new parish home at Ascension. If you are in the Village, feel free to stop by for a visit, our website is: [www.ascensionnyc.org](http://www.ascensionnyc.org) and contains directions and my new contact information.

Peter and I thank you for the support and genuine love that we have been given by virtually everyone at the Cathedral, we have been truly blessed here, and may God continue to bless you.

The Rev. Mark Hummell  
[fatherhummell@gmail.com](mailto:fatherhummell@gmail.com)

# Stewardship Report

## a change in the pattern of giving

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Welcome back! We missed you! The season of Pentecost continues with expanded clergy support, opportunities for spiritual growth, Bible study, wonderful liturgy, opportunities to volunteer, challenges to the mind and to the spirit of generosity. And as wonderful as this all sounds, it takes money!

As 2007 has rolled on we have noticed a change in the pattern of giving which is puzzling. While the pledges made in the 2007 campaign were the highest in our history, actual giving has dropped significantly. This has left the stewardship committee puzzled, and

the vestry struggling to meet our commitment to the Cathedral.

If you have not been able to meet your pledge, please let us know so that we can adjust our expectations. If you haven't pledged or given, we urge you to make a contribution as soon as possible using the congregation contribution envelopes or sending a check to the Congregation office. Let us not make 2007 the year of the deficit!

Thank you all.

Marsha Ra, Stewardship Chair  
[Marsha.Ra@rcn.com](mailto:Marsha.Ra@rcn.com)

### Congregation of St. Saviour Financial results through the first 7 months January 1—July 31, 2007

EXPENSES	<u>YTD2006</u>	<u>YTD2007</u>
Cathedral & Diocesan Payments	\$ 90,224	\$ 97,417
Congregation Programs	\$ 21,832	\$ 34,405
Administration	\$ 5,138	\$ 8,254
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$ 117,194	\$ 140,076
INCOME (less deposits for Crafts Fair)		
Pledge & Plate	\$ 119,498	\$ 100,000
Other Program	\$ 6,868	\$ 6,938
INCOME TOTAL	\$ 126,366	\$ 106,938
Surplus / deficit	\$ 9,172	(\$ 33,138)

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Marsha Ra will be exhibiting two paintings in "The Art of Nature," A Guild of Natural Science Illustrators group exhibit at the Audubon Center of Greenwich, Conn., September 1-October 30. She will also be participating in "Butterflies, Moths and Pollinating Insects of the East Coast", a traveling exhibit of giclee prints which will be at the Frelinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown, NJ, October 1-31. (Opening reception October 2 from 7-9 p.m.) (The original watercolor painting appearing in the latter exhibit will be on display in her booth at Crafts at the Cathedral, Nov. 30-December 2.)

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Brother Anthony-Francis writes,  
"My Portrait of the George Washington Bridge-"Morning Sun" When Night Rolls Over to a New Day - will be on exhibition in the show, "Around the Town" arranged by West Side Arts Coalition. Location: The Office of Manhattan Borough President, Scott M. Stringer. Reception: Friday, September 7, 2007 from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. I do hope you can make it, I look forward to seeing you there. If not, you may view the finished piece on my gallery at:  
<http://www.yessy.com/brantstudios/LimitedEdi.html?i=9475>

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*Send us your announcements -birthdays, wedding announcements, births, new member announcements - something you want to see in Crossings.*

*Send to Chris Johnson at  
[cjohnson@linley.com](mailto:cjohnson@linley.com)*

Salaam on Islam: ~ Waging Peace on Muslims in the Spirit of Christ  
-A Fresh Approach to Looking at Islam for Christians

Tuesday, September 11

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Cathedral House Conference Room

Light refreshments will be served

Today's tensions between the "Islamic" East and the "Christian" West run high. In this evening's presentation, the Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler will offer fresh thinking in the area of Christian-Muslim relations, showing how Christ ~ whom Islam reveres as a prophet and Christianity serves as Lord ~ can close the gap between the two religions. Historically, Christians have taken a confrontational or missionary approach toward Islam, leading many Muslims to identify Christianity with the cultural prejudices and hegemonic ambitions of Westerners. On the individual level, Christ-followers within Islam have traditionally been encouraged by Christians to break away from their Muslim communities. Chandler will look at how Christ can be "naturalized" on the Muslim Road-at how "Christ walks the Muslim Road"-addressing how a Muslim may follow Christ and remain an active participant, albeit an insider, in his/her Islamic culture as opposed to be ostracized from it. In this regard, Chandler will explore how these two major religions ~ which share much common heritage ~ can not only co-exist, but also enrich each other.



Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler is an author, a U.S. Episcopal priest and interfaith activist living and working in the Middle East. He grew up in Muslim West Africa (Senegal), and has lived and worked extensively throughout the Islamic world with churches, religious publishing and Christian relief and development agencies. He is currently the Rector of the Episcopal Church of St. John the Baptist/Maadi in Cairo, Egypt, within the Episcopal Diocese of Egypt & North Africa.

Following the presentation, the Very Rev. Dr. James A. Kowalski, Dean of the Cathedral, will join Rev. Chandler for further questions and discussion.

Rev. Paul-Gordon Chandler's latest book, *Pilgrims of Christ on the Muslim Road: Exploring a New Path Between Two Faiths*, will be available for purchase and book signing.

The Rev. Canon Patti Welch, Canon for Education  
pwelch@cathedralnyc.org

**Changes in Services**

**Labor Day**—The only Eucharist to be celebrated on Labor Day, Monday, September 3, will be at 10:30am in St. Martin's Chapel.

**The Thursday Liturgy** at 7:15am in St. Saviour Chapel resumes on September 6th and every Thursday thereafter. The sung service in the style of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom is followed by a nice pot-luck communal breakfast and discussion in Cathedral House, and will conclude by 9am. Everyone is invited.

**SAINT FRANCIS DAY 2007**

Volunteers are needed for the St. Francis Day service and fair on October 7th. If you would like to help during the blessings of the animals please contact Kia Grant at 212-316-7441. Space is extremely limited for this event due to the restoration work in the Cathedral. For passes please contact Adriana Sween in the Congregation Office at 212-316-7483 or email her at office@saintsaviour.org

# Workshops and Tours

## by the Cathedral's Public Education Department

### Highlight Tours

The Public Education and Visitor Services Department offers Cathedral Highlight tours for the public. For more information please call (212) 932-7347. All tours meet for registration at the Visitor Center inside the Cathedral entrance, at 112<sup>th</sup> Street & Amsterdam Avenue. \$5 per person, \$4 per student/senior.

**Tues. – Sat. 11 am – 12 Noon & 1pm – 2pm\*\*; Sun. 1 pm– 2 pm**

Explore the Cathedral's newly cleaned and magnificently restored East End, Crossing, Great Choir, and seven Chapels of Tongues. Learn about the art, architecture and history of this great sacred space from 1892 to the present. No prior reservation necessary.

### Vertical Tours

The Public Education and Visitor Services Department offers Vertical tours of the Cathedral for people 12 years of age and older. For more information and reservations please call (212) 932-7347. All tours meet for registration at the Visitor Center inside the Cathedral entrance, at 112<sup>th</sup> Street & Amsterdam Avenue. \$15 per person; \$10 per student/senior.

**Saturdays, 12 Noon – 1 pm & 2 pm – 3 pm**

Climb 124 feet through spiral stone staircases to the top of the Cathedral. Get a look at the huge scale of the nave restoration and study the grand architecture while standing on a buttress. The tour culminates on the roof with a wonderful view of the Morningside Heights area of Manhattan. Space is limited to 10 people, and reservations are recommended. Bring a flashlight.

### Spotlight Tours

The Public Education and Visitor Services Department offers the following Spotlight tours for the public. For more information and reservations please call (212) 932-7347. All tours meet for registration at the Visitor Center inside the Cathedral entrance. Spotlight Tours are \$10 per person, \$8 for students and seniors.

**Mind, Body, Spirit: The Rise of Morningside Heights**

**Sunday, September 2, 2:00 pm**

This special tour focuses on the Cathedral's role as a major institution that helped define Morningside Heights. Learn about the development of the neighborhood and the Cathedral's connection to its institutional neighbors, Columbia University and St. Luke's Hospital. Then step outside for a walk through the Cathedral Close featuring the earliest extant building on Morningside Heights. Led by Senior Cathedral Guide John Simko.

**Urban Oasis: Spotlight on the Gardens and Grounds**

**Sunday, September 9, 2:00 pm**

Gardens and cloisters offer an enclosed place of protection from the life outside. Explore the beauty and symbolism found in the Cathedral and its gardens while contemplating the unique ecology of urban environments. Learn about the use, history, and architecture of the buildings on the Close. Rain or shine. Led by Cathedral Guide Lee Caron.

**With Angels and Archangels: Spotlight on Celestial Beings**

**Sunday, September 30, 2:00 pm**

Celebrate the Feast of St Michael & All Angels by discovering images of angels in the Cathedral's stained glass and statuary and learning the names and field marks of the seven archangels. Led by Senior Cathedral Guide Thomas Fedorek. Bring Binoculars.

### Family Programs

The Public Education and Visitor Services Department offers the following programs for families. For more information and reservations please call (212) 932-7347. All programs meet for registration at the Visitor Center inside the Cathedral entrance, at 112 Street & Amsterdam Avenue.

### Medieval Birthday Parties

**Saturdays & Sundays, by availability**

Celebrate your child's birthday with a two-hour party in the Medieval Arts Workshop, where children sculpt gargoyles, weave, make brass rubbings, carve a block of limestone and much more! For children ages 5 & up. Call the Public Education & Visitor Services Department at (212) 932-7347 for more information and reservations.

### Family Workshop Open House

**Saturday, Sept. 22, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**

FREE! The Medieval Arts Workshop re-opens with an all-day Open House. Drop in to experience the Medieval Arts Workshop. Carve a block of limestone, create medieval illuminated letters, sculpt clay gargoyles, weave on a loom, make stained glass collages, talk about architecture and build models of the Cathedral and more! Short tours of the Cathedral and storytelling offered on the hour to participants. FREE!

**The Public Education Department is currently seeking volunteers. For more information on volunteer opportunities please contact Christina Ferwerda at 212-932-7347.**

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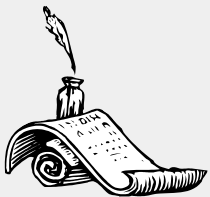
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## A bittersweet time of expectation.

It's time, it's time. It's time to close out the summer activities and crank up the fall projects. A bittersweet time of expectation.



Children's Abbey Fall Program by Donna Devlin the Director of Christian Education.

Recently I was talking with a friend about some of my summer activities — a one week session of music camp with 20 inner city kids where we interpreted Van Gogh's Sunflowers in Papier-mâché and produced a fun little drama about the Garden of Eden. Everyone wanted to be The Snake. Another week of music camp in a more affluent area where we created things using mosaic art and produced the same drama about the Garden of Eden. Everyone wanted to be The Snake. I took part in a choir festival of 1400 voices and on the other hand was part of a small chamber choir. Then I got to sing in a performance of Dvořák's masterpiece Stabat Mater. I took a seminar course in Biblical Storytelling and did some summer fun stuff at my home church as well as storytelling once a month at Children's Abbey. I also got in some weeks of Bible study and refreshed my spirit in various ways with old and dear friends. It's been a busy, full couple of months.

I've loved every minute of all these activities but it's now time to shift gears and do another program that I dearly love — the weekly program of Children's Abbey at the Cathedral.

I'm so looking forward to the months to come.

Here are some of the things that are planned — Construction is going on all around us at the Cathedral, so just to keep in step, Children's Abbey participants will be doing some constructing of their own. This year we're going to be building Noah's Ark! We'll forego the rain.

Animals of the stuffed variety will be appearing in the Abbey — not just in honor of Noah but because sometimes little people need a cuddly friend to help them through new experiences.

We are finishing the work on a confirmation program beginning in the fall for 7th and 8th graders to help prepare them for the big step into a more mature practice of their faith.

I'm very excited about what's to come at the Children's Abbey .

*Join us on September 9th at either 9:00 or 11:00 for Children's Abbey registration and our first class session.*

We're going to have a GREAT year!

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