

All this to say, this church is deeply significant and clearly not just to its members.

As we begin this fall, let us celebrate the Spirit that has led us to our church and pray that God will continue to lead us -- that we might continue to grow in faith and in service to the community.

You know well where our church is located, as do many of our grateful neighbors. And though professional drivers of all flavors might not always know where we are, God knows where Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church is.

Come join us this fall.

Peace,
Rev. David Aja-Sigmon

Upcoming Events

*September 19th—The Children's Community Chorus of Brooklyn, a free chorus sponsored by us and Councilman Gentile, will begin its 15th year. Once again we will be blessed to have within our walls the voices of 60 to 70 children from all backgrounds and ages singing together. The Winter Holiday Concert dates are: December 6 and 7. For more info, contact the church office.

*September 28th—Sunday School begins. The church has been far too quiet before worship this summer. We have been missing the bubbly energy and insight our young people offer each week. Come on back!

*October 5th—Youth Group begins. We will continue meeting after coffee hour on scheduled Sundays, trying to mix fun, devotion, and service.

*November 2—Marathon Sunday is always fun for us. Our rowdy crew finds its way to the sidewalk and supports the runners, then we move inside for worship.

*November 9 & 16—Stewardship Sundays will be celebrated. The 16th will be our Commitment Sunday during which we will worshipfully submit our pledges to God for the coming year, whether they be time, money, and/or talents.

*November 23rd—The Annual Christmas and Cake Sale is always the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Additional sale dates t.b.a.

*Fall/Winter '08—The full restoration project of our windows will likely be completed after nearly a year and a half of hard work. Notification of a big and worshipful celebration t.b.a.

Around the church

The Bay Ridge Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) group will be completing its season on Saturday October 25th. They have not only enjoyed the vegetables but have also been grateful for the use of our garden as the pickup location. As a result, we have received a financial gift that should allow us to purchase a needed storage shed.

A Special Thanks

Blanca Melendez has been helping us out with childcare during the worship service all summer. She was at times aided by friends and family, but she was our rock.

Prayer: (from the Irish Celtic tradition)
May the blessing of light be on us, light without and light within. May the blessed sun shine on us and warm each heart till it glows like a great fire, so that strangers and friends may come in and warm themselves. And may the light shine out from our eyes like a candle set in the windows of a house. And may the Lord bless us, and bless us kindly. Amen.

Next time

If you are interested in contributing to our church's upcoming newsletter, please contact Mona Johnson or David Aja-Sigmon by November 1, 2008.

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