

asking, 'Was there anything besides the windows that was damaged by the storm?' These two questions demonstrate the quality of work already done by the Brooklyn Stained Glass Conservation Center and the many other contractors working on the restoration of our church. We are truly grateful to them and to George Banat for his steadfast and tireless supervision. The only work remaining for the restoration is the large ascension window, which is targeted for completion this fall.

*In the midst of it all, my family has added to its number Jesse Miguel. Vanessa, Lucas and I are humbled by and grateful to the congregation for its countless gestures of love and support during this exciting time.

For all these things and more, I am thankful to God for this congregation and pray that The Holy Spirit continues to guide this vibrant church family so we may continue to live out our mission of loving God and loving our neighbors.

Peace,
Rev. David Aja-Sigmon

Upcoming Events

*May 17-18th—We are honored to host the Children's Community Chorus of Brooklyn for yet another spring concert series. See Lisa Johnson if you are interested in purchasing concert tickets.

*May 27th—Our next book club meeting will be at 7:30pm at the church. We will be reading 'To Kill a Mockingbird'.

*June 1st—Join us for a busy and important day, as it is not only Confirmation Sunday, but also our New Members' Class will take place at 12:45 p.m.

*June 15th—Come to our special service welcoming new members to the church.

*June 21st—Sunday School Picnic—Speak with Lisa if you plan to attend. You will love this day in the park with us.

*June 22nd—Children's Sunday and Sunday School Graduation is late this year, but as is the case every year, I am positive it will be

one of the most memorable.

*August 17th—Our annual trip to the Brooklyn Cyclones is at 5pm (\$12 tickets). Thanks to Bill Costello for getting us 50 tickets. The ballpark promotion is a Carl Erskine bobblehead doll! See Bill Costello for tickets.

Around the church

The Bay Ridge Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) group will begin receiving fresh organic vegetables in the church garden on Saturday mornings in June. Some of our own church family and many in the neighborhood will be enjoying the vegetables from Hearty Roots Farm in Tivoli, NY until the end of October.

In memoriam

A funeral service was held for member and friend J. Donald Kjersen on February 6th at Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Don will always be remembered by our church as a gentle and generous man of God, and who I believe would also love to be remembered riding off alone into the sunset on his motorcycle.

Quoteworthy:

"The longer I live, the more I read, the more patiently I think, and the more anxiously I inquire, the less I seem to know. . . . Do justly. Love mercy. Walk humbly (Micah 6:8). This is enough."

--John Adams, the 2nd US President

Prayer:

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; crown thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower, grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour, for the facing of this hour.

--Rev. Fosdick, former pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Manhattan

Next time

If you are interested in contributing to our church's upcoming newsletter, please contact Mona Johnson or David Aja-Sigmon by August 15, 2008.