From the Interim Pastor
The Reverend David D. Prince

As we move into August, I think about the rhythm of life prescribed in the Hebrew Scriptures. The first of the two creation stories specifies one full day of rest out of seven, and the later laws of Leviticus recommend a balance between productivity and renewal. Those of us who trace our theological heritage to John Calvin have been influenced by his “Protestant Work Ethic,” something he wrote about even though he didn’t use those exact words. In American culture it’s easy to think that our personal worth depends on what we accomplish rather than on our being human beings made in God’s image.

I find it helpful to maintain a balance between conscientious work (and I’m fortunate to have work that I enjoy) and time away from work. For that reason I make it a high priority to “get out of town” from time to time, enjoying the wonders of nature, renewing ties with family members and friends, and reading books not directly related to my ministry. During most of the summers of my life I have spent time on the New Jersey shore. Nancy and I just returned from two rejuvenating weeks at the shore. I count it a blessing to be able to have that kind of vacation. I also count it a blessing to be able to return, however briefly, to a congregation I have grown to love.

I hope you have a restful and renewing summer.

Dave Prince

Celebrating 10 Years as the Upper West Side’s Best Value!!
By Diane Nicole, Director of the Body & Spirit program

As I sit behind my desk preparing programs for fall 2009, it is almost impossible to think that we are going into our 10th year of service! When I first arrived at Rutgers in June 2000, the idea of starting up classes by September of that same year was overwhelming to say the least, but we did it...small, but we did it. Today we offer over 100 classes each week! 25 toddler classes, 50 Pre-K and Afterschool classes, 25 adult classes, and 20 computer classes per week...and who says the church isn’t busy??

Factors I see everyday are:

1. The latest diet craze: exercise, drink plenty of water AND STOP EATING SO MUCH!!
2. Is it better to pay more now for financial advice in order to see a brighter day in the future?
3. Accepting death is harder if you don’t have a distraction.
4. Downsize while you’re still in control.
5. How good is your spam blocker on Internet email?
6. Have you ordered food with fantastic ingredients but it taste awful?
7.  Is it better to pay more now for financial advice in order to see a brighter day in the future?
8. Do you have friends or acquaintances that never ask you how you’re doing or what’s new in your life but you always ask them those questions?
9. How many secrets do you have?
10. The latest diet craze: exercise, drink plenty of water AND STOP EATING SO MUCH!!

“T’ll next time,
Jacquelyn M. Carpenter

Free Services: We continue to work with Roswell Hospitals battered and abused service helping those who need to hone their computer skills in order to get jobs. We have worked with Room to Grow for a number of years helping homeless families get back into the swing of things and giving them an opportunity to attend classes. We are now work with Children of New York... an organization of mentors for children who need activities and we provide them.

The MOST important factor I see everyday? We provide an excellent program for all ages, we have teachers who are the best, our programming we speak of. But the most important thing we do is provide all these services to people, whatever their need, in a manner that they continue to have their dignity. Everything we do we do privately and everyone is treated with respect.

Thank you for one of the best jobs ever!
## Vacation Bible School
### Civil Union, Same-Gender Marriage and the Christian Community

**Sunday, August 16**

Are you in a Civil Union or Same-Gender Marriage?

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### OUR BENEVOLENCE GIFTS

**By Elder Charles Platt**

One of the groups you have been helping is BAILEY HOUSE. For over 25 years, Bailey House has been providing housing and support services to homeless men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS in the City of New York. They address the fundamental human needs – housing, food and safety. They also deliver comprehensive and compassionate support services, including access to healthcare, counseling, support groups and substance abuse treatment. Free from the pressure of basic survival, Bailey House clients can begin to develop a sense of trust, community, and stability. Empowered by resources including education, job training and employment assistance, they can craft a future of their own making.

In 1983, a group of visionary and compassionate men and women organized the nation’s first response to homeless-ness among people with AIDS. The founders believe that “The future begins with a place to live. Time and again we are witness to profound transformation, as dignity is restored and clients move beyond the crisis of diagnosis to lead productive and independent lives.”

In 1997 a second headquarters was opened, East Harlem Service Center, to address the underserved needs of Harlem and the South Bronx. They added job training, a food pantry, housing placement and substance abuse services.

A few years later Project First was created, one of the first housing programs for HIV-infected men and women leaving prison.

In 2007 they launched a community follow-up program (COBRA) to provide intensive case management for Medicaid-eligible people living with HIV/AIDS.

If you watched the Gay Pride parade this year, you may have seen the Bailey House float and the accompanying march-ers.

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### An Amazing Year for Scouting

**by Louise A. Berry**

Pack and Troop 644 have been at Rutgers for a number of years now, and we have seen a small but steady increase in numbers over time. This year broke the mold. We had a tremendous influx of new Scouts. When I counted up the number of families who were to receive a 1 year membership pin, I was amazed to find out that there were 32. All of this whilst still maintaining our original roster. Anyone who has been in the building on Tuesday nights will tell you that Scouts are all over the place and doing amazing things.

The first, second, and third graders, under the guidance of Leslie Timony Gunton, have completed all of their badge work, earned belt loops for extra activities, visited a fire house, a police station, and a communications center. They have gone on several hikes – one across the George Washington Bridge, and have camped at Alpine Scout Camp, and in Inwood Hill Park.

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### Preaching Schedule

**Sundays**

- **10:45 a.m.** Infant & Child Care
- **11:00** Worship Service
- **12:15 p.m.** Coffee Hour

**August 2**

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time; David D. Prince preaching

**August 9**

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time; David D. Prince preaching

**August 16**

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Jacques Van Vliet preaching

**August 23**

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time; David D. Prince preaching

**August 30**

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Charles A. Amstein preaching

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### July Birthdays!

- **1** James Patrick
- **4** Ian Gale
- **9** Dave Taylor
- **10** David Prince
- **12** Robert Doyle
- **14** Marianne Minois
- **16** Philip Yu
- **17** Allison & Gillian Kegg
- **19** Emilio Padilla
- **23** Erik Ridings
- **27** John Lambo
- **28** Maureen Knapp & W. Scott Morton
- **28** Nathaniel Matthews & Lloyd Spencer
- **19** Natalie Wyatt
- **28** Nancy Mulhead
- **23** William Dowell & William Folk
- **19** Kristin Collins & Kate Dunn
- **27** Richard Reece
- **28** John Williamson

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### August Birthdays!

- **14** Marianne Minois
- **16** Philip Yu
- **17** Allison & Gillian Kegg
- **22** Isabelle Gale