



## SEPTEMBER 2011

### SUNDAY WORSHIP 11AM

DR. MICHAEL BROWN  
SENIOR MINISTER  
PREACHING\*

### SEPTEMBER 4

**Don't Hold Your Breath**  
John 20:19-23  
Sister Carol Perry preaching

### SEPTEMBER 11\*

Tri-Faith/Trialogue Service  
**Memories and Lessons**  
Dr. Brown, Imam Shamsi Ali,  
Rabbi Michael Friedman

### SEPTEMBER 18\*

Back-to-School Sunday  
**Keeping It Simple**  
Micah 6:7-9; Mark 12:28-31

### SEPTEMBER 25\*

**Managing the Minnows**  
Matthew 32:24-28

### WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 6:15PM

## Coping with the Memories

The Tenth Anniversary of 9/11 may resuscitate memories for you in ways that have not happened previously. Those memories must be dealt with, but how? Although there is no "quick fix" for an event so deep and horrendous, here are things we can do to move forward.

**Embrace the memories, even painful ones.** Allow them to well up and be fully felt. Repression only makes wounds harder to heal.

**As you embrace the memories, take hold of the positive ones, as well.** Even before the ash had ceased falling, there were signs of the compassion and indomitable spirit of New Yorkers. Remember those who risked their own lives at the scene. Remember the counselors, the food-servers, the fire and police personnel, the strangers who became momentary friends to those who were frightened, injured, or grieving. The worst of times always seems to call forth the best in people.

**Hang onto the lasting legacies of lost loved ones.** Death, even prematurely, does not eradicate the worth, the virtue, or the joy of a life. Think of the person not simply as a victim of terrorism, but also

as the one you knew and loved. Memorialize them internally by recalling the kindness, the humor, the love, the faith that defined them throughout life.

**Adopt a historical perspective.** Tragedy is a sad reality of our world. But when you look at history with a broad view, you realize villains do not have lasting power, and the pain they inflict is always "for a season."

**Affirm hope.** Beyond the dark skies of tragedy, the sun of hope still shines. We are occasionally knocked down, but somehow there abides within humanity the strength not to stay down. We can affirm hope, especially as people of Faith, because we know that God is bigger and better than anything or anyone who threatens us.

In the end, the enduring legacy of 9/11 should not be grief and despondency but, rather, healing and hope.



*Michael Brown*

## Where Were You When the World Stopped Turning?

### MARBLE MEMORIES OF 9/11

Alan Jackson's song asks, "Where were you when the world stopped turning on that September day?" Most of us remember exactly where we were as if it was yesterday, not ten years ago. Marble Collegiate Church was truly a sanctuary on September 11, 2001 and the days after – for members, staff and strangers, a comforting place to be when the world we knew was literally crashing down.

As we mark this milestone anniversary, here are some reflections from Marble members and staff.

#### Stuart Cole

On the morning of 9/11, Dr. Arthur Caliandro and I ran into each other on the corner of 5th and 29th. As we were walking, we heard and saw a plane heading South. Dr. Caliandro commented that the plane seemed way too low for its location in the city.

Gary Thompson was on the switchboard and said he heard that a "small" plane had hit one of the World Trade towers. I went to the MarbleVision studio, turned on the TV and watched as a fire ball appeared on one of the buildings. I went back to the street and gathered with other on-lookers on the corner of 5th and 29th to look South to the visible towers. At that point we saw the other tower struck.

I set up a TV in Bay Hall because many in the building were asking to see what was going on. At one point there were about 60 of us glued to the TV. When the first building went down a mass scream happened. I still get shivers remembering that moment.

Within a matter of minutes, we started seeing people walk up Fifth Ave. covered in ash. Dr. Caliandro asked that I open the Fifth Ave. church doors. Rob Williams, Florence Pert, Kim Jordan and



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## LIVE WEBCAST SCHEDULE

If you can't be here in person, visit [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org) for Live Webcast

### SUNDAYS

**10am** – Bible Study with Sr. Carol Perry

**11am** – Worship Service

**12:15pm** – Talkback with Dr. Brown

**12:45pm** – Replay of Bible Study

**1:30pm** – Adult Education

### WEDNESDAYS

**6:15pm** – Wednesday Worship

**TV** – Fridays @ 4:30pm, MNN Time Warner Ch. 67 and RCN Ch. 85

**Radio** – Sundays @ 7pm, WOR Radio/710-AM

Arthur all robed and stood on the street inviting people to come in and pray or just stood hugging them.

For the next few days, our doors were open with one of the ministers on the steps talking to those who needed comfort. Even Jerry Everley, a former Marble associate minister, came from Tennessee to help.

Marble was in the center of trying to meet people's needs during those dark days. I was, and still am, very proud of the work that was done.

#### Dr. Arthur Caliandro

Soon after the building collapsed all the ministers gathered in Peale Parlor and we began to discuss Marble's response to this horrendous event. I was impressed with the associate ministers and their immediate thought to put their robes on to stand in front of the building to be available to talk to anybody who would be passing by.

Still struggling with what else to do, I asked that the Sunday worship promotion be removed from the big Fifth Avenue sign and replaced with one simple word – PRAY.

#### Stephanie Bailey

I was in my office at American Express in the World Financial Center when a loud "pop" echoed around the buildings. When I looked out of the window and across the street I saw a spray of shining color bursting out of the southwest side of the North Tower of the World Trade Center. I now know that I saw glass reflecting like a prism that morning. I walked to the other side of my building and saw a tremendous hole in the North side of the North Tower and falling debris. There were no sirens, no panic, it was strangely quiet.

Later there was a loud rumble and explosive sound. My building shook. Someone yelled, "It was another plane, it was a big plane, and it hit the South Tower!" I saw the exit sign and didn't wait for further instructions. After walking down the stairs it all seemed surreal. The day was awesome, perfect temperature, clear skies other than the smoke that was beginning to create clouds. My building stood between the smoking Towers and me. The beauty of the day actually stifled my fear and confusion. I had left my purse, computer, telephone in my office so I was waiting for the "all clear" to go back. A security guard told me that it was unlikely I would be going back upstairs that day. I came around the corner of my building and for the first time saw the true devastation. It was no longer a beautiful September morning.

I started walking up the Westside Highway, after walking about a block, the most thunderous noise began. Smoke and dust poured from underneath the overpass that connected the North WTC Tower to my building, the one that I had used not more than an hour earlier. I went a few more blocks and the noise began again. My eyes were fixed on the

North Tower antenna as it was coming down. I said to a man near me, "I don't know what to do." He said, "Just keep walking; don't look back."

I decided to go to Marble. I couldn't be alone any longer. I could call my husband and have him meet me there, but I couldn't go home. Marble was familiar. Nothing right now was normal, but if Marble was still standing, then maybe there was hope. I asked myself where was God in all of this? I was a deacon of this great church, up in front of the sanctuary almost every Sunday, a leader. I had no idea what to say to God. My spirit was numb; I needed to be with these gentle people of strong spirit.

#### Jennifer Ian

I worked on the 44th floor of the North Tower of the World Trade Center for five years – until 9/11. On that day my coworker/friend and I were vacationing in Eastern Europe where we heard something vague about "a plane crash at JFK" but no details. An hour later, the proprietors of a store recognized us as Americans and turned their TV to an English-speaking channel for us. It was then that we saw the entire 9/11 disaster unfold in an inconceivable 60-second recap—from crashing planes to falling towers and clouds of smoke. We stumbled back to our hotel where I called home, asking family members to reach out to a handful of contacts and tell them I was okay. One of those calls was to Rev. Kim Jordan at Marble. She kept the post-it advising her of my safety stuck to her computer for over a year.

#### Marian Patterson

Following the first news of the planes hitting the WTC, many of us on staff, including our associate minister, Wayne Antworth, gathered in the media room to watch the events as they were happening and to pray, in particular for Wayne's son Todd who worked in the WTC. I'll always remember the sighs and expressions of profound relief and gratitude when Wayne's secretary came to the door and said, "Wayne, Todd is on the phone." He was safe.

#### Rev. Jerry Everley

On Sunday morning, in my minister's robe, I moved down the line of so many waiting to enter the church for the second service—all shaken and grateful to be alive—each with their own story. One young woman, I'll never forget. As I visited with her, she said, "I'm just going to be a brazen New Yorker and ask for a hug." As I hugged her, I was amazed that her body was trembling. After a longer than usual hug, I felt her slowly stop trembling. After the hug, she looked at me through teary eyes and said, "I couldn't even get in an elevator all week, I was so fearful." There was lots of fear, lots of pain, lots of uncertainty, all gathering for worship that morning.

#### Dr. Ed Mulder

Luella and I were in Vermont the morning of 9/11 and drove back to New York in time to attend the silent candle vigil at the Lexington Armory. There

was deep silence on the street. People huddled together. They wept. Everywhere there were pictures of missing persons. Have you seen my brother, my mother? Never had we felt the city so unified. In our moment of weakness and loss, we gained strength from each other. 9/11 will not only be a day that we'll remember, it will be a memory that has marked our souls.

#### Janet Smith

The events of 9/11 shocked NY to its core, rattled our sense of personal safety and left us feeling vulnerable in every sense. My place of refuge and solace during that time was Marble Church. The church opened its doors for all who needed a space to experience God's peace and grace in the midst of our trials through prayer, music and inspiring messages. Marble provided spiritual counseling that nourished our battered souls and reminded me that indeed God is as close as a whispered prayer. Marble reminded us that "nothing can separate us from God's love."

#### Sister Carol Perry

September 11, 2001, remains a kaleidoscope of images...coming down the ramp on my bus into the Lincoln Tunnel early that morning and looking over to see the twin towers outlined against the

blue September sky...standing at the window of my new office on the 7th floor an hour later and watching those black plumes of smoke spiral upwards...listening to a hastily improvised TV with other staff members and trying to digest what the destruction at the Pentagon and that other plane crash in Pennsylvania might mean...going to the lobby to greet the stunned and dust-covered survivors who came in because they had found a church with an open door...leaving Marble that night and stepping into a deserted city...a Fifth Avenue with not a car nor a pedestrian nor an open business...walking across Madison, Park, Lexington with the same eerie emptiness, like a movie that had become unreel...the thick air that hung over everything... Nothing would ever again be the same.

"But I know Jesus and I talk to God and I remember this from when I was young: faith, hope and love are some good things He gave us, and the greatest is love" is the chorus of Alan Jackson's song and on 9/11 and in the years since, Marble continues to be a place where we can come together and grow those gifts. May we always be able to wrap our arms around each other in support and honor the sacrifice of all we lost on 9/11 by growing love everywhere we go.

## Hope and Healing on the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11

### Sunday, September 11

*I lift up my eyes to the hills— from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. — Psalm 121:1-2*

Reach out to your neighbors and friends and invite them to join our Marble family as we commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11 with a special day of events to remember, find hope amidst the tragedy and help each other on the ongoing journey of healing.

The day begins with the tolling of our church bells at the times the planes hit and Poling Chapel will open as a meditative space with a memory book to write in and candles to light.

Sister Carol Perry returns for her first Bible Study of the church year and our annual Tri-Faith Worship takes on even more meaning this year.

Our Sanctuary will be open in the afternoon for the neighborhood, much as it was on 9/11 and the days after, and there will be multiple opportunities to view the brief but powerful video *Voices of Hope & Healing* that shares some stories of members from all the Collegiate Churches.

Also, all are invited to help create a meaningful Wall of Remembrance in Bay Hall that will mirror those set up throughout the city right after 9/11. Bring small tokens of remembrance, poems or photos to hang like ornaments. (Please note, items will not be returned.) We'll also have craft tables set

up after worship so you may create something in the moment.

#### Before Worship | 10:00-10:45am

Bible Study on Remembrance with Sister Carol Perry

Prayer Circle with Holy Communion

#### Worship | 11:00am-12:15pm

Dr. Brown welcomes Imam Shamsi Ali and Rabbi Michael Friedman for our Interfaith Dialogue.

#### After Worship

Sanctuary | 12:15-1:15pm & 2:45-3:30pm

Quiet time interspersed with live Musical Offerings and Voices Video

Poling Chapel | 12:15-3:30pm – Meditative Space, Candle Lighting, Memory Book

Peale Parlor | 12:15-3:30pm – Pray one-on-one with a Stephen Minister or Prayer Team member.

#### Fellowship and Coffee Hour | 12:15-3:30pm

Wall of Remembrance, Crafting area for the wall tributes, Voices Video, Informal space to share a memory and leave some hope.

#### Chef Ron's Brunch | 12:15pm

Good food and fellowship.

#### Spiritual Growth Hour | 1:30-2:30pm

"Redefining Hope and Healing for a New Generation" with Dr. Brown, Rabbi Michael Friedman and Ms. Laila Al-Askari.

## AN EVENING WITH BRIAN D. MCLAREN

Monday, September 26 | 7:00pm

An author, speaker, activist, and public theologian, Dr. Brian D. McLaren is one of the foremost thinkers today on who the church is called to be in the 21st century.

A former college English teacher and pastor, McLaren is a powerful voice in the global network of progressive Christian leaders. He is a popular speaker and has appeared all over the world - across the US and Canada, and in many countries in Latin America, Europe, Africa and Asia. His dozen-plus books include *A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions that are Transforming the Faith*; *Everything Must Change: Jesus, Global Crises, and a Revolution of Hope*, and most recently, *Naked Spirituality*.

McLaren's public speaking covers a broad range of topics including the gospel and global crises, theology and postmodernity, evangelism and inter-religious dialogue, leadership, global mission, spiritual formation, ecology, and social justice.

An avid wildlife and outdoors enthusiast, McLaren believes God's first language is this amazing universe. You will not want to miss this inspiring lecture by this prolific theologian.

This is part of our lecture series in partnership with Park Avenue Christian Church. Hospitality provided by Marble Connection.

*A New Kind of Christianity: Ten Questions that are Transforming the Faith*, is available for purchase on the Portico after Sunday worship.

This event is free and open to all. No reservation necessary.

## BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY HONORING OUR EDUCATORS

Sunday, September 18

Join us for this special service and bring a friend who has taught you something in your life. During worship Dr. Brown will bless all the teachers and educators in the congregation. It will be the first day of Sunday School and this year's teachers will be commissioned. You will also be able to register for our newly launched Small Groups.

After the service, join us for a festive coffee hour with light refreshments and gift bags for all visitors and guests. Then stay for the 1:30 Hour kicking off its year of adult education with an introduction to the spiritual gifts curriculum which will support our theme this year: **One Spirit. Many Gifts.**

Be sure to drop off any school supplies for our annual Back to School Drive at the Action Table anytime during Sunday's activities.

## JOIN THE MARBLE FAMILY! FALL NEW MEMBER CLASS

Sunday, October 2 | 10:00am – 3:00pm

Sunday, October 9 | 9:30am – 12:30pm

This class will be received into membership on Sunday, October 9. **Deadline for registration is Sunday, September 25.** If you've been thinking about membership - take that step today.

We'd love to have you join us! Please stop by the Welcome Center in Peale Parlor after Sunday worship, or contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan for more details, 212-686-2770, ext. 475, or [KRyan@marblechurch.org](mailto:KRyan@marblechurch.org). (The next class will be in December).

*At Marble You Are Wanted, Welcomed, Loved*

## THE FABRIC OF A CHOIR – ARE YOU THE MISSING THREAD?

by *Kenneth Dake, Director of Music*

The Festival of Voices is gearing up for another season of exhilarating music-making, and we are actively seeking talented volunteers to join us. If you have a musical gift to share, if you are longing to grow musically and spiritually, if you want deeper connections with great people – then FOV may be the place for you.

In a fine choir, individual voices become blended together much in the same way beautiful threads are woven into a magnificent tapestry. Each singer contributes a unique color and texture to the choral cloth and the fabric of community that only they can provide. Once united, each voice becomes part of something much bigger, grander in scope, transcendent – a Festival of Voices.

That's why Festival of Voices needs your voice and your spirit to be bound together with ours in a tapestry of praise. Here are some testimonials from current members:

*Participating in FOV means experiencing the presence of God when our unified spirits and voices create something sacred and profound.*

– Clair Zak, alto

*FOV is a community of prayer and support. A place to keep my love of music alive and use my gifts. A chance to work with talented and loving people. A group I truly miss when I'm away.*

– Daphne Kim, alto

*Great fun to sing in a group where everyone is working together to raise the bar, musically and spiritually. It's my weekly refuge.*

– Brian Farrell, bass

*FOV is a place to lift my voice to God among faithful friends, amazing theological perspectives, and amazing music from a variety of traditions. Honestly, how can it get any better than that?*

– Carol Frierson-Campbell, soprano



Brian D. McLaren

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Choosing to participate in FOV was by far one of the best choices I made last year. It fulfilled me musically and spiritually far more than I ever expected.  
– Ellen Wert, soprano

FOV is like an extended family, they've always been there with help, support and prayers... FOV is like a free music lesson every week...

– Dale Kent, tenor

I never imagined that FOV would wind up being such an amazing learning experience, both musically and spiritually. I'm proud to be a member of this group; it's become an important part of my life.  
– Teri Wade, alto

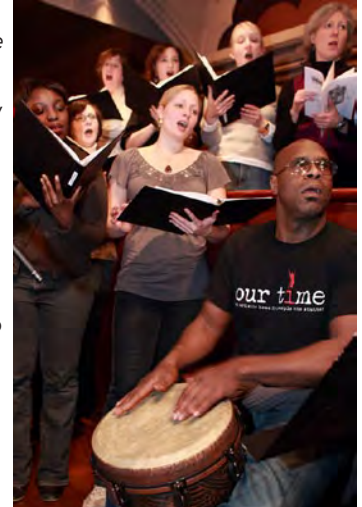
FOV is like no other choir. We are not only making music - we are an integral part of the spiritual experience which Marble is working to impart.  
– Alicia Upchurch, alto

To me FOV is a haven, a master course in music, a family, an opportunity to blend my wee voice with others to create something wholly beautiful. When I am singing in FOV I am home, I am loved, I am blessed, I am hearing, and I know I am heard.

– Catherine Egan, soprano

Join Festival of Voices and before long you'll be adding your testimony to theirs!

**Weekly Monday evening rehearsals begin September 12.** In addition to singing in worship once a month, the Festival of Voices will present their popular Advent Concert on Sunday, December 4, a Requiem mass with chamber orchestra on Good Friday, April 6, and a Spring Choral Festival on Sunday, May 6. Prospective volunteers should have some prior choral experience and be able to read music; an informal audition is required. For more information please contact Miriam Chaudoir at [mchaudoir@marblechurch.org](mailto:mchaudoir@marblechurch.org).



Festival of Voices

## Spiritual Growth and Education

### Bible Study with Sister Carol Perry

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

#### REMEMBRANCE

September 11

On this momentous day, explore the important Biblical theme of remembrance.

#### GOD NEEDS A PEOPLE – THE BEGINNING

September 18 & 25

God calls a people into being by asking them to respond to His call. They are to be formed into something the world has never before seen, a group bonded together on a journey with the living Word of their God. Why not join the adventure and see what comes next?

TUESDAYS AT 6:30PM

#### ON THESE WE STAND

September 13, 20 & 27

The early chapters of Genesis are our foundation stories, essential to an introduction to the God of the Bible. Studying them can lead to new life in God's Word.

WEEKDAYS, NOON-1PM

#### SPIRITUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE BOOST YOUR SPIRIT OVER LUNCH

Bring your lunch and join interactive Bible study in two Manhattan locations with Sr. Carol Perry. Return to work with a new attitude.

TUESDAYS

September 13 & 27: Marble Collegiate Church, 3 West 29th St. (check lobby schedule for room).

THURSDAYS

September 15 & 22: St. Bartholomew's Church, 325 Park Avenue (at 51st Street). Enter through Park Avenue doors and proceed to the Vestry Room, directly behind the chancel to the right.

### Marble Spiritual Growth Hour

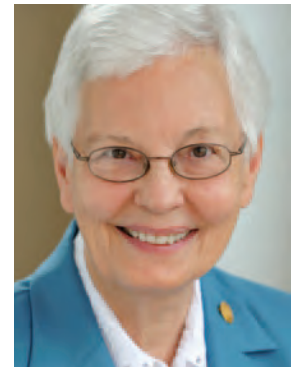
SUNDAYS AT 1:30PM

#### REDEFINING HOPE AND HEALING FOR A NEW GENERATION

September 11

#### The Trialogue Continues

Join us for this continuation of the Trialogue from the morning worship service, offered in the context of our church-wide commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11. Religious leaders from three of the world's great faiths - Dr. Michael Brown, Ms. Laila Al-Askari and Rabbi Michael Friedman will seek to redefine hope and healing for a new generation on this significant day for New York City and the world. Ms. Al-Askari is the first Muslim woman to participate in our Tri-faith panel and is part of the Women's Islamic Initiative in Spirituality and Equality (WISE) and Rabbi Friedman is an Associate Rabbi at Central Synagogue. Following their conversation, there will be an opportunity for audience members to ask questions.



Sr. Carol Perry

**WELCOME TO "ONE SPIRIT. MANY GIFTS"***September 18*Dr. Michael Brown,  
Paulette Thompson-Clinton, Nina Frost

Everyone goes back to school in this lively introduction to the church-wide theme of the year, **One Spirit. Many Gifts**. Spiritual Gifts are vital for spiritual formation and discipleship, and Marble will be offering many ways to engage yours both theologically and practically. Led by our Senior Pastor, Dr. Michael Brown, the session will address some of the many ways Marble will provide opportunities for people to educate themselves about their own Spiritual Gifts—current, emerging, familiar and sur-

prising. Come learn how spiritual gifts education is key to the spiritual formation for the whole church as we rev up the church year together!

**THE GIFT OF SERVICE:  
COMPASSION IN ACTION***September 25*

Immediately following the **Mission and Outreach Fair**, where you will have the opportunity to share your gifts with communities in need, there will be a panel discussion with Marble members and selected community organizations, focusing on the priceless gift of service. Moderated by Elise Hanley, Director of Mission and Outreach.

**Program Ministries****Children, Youth & Families Ministry (CYF)****PRAYER AND PARENTING  
CYF SMALL GROUP***Sunday, September 18 & 25 | 10:00-10:45am*

Parents and Guardians come together Sundays to pray and to discuss the book *Grace-Based Parenting* by Tim Kimmel. Books are available during the group time for \$8 each. Led by Pat Ohikuare.

**BACK TO SCHOOL SUNDAY***Sunday, September 18 | 9:30am-12:30pm*

Sunday School registration begins at 9:30am with classes starting at 10:00am. Infant-Kindergarten, 2nd Floor, 1-12th Grade, 6th Floor. It's going to be an exciting year for CYF at Marble. Contact CYF Director, Brian Hampton for more information.

[BHampton@marblechurch.org](mailto:BHampton@marblechurch.org)**Committed Couples**

SAVE THE DATE

**ANNUAL COUPLES RETREAT:  
THE GIFT OF EACH OTHER***October 28-30*

*"... Kindle afresh the gift of God which is in you." – 2 Timothy 1:6*

Come for a weekend that promises to be a revealing and nourishing celebration of how we bring our personal gifts to the whole that is a committed relationship. Led by **Nina Frost and Rev. Dr. Robert Close** at the beautiful Dolce Norwalk set in the lush, rolling hills of Connecticut.

\$495 includes double occupancy, four meals and materials. Payment plans and childcare are available. A deposit of \$75 is **due by September 4**. Please **register online** at [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org) or contact Siobhan Tull for further information. (ext 412 or [STull@marblechurch.org](mailto:STull@marblechurch.org)).



Committed Couples Retreat

**Marble Connection (20s & 30s)****BIBLE STUDY***Wednesdays, September 7, 14, 21 & 28  
7:15-8:15pm*

*"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit" – 1 Corinthians 12:4*

In keeping with Marble's 2011-2012 theme of **One Spirit. Many Gifts**, Connection will be studying 1 and 2 Corinthians, with special focus on 1 Corinthians 12. No RSVP or preparation is necessary.

**KICK-OFF PARTY!***Thursday, September 15 | 6:30-8:30pm  
Pizza! Prizes! Old friends -- and new!*

Swing by Marble Church after work to mix and mingle with other 20- and 30-somethings. Find out what's in store for the coming church year, give your input on what you'd like to do and maybe even leave with some fun raffle prizes. Cost, \$10. **RSVP by Monday, September 12** to Sammy Shecter (ext 477 or [SShecter@marblechurch.org](mailto:SShecter@marblechurch.org)).

**AN EVENING WITH BRIAN D. MCLAREN***Monday, September 26 | 7:00pm*

Join Connection as we provide hospitality and sit together as a group to attend this wonderful church-wide event. (See page 4 for details). If you can assist with hospitality, **RSVP to Sammy by September 19**. Otherwise, no reservation necessary.

For updated information, please check our **Facebook Group page** or the **Connection page** at [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org).

## Entrepreneurs

### STORIES THAT SPEAK TO THE SOUL

Thursday, September 15 | 6:30-8:30pm

There are only two or three human stories and they go on repeating themselves as if they had never happened before. – Willa Cather

Deborah Ross, one of America's leading wildlife artists, kicks off our annual storytelling festival. She is on the faculty of the School of Visual Arts in New York and teaches workshops for animation studios including DreamWorks, Pixar and Walt Disney Feature Animations. Her *Watercolor Project* in Kenya is a story for the soul.



Deborah Ross

Tonight's other storytellers include Zoe Morris, Sam Clover, Roselyn Barranda, Regina Cummings, Ursula Irick, Patricia Ohikuare, LeCora Okeagu and Jessica Scovel.

No reservation necessary. Suggested contribution, \$10.

## GIFTS: An LGBT Fellowship

### KICK-OFF BRUNCH

Sunday, September 25 | 12:30pm

Rev. Shari Brink and the GIFTS Leadership team invite you to brunch following morning worship. Re-connect with old friends and meet new ones over Chef Ron's delicious fare. We will discuss GIFTS programming for the church year and introduce new leadership team members. All are welcome. Cost, \$12. [Register in advance online](#) at [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org) or contact Sammy Shecter (ext 477 or [SShecter@marblechurch.org](mailto:SShecter@marblechurch.org)).

## 40s & 50s Ministry

### BROADWAY BLESSING AT CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

Monday, September 12 | 7:00pm

Join our group at this special interfaith service celebrating and blessing the opening of the new Broadway season.

### SPIRITUAL GIFTS: YOU'RE MORE AMAZING THAN YOU THINK

Thursday, September 22 | 5:30-8:00pm

Welcome to the new church year and our first monthly dinner and discussion. (5:30pm appetizers, 6:00pm dinner, 7:00pm discussion) Cost, \$12.

Reservations required by Tuesday, September 20. Register online at [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org), or contact Colleen Cosgrove (ext. 453 or [CCosgrove@marblechurch.org](mailto:CCosgrove@marblechurch.org)).

### SAVE THE DATE 2ND ANNUAL RETREAT

November 11-13

Renew your spirit and share your story in community with others from our ministry.

## Men's Ministry

### DINNER & DISCUSSION: FAITH

Tuesday, September 20 | 6:00-8:30pm

Dr. William R. Lutz

We begin a three part series: "Now Faith, Hope and Love abide, these three," I Cor. 13:13. Jesus said, "If you had the faith of a mustard seed..." Or another time, "You of little faith." Faith, a conviction of things not seen, assurance of things hoped for, total trust in God. But we men live in the real world...life is unpredictable, job loss, serious illness, surprises. Where do you find faith? How do you maintain faith? Is it realistic to live by faith? After a brief presentation by Dr. Bill Lutz, we will share our questions, our experiences, and support each other in this search for a deeper faith.

Mark your calendars: October 18 – HOPE; November 15 – LOVE.

Open to all men. Dinner & Program: \$18; Program only: \$8. Register online at [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org) or contact Tom Schneider (ext. 712 or [TSchneider@marblechurch.org](mailto:TSchneider@marblechurch.org)).

### MONTHLY BRUNCH & DISCUSSION

Sunday, September 25 | 12:15pm

All men invited to gather for brunch at our reserved table in the Meeting Place immediately after worship. At 1:00pm, we convene in a separate room to discuss "Reaching Your Goals," by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. Brunch, \$12; no reservation necessary. Join us for the conversation even if you don't want brunch.

## Marble Women's Ministry

### A GATHERING OF WOMEN

Sunday, September 18

MWM launches its new program season and all women are invited to break bread and have a cup of tea or coffee following worship. Connect spirit-to-spirit and enjoy conversation with other women in our community. Meet the MWM Leadership team and find out about upcoming events. RSVP to Elise Hanley (ext. 470 or [EHanley@marblechurch.org](mailto:EHanley@marblechurch.org)).



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## 60+ Fellowship

Our 2011-12 season kicks off on **Wednesday, September 14**. If you are not a member, contact Colleen Cosgrove (212-686-2770, ext. 453) for information on how to join (\$15 registration fee).

### LUNCH AND PROGRAM

#### 12:00pm, Lunch

Served promptly at noon. Luncheon salad, \$7. Regular meal (salad, soup & dessert), \$6. Special occasion meal (scheduled throughout the season): \$10, Fellowship members; \$12, guests.

#### 1:00pm, Program

**September 14** – Mario Sprouse kicks off our season with Broadway and jazz favorites.

**September 21** – We welcome back classical pianist Alexandra Beliokovich, fresh from her summer travels to China where she played four solo recitals, and Cincinnati, Ohio's "World Piano Competition" where she won second prize.

**September 28** – Marble history buff Robert Romagnoli will deliver an entertaining presentation about the life and work of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. Rare photos of Dr. Peale's youth and his 52 years at Marble will be shared, as well as the origins and influences of his Positive Thinking message.

### CLASSES, CLUBS & MOVIES

*Classes and activities listed are free, but registered membership in the 60+ Fellowship is required. Contact Colleen Cosgrove (ext. 453) for information on how to join.*



Mario Sprouse



Alexandra Beliokovich

### Exercise/Dance Class | 10:30-11:00am

Led by peer instructors certified by NYC's Dept. of the Aging. No pre-registration needed. Line dancing September 14.

### Bridge Club | 2:15pm

Experienced players welcome. On September 14, bridge master Bob Cantara teaches a class for intermediate players and above. \$2, requested donation for Mr. Cantara's instruction.

### Movie of the Week | 2:15pm

Inspirational messages by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale from the Peale Center for Positive Thinking Collection.

### KNITTING AND CROCHETING

**Fridays, September 16, 23 & 30**

**11:00am-12:30pm**

Mary Duffy helps you learn to knit or to perfect your skills. All levels welcome. Please supply your own materials. Pre-registration required with Colleen Cosgrove.

### SAVE THE DATE

### FALL FOLIAGE OUTING: MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE

**Monday, October 17**

Enjoy the beauty of God's Creation in full autumnal glory along with a sumptuous buffet luncheon at the historic Mohonk Mountain House, nestled in the foothills of the Catskill mountains. Details to come.

## Spiritual Enrichment and Support

### Wednesday Worship @ 6:15pm

This mid-week service blends traditional and contemporary worship styles, taking the best of both, creating a mixture that is informal and reverent, often humorous and always Spirit-filled.

If you can't be here in person, visit [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org) for Live Webcast of Wednesday Worship.

### STEPHEN MINISTRY AT MARBLE COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Are you or your family member: Hospitalized, Grieving, Aging, Disabled, Facing a life transition, Struggling with faith, Experiencing loneliness?

Stephen Ministers are laypeople who have received fifty hours of training and are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christ-centered care. Although God alone is the one who takes

broken individuals and makes them whole, we will walk with these people for as long as we are needed.

For more information, visit the Stephen Ministry table in Bay Hall after Sunday worship or email: [StephenMinistry@marblechurch.org](mailto:StephenMinistry@marblechurch.org).

### SMALL GROUPS

We are excited to announce that seven to ten new Small Groups will begin later this month and in early October. For the most up to date listing of groups, or to join a group, please contact Rebecca Vigil (ext. 715 or [RVigil@marblechurch.org](mailto:RVigil@marblechurch.org)) or visit [www.marblechurch.org](http://www.marblechurch.org) and click on Spiritual Growth. Here is a partial listing of groups slated to be offered (subject to change): *Bottom Line Beliefs, Companions in Christ, Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life, Hearing God's Call, Jesus in Blue Jeans, Speaking the Truth in Love, and Unwrapping Our Gifts.*

## SAVE THE DATE

**SPIRITUAL GIFTS INTREAT  
FROM BIBLICAL TIMES TO THE PRESENT:  
ONE SPIRIT. MANY GIFTS**

Saturday, October 8 | 9:30am-2:30pm

Nina Frost, Sr. Carol Perry, Brian Hampton,  
and Paulette Thompson-Clinton

This first Intreat of three is the foundation of our year-long Spiritual Gifts Curriculum. We will take a vivid look at how the stories in the Bible demonstrate and model a variety of spiritual gifts, and then explore how we can incorporate them into our daily lives. Everyone will be able to take a Spiritual Gifts Inventory to discover what their own gifts are, and we will discuss ways to use our gifts in service to the Marble community and in the world beyond.

## SAVE THE DATE

**CREATING DEEP COMMUNITY: BUILDING  
CHURCHES ON JESUS' VISION OF  
COMMUNITY AND SPIRITUALITY**

Friday, November 4 | 3:30-9:00pm

Through periods of interactive Bible Study, supportive sharing, and personal reflection, participants will be spiritually energized as they experience God's dream of deep community with the goal of transforming the church. Led by the Rev. Ron Farr, Director of the Laity Empowerment Project and co-pastor of Emmanuel Congregational Church in Watertown, NY. (Supper included) This event is open to all lay leaders of Marble.

## Opportunities to Serve

## Action Volunteers: What Will You Do?

## WAYS TO HELP OTHERS

For the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11, many agencies and thousands of people are organizing for the single largest day of outreach in United States history. This month, as always, all are encouraged to perform good deeds, support charitable causes, volunteer and engage in other acts of compassion. In this positive and forward-looking way, we honor and remember the 9/11 victims, survivors, and the many that rose in service in response to the tragedy, including first responders, recovery workers, volunteers, public safety officers and members of our military.

**ANNUAL BACK-TO-SCHOOL DRIVE  
Through September 18**

It is a tradition for the Marble Collegiate Church Community to donate school supplies for children living in homeless shelters and for those participating in after-school and youth leadership programs. Both SCAN (Supportive Children Advocacy Network) and Single Parent Resource Center rely on our donations for children in their programs this year. These organizations work with at-risk children and families residing in homeless shelters, including 130 neighborhood children living in the Icahn House Shelter at the Latham Hotel on East 28th Street. Visit the Action Table in Bay Hall and select a card with suggested donations.

Below are other ways you can serve:

**Sunday, September 4** – Contribute food to **HONEY** (Help Our Neighbors Eat Year-round): bring single serving, non-perishable items to the Action Table in Bay Hall.

**Sunday, September 4** – Help serve lunch after worship to low-income senior adults at the **Sunday Lounge**, held in the parish house of Madison Avenue Baptist Church on East 31st

Street. Volunteers should arrive at 12:30pm.

**Saturday, September 10** – Ten volunteers are needed for a **Habitat for Humanity Build**, 9:00am-4:30pm.

**Sunday, September 11** – Volunteers are needed to help prepare 30 lunches, 9:30-10:30am, for our **Ecclesia Ministry** (an open-air worshipping congregation for the homeless in Madison Square Park). Others needed to transport the lunches and host the service, starting at 1:30pm.

**Sunday, September 25** – All are invited to the **Mission and Outreach Fair** in Bay Hall, immediately after worship. Meet Marble's mission partners: organizations serving NYC and the world, and talk to congregants who serve with them. Learn how you can share your gifts. Following the fair, the 1:30 Hour will feature a discussion on "The Gift of Service."

## SAVE THE DATE

**Saturday, October 15** – **NY Cares Day** is your chance to create cleaner, brighter public schools.

**We are looking for one or two special people:** Every first Sunday of the month, Marble is responsible for supplying volunteers and food at **The Sunday Lounge**, a weekly luncheon for disadvantaged older adults, held at Madison Avenue Baptist Church. Chef Ron and his crew make the food, and a very small but dedicated group of volunteers handles all details of the food service. This special group could use an extra set of hands or two every month to assist with prep, beginning at 9:00am. For more details, please contact Elise Hanley.



Mission and Outreach Fair

Stop at the Action Table in Bay Hall after worship any Sunday to talk with a committee member about these opportunities and others. You may also sign up to receive notice of serving opportunities, "Action Alerts," by email. Contact Elise Hanley, Director of Mission and Outreach, [EHanley@marblechurch.org](mailto:EHanley@marblechurch.org)

## Tri-Faith Service

Sunday, September 11 | 11:00am

Marble Collegiate Church has a long and rich history of participating in interfaith activities. Our annual Interfaith Dialogue among spiritual leaders of three faiths: Christianity, Judaism, and Islam, takes on even more meaning this year as we come together on the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11.

Join us as our special day of activities begins with worship and a conversation between Dr. Michael Brown, Imam Shamsi Ali and Rabbi Michael Friedman. Congregants from Central Synagogue and two mosques (Islamic Cultural Center



Annual Interfaith Dialogue Service

of New York and Jamaica Muslim Center in Queens) have been invited to attend.

The conversation continues during our 1:30pm Spiritual Growth Hour, "Redefining Hope and Healing for a New Generation," with Dr. Brown, Rabbi Friedman and Ms. Laila Al-Askari of WISE. See page 5.

Ask a friend to join you for this unique and memorable worship experience.



Dr. Michael Brown, Imam Shamsi Ali

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## New to Marble?

Be sure to stop by our **Welcome Center** in Peale Parlor on Sundays after worship to be welcomed and get connected with our faith community. And Marble members, be sure to bring your friends by.

### THE LAST WORD:

*Hope is like a road in the country; there was never a road, but when many people walk on it, the road comes into existence.*

— Lin Yutang

