



OCTOBER 2011

SUNDAY WORSHIP 11AM

DR. MICHAEL B. BROWN
SENIOR MINISTER
PREACHING*

OCTOBER 2

World Communion Sunday

Communion –
Something for Everyone
Luke 14:15-24

OCTOBER 9

The Timeless Parade
Hebrews 11:32-12:3

OCTOBER 16

The Body of Faith
I Corinthians 12:12-17, 27-31

OCTOBER 23

Do You Like the Opera?
James 2:14-20

OCTOBER 30

Who Cares About
Being Fair?
Matthew 20:1-16

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP 6:15PM

Marble Collegiate Church

HOPE & HEALING
Remembering 9/11

Our commemoration of the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11 was a day of Hope & Healing for all of us. For images from the day please visit www.marblechurch.org.

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Entrusted

A “steward” is a person who is a caretaker of something entrusted to him/her. A friend leaves for a year in Europe and tells you to use his car while he’s gone. You don’t just drive it. You make certain the upkeep is maintained and the car is carefully tended to. A relative goes into the hospital for surgery and a lengthy rehab. She asks that you watch after her cat till she returns. You don’t lock the animal in a closet and periodically throw in some food. You nurture and take care of the pet as if it were your own. Stewards are persons who care for that which has been entrusted to us, as if it were our own.

This church has been entrusted to us. Our church was founded in 1628 by people who believed that those who succeeded them would keep it vital and vibrant. Our current structure was built at 29th and 5th in 1854, again by people who trusted that succeeding generations would do all that was required to maintain its message and honor its legacy. I walk down the halls day by day, see the pictures,



Dr. Michael Brown

and remember the immeasurable contributions of Burrell, Poling, Peale, and Caliandro. They invested themselves in the life and future of this church and then entrusted it to those who came next.

Most importantly, of course, is the fact that ultimately God entrusted the church and its ministry to us all. “Entrusted” is a powerful word. It literally means that God believes in us. God is confident that the church God provided we will protect and support. We are its stewards.

So, how do we do that? How do we keep this sacred place alive and active, vital and vibrant, making a difference and moving forward? We at Marble Collegiate believe the answer is four-pronged: **Prayers, Presence, Gifts, Service.**

First, we support and empower the church, its ministries, its laity and staff, by daily praying for Marble. We ask God to pour out blessings on one and all who attend and who serve here. That is a pledge everyone can make. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

We are of One Spirit, Many Gifts in Stewardship

It is important to say Thank you. Thank you for your many financial gifts already given in 2011 that support the ministry of Marble Church. In the coming weeks, as we look ahead to Stewardship 2012, each of us will have the opportunity to consider our response to the loving and generous God we have experienced here.

Each of us has received different spiritual gifts – some teach, some encourage, some reach out in their community or workplace – and each of us has different financial resources as well. But together, our gifts, both spiritual and financial, make possible the welcoming, hope-filled, transformational ministry of Marble Church!

Marble has enveloped our family with rigorous communal prayers when we have been sick, sad and seeking. The calls and letters of reminder that our family is specifically on the hearts and minds of our prayer leaders is not only encouraging but a tangible gesture of assurance that our church family is there for us during dark and challenging times in our lives.

The cold and singular anonymity of the City melts away when you enter the Marble family. Rest assured you are seen and embraced at Marble, no longer a face in the crowd.



It is because of the support we experience that we, in return, pledge each year. Our financial gifts allow all of the people involved in pastoral outreach – ministers and members of the congregation – to support us when we find ourselves in need spiritually.

— Trenesa Stanford-Danuser

The Danuser Family As we journey together toward November 20, the Sunday on which we will make our financial pledges for 2012, you may want to reflect on what you love about Marble, what brings you back each week and how your experience here has enriched your life. We give from our experiences, what touches and enriches us. How will your response be a reflection of the loving God you have experienced through Marble and its people?

In October and November watch for more information on Stewardship 2012 by mail, weekly bulletin and online at www.marblechurch.org.

LIVE WEBCAST SCHEDULE

If you can't be here in person, visit 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 – Spiritual Growth Hour

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

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Second, we attend and participate. To be sure, no one can be present every time the doors are opened. But, we want to be present as often as we can, whether that be at Sunday or Wednesday worship, education classes, small groups, age level ministries, mission and outreach activities, etc. There is something about Marble Collegiate that makes our lives better and stronger, and we commit to being present to participate in and support that something.

Third, we designate a percentage of our financial resources to assist in the work here. A "tithe" is 10%. Some people are at (or above) that level. But not everyone feels able to give that much just now. Still, we can give something. Prayerfully decide what percentage of your financial income you can contribute to keeping our doors open and our mission intact. Absolute reliance on a benevolent endowment is no longer sufficient. The financial landscape has changed. For us to do and be what we feel God desires, all of us at the local level have to support our church with our gifts.

Fourth, there is the gift of service. Those who read the bulletin or visit the website realize that we are an active congregation. And whereas all the programs do not resonate with everyone, each of the programs is of primary importance to someone. And each program requires not only financial underpinning but human involvement. So often we quote the old adage: "Where your skills and the needs of the world converge, there you are called of God." What are your talents? Your passions? Your dreams? There are places where those can be invested in the ongoing work of Marble Collegiate. We need your talents and your time.

God has "entrusted" this great church to us. And that means that God "trusts" us to take good care of it, even as generations past did so faithfully. It is the time of year when we will all be receiving commitment cards. Do not look upon them as instruments of fund-raising. Look upon them instead as reminders from God that you are trusted to step forward with prayers, presence, gifts, and service to move Marble into the future God has designed.

With thanks and love,



Marble Matters



Stephen Pindar, Head Usher

A Welcoming Presence

By Kim Sebastian-Ryan

On any given day we greet people – a neighbor, a colleague, or the guy at Starbucks. It's so much a part of us that I wonder if we don't even realize we're doing it. The same could be said about assisting people – a tourist asks how to get to Times Square, you hold the door for the man behind you, an officemate asks to borrow a stapler. You stop. You listen. You help. And again, I'm guessing we don't give it much thought. We just help if we can, because that's what we do.

What happens when the door you're opening is the door of God's house? When the person you're assisting is crossing the threshold into Marble? An ordinary act of kindness becomes extraordinary. A smile, a word of welcome or assistance finding a pew – they all become an extension of who we are as a community. A community of God, in His house, welcoming fellow travelers on the journey.

Our Ushers and Greeters are devoted to representing this community.

"It is a pleasure and a joy to be at the front door; it is a privilege to be the first person welcoming our parishioners; their smiles tell me how much they appreciate it."

— Urs Weber

"We are presented with many opportunities to enhance the worship experience for all who walk

through our doors. A smile, a warm embrace, a kind word create a prevailing sense of shared community, especially for those who are broken in spirit and seemingly distant from an enduring power source: others. The reward of sharing in a ministry devoted to the welfare of others is priceless."

— Stephen Pindar

"It has been a wonderful experience to connect with those that have come to worship...I receive from them heartfelt acceptance of what I believe is a spiritual family."

— Delia Cintron

"I have heard nothing but good comments from people about how they are received...and that makes me feel even better because I am a member of this great community of love and caring, which we pass [along] every Sunday. It gives me a great sense of pride to say I am an Usher at Marble Collegiate Church."

— Carmon Snyder

"Being a Marble Usher means I get to feel that God is using me. Serving as an usher seems to be giving and receiving at once - I don't quite know where the serving ends and the receiving begins - but God is at work in the process."

— George Hahn

If you would like to join this incredible team please contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan (ext. 475 or KRyan@marblechurch.org).

Marble Women's Ministry

ON EAGLE'S WINGS AT MOBIA

Sunday, October 2 | 1:30pm

All women are invited to join our field trip to MOBIA, The Museum of Biblical Art, to view the exhibition "On Eagle's Wings: The King James Bible Turns 400." The exhibition explores the historic context in which the King James Bible was translated and published. Enjoy brunch at Marble on your own and meet in the lobby at 1:30pm

to travel as a group. (Bring your MetroCard, the museum is free). Following the museum, weather permitting, there will be an opportunity to reflect during a prayer walk in Central Park. RSVP to Siobhan Tull (ext. 412 or STull@marblechurch.org).

Spiritual Enrichment and Support

WEWO: WEDNESDAY WORSHIP @ 6:15PM

Dr. Michael Brown offers insightful preaching and Gospel Choir director Djouré Nance provides musical leadership during our mid-week service. "WeWo" 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. Meets in Bay Hall.

If you can't be here in person, visit www.marblechurch.org for Live Webcast of Wednesday Worship.

We're offering our first ever **Wednesday New Member Class**. Please seepage 3 for details.

SMALL GROUPS

We are excited to announce that **Fall Small Groups** are starting between **October 2** and **October 16**. For the most up to date listing of groups, or to join a group, visit www.marblechurch.org and click on Small Groups. Here is a partial listing of groups slated to be offered (subject to change): *Being Gay and Christian*, *Bottom Line Beliefs*, *Companions in Christ*, *Confessing*

the Beatitudes, *Eight Keys to Answered Prayer*, *Falling Upward: A Spirituality for the Two Halves of Life*, *Hearing God's Call*, *Unleashing Your Weekday Ministries*, and *Unwrapping Our Gifts*.

STEPHEN MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Saturday, October 1 | 9:00am-1:00pm
(8:30am, check-in)

By now you've heard about Marble's Stephen Ministry. But what is it really? How does it work? How can I become a Stephen Minister? What is the time commitment involved? How do I sign up to receive care? Should I recommend it to people that I know are going through a difficult time? Who is Stephen and how did this all come into being? What kind of care is being provided?

Our Stephen Leaders and Ministers invite you to join them for this half-day workshop so they may answer these questions and more. (Refreshments served).

No charge to attend, but pre-registration required as space is limited. Contact Judy Tulin (ext. 709 or JTulin@marblechurch.org).



Opportunities to Serve

Action Volunteers: What Will You Do?

WAYS TO HELP OTHERS

Did you know? – In the early 1980s, in response to the growing crisis of homelessness in New York City, Mayor Ed Koch issued a call to the city's faith-based community to partner with the city in addressing the problem. They responded by opening emergency shelters in churches and synagogues. This became known as the Emergency Shelter Network, and has proven to be a successful and cost-effective alternative to the overcrowded city shelter system. Our neighbor, Madison Avenue Baptist Church, provides such a shelter in their parish house. Guests arrive from a drop-in center, where they receive social services and housing assistance, and where they are carefully screened.

Are you interested in supporting our unhoused brothers and sisters? Contact Elise Hanley to learn how you can help.

Here are other ways you can serve:

Sunday, October 2 – Contribute food to **HONEY** (Help Our Neighbors Eat Year-round): bring single serving, non-perishable items to the Action Table in Bay Hall.

Sunday, October 2 – 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.

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40s & 50s Ministry

SO MANY WAYS TO PRAY

Thursday, October 27 | 5:30-8:00pm

Prayer can be a rich tool to enhance our spiritual journey, but sometimes we get stuck in a prayer rut. Please join us as we discuss the whys, ways and wherefores of a fulfilling prayer life. Bring copies of a favorite prayer or a Bible verse that you pray upon to share with the group. (5:30pm appetizers, 6:00pm dinner, 7:00pm discussion) Cost, \$12. Reservations required **by Tuesday, October 25**. Register online at www.marblechurch.org, or contact Colleen Cosgrove (ext. 453 or CCosgrove@marblechurch.org).

SAVE THE DATE

LET YOUR LIFE SPEAK:

CREATING A SPIRITUAL AUTOBIOGRAPHY 2ND ANNUAL RETREAT

Friday-Sunday, November 11-13

Join us as we share our stories and examine what it means to look at every part of our lives from the sacred. We return to the serene Mariandale Retreat Center along the banks of the Hudson in nearby Ossining, NY, for a spirit-filled weekend which includes worship, prayer, and more.

Detailed brochure available online and at the Sunday Hospitality Table. Cost, \$205 (includes food and lodging). Reserve online at www.marblechurch.org or contact Colleen Cosgrove (ext. 453 or CCosgrove@marblechurch.org). Register early as space is limited.



Mariandale Retreat Center

SAVE THE DATE

STAY AND PRAY

Sunday, November 6 | 12:30-1:15pm

Join us as we gather for a simple service to give thanks and look to God for inspiration and hope.

60+ Fellowship

Please see our 60+ newsletter for more details on all our events. If you are not yet a member, contact Colleen Cosgrove (212-686-2770, ext. 453) for information on how to join (\$15 registration fee).

MOHONK MOUNTAIN HOUSE DAY TRIP

Monday, October 17 | 9:00am-5:00pm

Join us as we return to this magnificent setting in the scenic Hudson Valley. Outing includes transportation, historical culinary presentation, buffet lunch, access to the beautiful gardens and museum, all taxes and gratuities. Register early with Colleen. Fellowship members \$80; Guests \$90. See flier for details.

LUNCH AND PROGRAM

12:00pm, Lunch

Served promptly at noon. Pasta salad, \$7. Regular meal (salad, soup & dessert), \$6. Special occasion meal (October 12): \$10,



Judy Tulin with 60+ Paintings

Fellowship members; \$12, guests.

1:00pm, Program

October 5 – Paulette Thompson-Clinton, M.Div, Marble Director of Spiritual Growth and Education, offers us an overview on this year's exciting Spiritual Gifts curriculum and invites us to participate in our church-wide theme, **One Spirit. Many Gifts.**

October 12 – Celebrate Oktoberfest with Chef Ron's festive German buffet followed by Linda Ipanema and the Dixie Cats performing traditional favorites. (\$10, Fellowship members; \$12, guests)

October 19 – Djoré Nance, classical singer and Marble's Gospel Choir director, returns from a month abroad to sing his latest repertoire.

October 26 – Drew Kindred returns with chair yoga and group dances, along with new exercises to promote strength and vitality.

CLASSES, CLUBS & MOVIES

Classes and activities listed are free, but registered membership in the 60+ Fellowship is required.

Exercise/Dance Class | 10:30-11:00am – Led by peer instructors certified by NYC's Dept. of the Aging. No pre-registration needed.

Bridge Club | 2:15pm – Experienced players welcome. On October 12, 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 – See 60+ newsletter for our schedule of classic films.

Singing with Lynne | 2:15-3:00pm – Lynne Wilson returns to lead her popular class. No experience necessary.

KNITTING AND CROCHETING

Fridays, October 7, 13, 21 & 28

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.

AUTUMN ART WITH JUDY

Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19 & 26

10:00-11:30am

Judy Tulin, Marble's resident artist, helps you capture the colors of the season. Bring a photo of a fall scene that you would like to sketch and paint. Materials provided. Register early as class size is limited.

PUBLIC SPEAKING WORKSHOP

Wednesdays, October 5 – November 9

2:15-3:15pm

We are thrilled to welcome back Acting Coach, Kathryn Bild, as she leads this six-week confidence-boosting workshop using proven acting exercises and techniques. Be prepared to have fun. No experience or registration required.

Join the Marble Family!

At Marble You Are Wanted, Welcomed, Loved.

FALL NEW MEMBER CLASSES

If you've been thinking about membership - take that step today. We'd love to have you join us! This October we are offering two different membership classes, either two Sundays or two Wednesday nights. Please stop by the Welcome Center in Peale Parlor after Sunday worship, the Hospitality Table after Wednesday Worship, or contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan for more details (ext. 475 or KRyan@marblechurch.org). *The next class will be in December.*

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.**

Wednesday, October 5 | 7:15-9:00pm

Wednesday, October 12 | 6:00-8:15pm

Our first ever Wednesday evening class will be received into membership on Wednesday, October 12. **Deadline for registration is Wednesday, September 28.**

A Quick, Easy Way to Get Involved!

NEW MEMBER PARTNER INFORMATIONAL LUNCHEON

Sunday, October 16 | 12:15-2:00pm

Help us welcome our New Members by becoming a New Member Partner.

"It is an amazing way to give back...to make a difference for a new member - to help them learn about our amazing church and ways to get involved. You meet such nice people and grow just

by hearing their experiences and learning about where they are on their spiritual journey."

– Carla Iliescu, *New Member Partner*

"I felt very cared for and connected. [My New Member Partner] shared her spiritual journey and was sincerely and deeply interested in mine."

– Donna Basile, *New Member*

For details and to RSVP, please contact Kim Sebastian-Ryan (ext 475 or KRyan@marblechurch.org). Please reserve by Sunday, October 9.

Spiritual Gifts Intreat

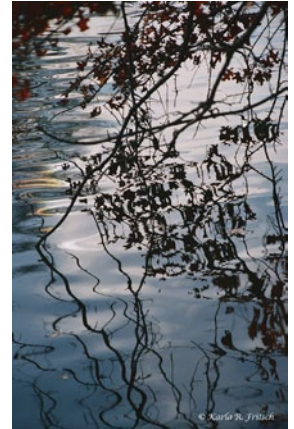
**FROM BIBLICAL TIMES TO THE PRESENT:
"ONE SPIRIT. MANY GIFTS"**

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

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

This first Intreat of three is the foundation of our year-long Spiritual Gifts Curriculum. We all have spiritual gifts. Whether your gift is teaching or serving, leadership or music, all of us are uniquely equipped to bring forth the reign of God. In this interactive day, we will take a vivid look at how the stories in the Bible demonstrate and model a variety of spiritual gifts, and explore how we can make them a practical part of our faith journey on a daily basis. All participants will 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. Children and youth are invited to discover their gifts in fun and educational activities designed especially for them.

Cost: \$30, includes lunch. (\$25 for students/seniors) Register online at www.marblechurch.org. Childcare available.



Spiritual Growth and Education

Bible Study with Sister Carol Perry

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

GOD NEEDS A PEOPLE – THE BEGINNING

October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

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

October 4, 11, 18 & 25

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–1:00PM

SPIRITUALITY IN THE WORKPLACE

Boost Your Spirit over Lunch

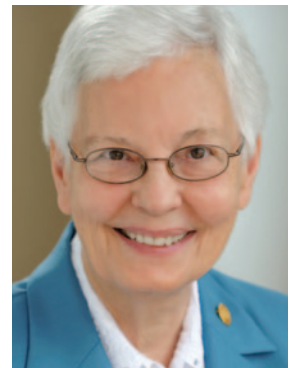
Bring your lunch and join interactive Bible study in two Manhattan locations with Sr. Carol Perry. Return to work with a new attitude.

TUESDAYS

October 11 & 25: Marble Collegiate Church, 3 West 29th Street (check lobby sign for room).

THURSDAYS

October 13 & 27: 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.



Sr. Carol Perry



Ken Dake

Marble Spiritual Growth Hour

SUNDAYS AT 1:30PM
SINGING OUR FAITH

October 2
Kenneth V. Dake

The hymns we sing in worship form an intersection of theology, culture, historical narrative, personal story, emotional memory, and community. They profoundly shape us as individual people of faith and they shape our church as an expression of that faith in the world. Ken will serve as an enthusiastic guide in uncovering hidden treasure within a diversity of hymns, their texts and their tunes. Come prepared to SING in this fun interactive hour.

**SHARING OUR STORIES:
A PANEL OF MARBLE MEMBERS**

October 9

Every member of this church has an inspiring story of how they came to be part of the Marble family. You're invited to listen to a diverse panel of Marble members share their personal stories. Who knows – perhaps you'll be moved to share your own story one day – or maybe even become a member yourself.

THE DAY JESUS WENT TO THE TEMPLE

October 16

Rabbi Leah Berkowitz and
Rabbi Perry Berkowitz

Like any good Jew of His time, Jesus observed Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the High Holy days, something faithful Jews still do today. Find out about their connection to Christianity and discover in them the source of so many familiar themes like sin, grace, forgiveness, confession, reconciliation, rebirth, the kingdom of God, moral renewal, sacrifice, atonement, and concern for the vulnerable and least among us.

**LIVE SERMON TALKBACK
WITH DR. MICHAEL BROWN**

October 23

Have you ever heard a sermon that touched you so much that you wished you could engage the preacher in a dialogue? Well, here's your chance to do just that. Join Dr. Brown as he responds live and in person to your questions and comments about the sermon preached that morning in worship.

**DR. BERNIE SIEGEL:
THE GIFT OF WELLNESS**

October 30

For details see page 8.

Program Ministries



Children, Youth & Families Ministry (CYF)

FAMILY WORSHIP

Sunday, October 2 | 10:00am

Join us for our first Family Worship of the season. CYF children and choirs participate in this uplifting worship service. All are invited; in Room 600.

PRAYER AND PARENTING

CYF SMALL GROUP

Sundays, October 9, 16, 23 & 30
10:00-10:45am

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

FALL COSTUME PARTY

Saturday, October 29 | 12:00-4:00pm

Join the Children, Youth, and Families Ministry for our annual Fall Costume Party in BayHall. Games, food, and fun will be provided for this CYF highlight of the year. All families are invited. Bring a friend. Cost, \$10 per person. RSVP to Brian Hampton (ext 442 or BHampton@marblechurch.org).

Committed Couples

ANNUAL COUPLES RETREAT: THE GIFT OF EACH OTHER

Friday-Sunday, 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.



Rev. Dr. Robert Close and Nina Frost

\$495 includes double occupancy, four meals and materials. Payment plans and childcare are available. Please register online at www.marblechurch.org or contact Siobhan Tull for further information. (ext 412 or STull@marblechurch.org).

Marble Connection (20s & 30s)

CONNECTION CONVERSATIONS

Sundays, October 2, 9, 16 & 23

12:15-1:15pm

Join us after worship for this opportunity to meet new people and get to know each other better by sharing our responses to the day's sermon.

BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19 & 26

7:15-8:15pm

We continue studying 1 and 2 Corinthians, in keeping with Marble's 2011-12 theme of **One Spirit. Many Gifts.** No RSVP or preparation is necessary.

FIRST FRIDAYS

Friday, October 7 | 7:00pm

For information on our monthly social gatherings, please check the Connection page at www.marblechurch.org or contact Sammy Shecter (ext 477 or SShecter@marblechurch.org).

FALL RETREAT

Friday-Sunday, October 28-30

Go upstate for a weekend of fellowship and renewal at Falling Waters/St. Joseph Villa in Saugerties, NY.

Cost, \$150 (includes food and lodging). Register online at www.marblechurch.org or contact Sammy Shecter (ext. 477 or SShecter@marblechurch.org).

GIFTS: An LGBT Fellowship

FALL EVENTS

There are many exciting programs and events coming up for GIFTS this fall. Stay tuned to our e-blast and the Sunday Bulletin for opportunities to:

- Learn about the challenges facing LGBT people in Uganda.
- Join a small group led by Sean Harvey and Chris Vega focused on being Gay and Christian.
- Volunteer with Alexandra Foucard and other members of GIFTS at a program supporting LGBT Youth.

SPIRITUAL GIFTS INTREAT

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

We encourage you to take advantage of this all-church event. See page 8 for details.

ROOM FOR ALL CONFERENCE

Thursday-Saturday, October 27-29

There is still time to register for the Room for All National Conference taking place in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Please visit roomforall.org for details.

For more information on GIFTS and to sign up to receive the GIFTS e-blast, contact Sammy Shecter (ext. 477 or SShecter@marblechurch.org).

Entrepreneurs

COMBINATIONS THAT FLOURISH:

ONE PLUS ONE EQUALS THREE

Thursday, October 13 | 6:30-8:30pm

*Glance at the sun. See the moon and stars.
Gaze at the beauty of the green earth. Now think.*

— Hildegard of Bingen

East meets West. Jeffrey B. Rubin Ph.D., creator of meditative psychotherapy and author of *The Art of Flourishing*, has discovered after thirty years of studying, practicing and teaching Eastern meditation and Western psychotherapeutic disciplines, that the key is to combine both paths. As an entrepreneur Dr. Rubin's style of blending the best of two cultures and focusing on the strengths and weaknesses of meditation and psychotherapy is a model for the future of business. We will allow time to explore possible combinations that would cause you to flourish. Be ready to think.

The Art of Flourishing will be available for purchase and the program will be followed by a book signing.

No reservation necessary. Suggested contribution, \$10.

Men's Ministry

DINNER & DISCUSSION: HOPE

Tuesday, October 18 | Dinner, 6:00pm

Program, 7:00pm

Dr. William R. Lutz

What is hope? False hope? Real hope? What is the anatomy of hope? We know that without hope, there is no life. On the other hand St. Paul says, "rejoicing in hope." Hope is built into our DNA but often ignored or not discovered. During this second in our series "Faith, Hope and Love, these three," we will look at what our 21st Century Christian faith contributes to hope. After a brief presentation, this will be a time to share questions, doubts and experiences as we explore the source of hope.

On Tuesday, November 15, we'll talk about LOVE.

Dinner & Program: \$18; Program only: \$8. Register online at www.marblechurch.org or contact Tom Schneider (ext. 712 or TSchneider@marblechurch.org).

MONTHLY BRUNCH & DISCUSSION

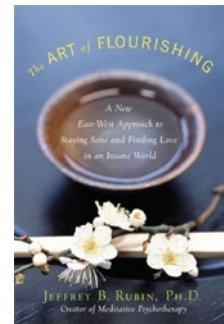
Sunday, October 23 | 12:15pm

Gather for brunch at our reserved table in the Meeting Place immediately after worship. At 1:00pm, we convene in a separate room to listen to then discuss "Hope and Belief," by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale. Brunch, \$12; no reservation necessary. Join us for the conversation even if you don't want brunch.

We encourage you to bring a friend.



Jeffrey B. Rubin Ph.D.



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Dr. Bernie Siegel

THE GIFT OF WELLNESS: REFLECTIONS ON THE ART OF HEALING AND LIVING

Sunday, October 30 | 1:30pm

Dr. Bernie Siegel

Internationally known speaker, author and spiritual teacher Dr. Bernie Siegel (affectionately known as "Bernie") is a pioneer in the field of holistic healing. Bernie is no stranger to the Marble family; in fact, he was a student of Norman Vincent Peale and has worked with Pastor Emeritus Dr. Arthur Caliendo.

In this presentation, Bernie will focus on the art of healing our lives. Drawing from his fifty plus years of experience caring for people facing difficult physical and emotional situations, he will shed

light on how spirituality, love, humor, and intention all work together in promoting our overall health and well-being. Participants will be encouraged to examine their memories, thoughts and feelings - such as guilt and blame - as they relate to our health, and will be inspired to consider lifestyle changes that promote survival behavior. By culling from the eternal truths and wisdom of teachers through the ages, Bernie will empower us to move past the pain of our own particular dis-ease and embrace a philosophy of healing that transcends mind, body and spirit and encompasses the divine consciousness and energy that is God. His books include *Love, Medicine and Miracles*; *Prescriptions for Living*; and *Faith, Hope and Healing*.

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Mondays, October 3, 17 & 31 – Habitat-NYC's **School for Faith in Action** will explore how our faith call us towards justice and further action for our neighbors and communities in need. Interactive trainings will cover: poverty in New York City, the housing crisis, running an advocacy campaign, and faith-rooted organizing. Participants will be equipped to advocate for systemic social change with an emphasis on housing justice. 6:30-8:30pm, location TBD.

Sunday, October 9 – 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.

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

Stop at the Action Table in Bay Hall after Sunday worship 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.

THE LAST WORD

Cultivate a belief in yourself. Base it on self-respect and confidence in God's love for his own handiwork. Say to yourself, "I will be what I will to be." Not because the human will is all-powerful, but because the Divine will is back of you.

— Ella Wheeler Wilcox