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President's Corner

As New York City approaches its upcoming mayoral election, many candidates are focusing on one of the city's most pressing concerns, housing. Voters have made it clear that access to affordable, appropriate, and dignified housing remains a top priority.

For our community of nonprofit organizations, this conversation presents both an opportunity and a responsibility. As housing expands, residents will also need the services that our nonprofits faithfully provide immigration assistance, food security programs, educational support, workforce training, youth engagement, and much more. Housing without community services leaves gaps that our sector is uniquely equipped to fill.

It is essential that nonprofits have a voice at the table as city leaders shape housing and development policy. Together, we can ensure that every new home is connected to the resources that build stability, dignity, and opportunity for New Yorkers.

At The Interchurch Center, we remain committed to serving as a hub for collaboration where faith, service, and community intersect to address the city's most critical needs.

† Robert Bolton



BOOKS THAT BIND BOOK CLUB @ THE RUTH STAFFORD PEALE LIBRARY

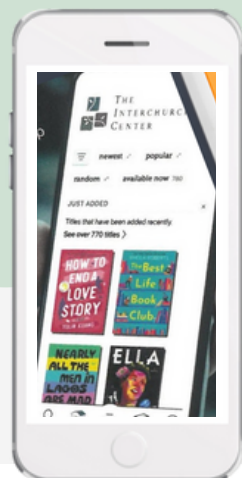
This month, the Books That Bind Book Club features *The Twilight Garden* by Sara Nisha Adams, a beautifully woven story about renewal, forgiveness, and unexpected connections. Set in a once-neglected London garden, the novel brings together two neighbors from very different worlds who slowly learn that growth—like friendship—takes patience, care, and courage. Through its lush imagery and heartfelt storytelling, *The Twilight Garden* reminds us that even the most unlikely places can bloom again. This tender, hopeful read is sure to inspire rich discussion about healing, second chances, and the quiet power of community.

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TENANT SPOTLIGHT

CHARLES BUCK



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Investing Together for a Sustainable World

This month, the Interchurch Center spotlights Charles Buck, President and CEO of United Church Funds (UCF), a financial ministry of the United Church of Christ that helps churches and faith-based organizations grow their missions through values-aligned investing.

About United Church Funds

Founded in 1909, United Church Funds has become the leading provider of investment and endowment management for the United Church of Christ and other faith-based organizations. With over \$1.2 billion in assets under management and more than 1,100 clients, UCF supports ministries in growing and preserving their financial legacies through sustainable and responsible investment strategies.

As a nonprofit investment partner, UCF provides investment management, endowment governance consulting, and planned giving resources. It is a founding member of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility and a participant in initiatives such as Climate Action 100+, advocating for corporate accountability on climate action, racial justice, and human rights. UCF's century-long commitment to faith-based investing continues to make it a trusted and forward-thinking partner in the religious and nonprofit community.

Spotlight on Charles Buck

Charles Buck, President and CEO of United Church Funds, brings over thirty-five years of leadership experience in ministry, governance, and organizational development. Before joining UCF, he earned a Ph.D. in Historical Musicology and served as an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ in California, Hawai'i, and New Hampshire.

Throughout his career, Dr. Buck has held numerous leadership roles as a minister, judicatory executive, and board member, providing oversight in areas of finance, investment, and mission strategy. His deep commitment to integrating faith with financial stewardship guides UCF's mission to help ministries thrive responsibly and purposefully.

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-Melody Beattie



UPCOMING EVENTS

- 11/5 Noon-Day Concert: Yukiko Tanaka Trio
- 11/6 Building Orientation
- 11/12 Noon-Day Concert: Hummel Piano Quintet
- 11/13 Books That Bind Book Club Meeting
- 11/14 Coat Drive (until 11/14)
- 11/17 Toy Drive (until Dec. 17th)
- 11/19 Noon-Day Concert: Christmas Favorites Vocal Quartet
- 11/21 Turkey & Coat Giveaway
- 11/27 Building Holiday (Thanksgiving)
- 11/28 Building Holiday (Day After Thanksgiving)

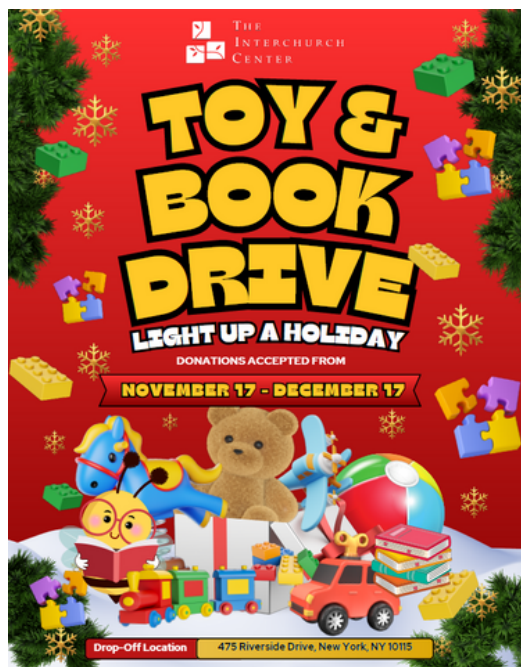
HARRY POTTER LITERACY TEA PARTY

Join Us for a Magical Time!

Step into the wizarding world at The Interchurch Center's Harry Potter Themed Annual Literacy Tea Party!



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MISSION MASTERY TIPS & TRICKS FOR NON-PROFITS

NAVIGATE NYC'S PAYMENT-DELAY CRISIS AND STRENGTHEN FINANCIAL RESILIENCE

Across New York City, nonprofits are doing more with less, meeting rising community needs while grappling with major funding disruptions. A new report from the Nonprofit Finance Fund reveals that 32% of NYC nonprofits receiving government funding were paid 90 or more days late, compared to just 10% nationally. These severe delays are leaving many organizations struggling to make payroll, cover rent, and maintain essential programs.

The ripple effects are widespread. Organizations are being forced to take on debt, delay vendor payments, and reduce staff hours, all while community needs continue to grow. For many, this has become a structural issue, not just a short-term inconvenience. The challenge underscores an urgent truth: liquidity and proactive communication are mission-critical. Here are four ways NYC nonprofits can respond effectively:

1. Build a cash-flow cushion
2. Assess funding vulnerabilities.
3. Diversify your revenue mix.
4. Communicate transparently.

Finally, treat this as a moment for collective advocacy. Join local coalitions such as the Human Services Council (HSC) or Nonprofit New York, which are calling for faster government payment reform. Collective voices make system-level change possible.

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BOOK CULTURE 112TH ST GIVING TREE

Book Culture 112th St's The Giving Tree

START DATE: Monday, November 17th

END DATE: Wednesday, December 17th

Each of our Morningside Heights locations is partnering with a community organization to support their holiday toy & book drives.

Your purchase can help share the love of reading and spread some holiday cheer with Book Culture!



How it works:

- 1) Visit the children's section at Book Culture on 112th Street and choose an ornament from our Giving Tree;
- 2) shop our selection for a gift that fits the description on your ornament; and,
- 3) leave your donation with our staff behind the registers when you check out. We will deliver all donations to our partner organization after the Giving Tree closes.

All purchases for our 112th St location's 2025 Giving Tree Program will be donated to the Morningside Heights neighborhood's Interchurch Center Holiday Toy and Book Drive.

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Riverside Cafe

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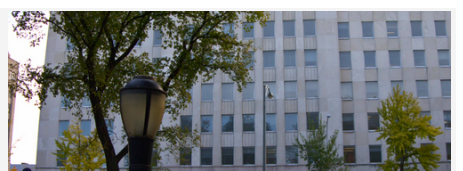
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