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KING'S CHAPEL HOLY WEEK OBSERVANCES

KC GUIDE TO LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Copies of this informative pamphlet are available at the Parish House and in the Vestibule of the church.

Special This Month:

- ✠ Minns Lectures
- ✠ Tory Stories
- ✠ Interim Search Update
- ✠ Benefit Concert
- ✠ New Bishop of Transylvania

Sunday, April 5 Palm Sunday

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
Reading of the Passion according to Mark
Music: King's Chapel Choir
Hosanna to the Son of David
Mass for Five Voices by William Byrd
Prelude: Cassandra Extavour, soprano,
singing Miserere by Michel de Lalande

Thursday, April 9 Maundy Thursday

5:00 p.m. **Foot Washing**
5:30 p.m. **Holy Communion**
The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.
Music: Thomas Gregg, tenor
Works by Bizet & Pinkham

Friday, April 10 Good Friday

12:15 p.m. Midday Prayer
"The Courage to Be a Failure"
Meditation based on a sermon from the late
G. Peter Fleck
Music: Karen Gardner, contralto
Works by Bach, Haydn, Vivaldi

8:00 p.m. Office of Tenebrae

Music: Ray Hardin, tenor
Gary Durham, baritone
Daniel Pinkham's setting of the Tenebrae service

Saturday, April 11 Holy Saturday

9:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil**
Music: King's Chapel Choir
Works inspired by the Greek Orthodox Vigil

Sunday, April 12 Easter Sunday

11:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
The Rev. Earl K. Holt III will preach.
Music: King's Chapel Choir
Works by Thompson, Mendelssohn, Sisask

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Sundays in April

King's Chapel is at the corner of School & Tremont Streets in downtown Boston. Sunday services begin at 11 a.m. and last for approximately one hour.

- APR. 5 Holy Communion**
Palm Sunday
Enacted reading of the Passion According to Mark
Bake Sale for Heifer Project following the service.
- APR. 12 Morning Prayer**
Easter Sunday
The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
Lectors, Sylvia Soderberg and Todd Lee
The lessons are Isaiah 25:6-9- and Mark 16:1-8.
- APR. 19 Morning Prayer**
Daniel Cochran, Seminarian will preach. Earl Holt Co-officiating
The lessons are Isaiah 26:2-9,19 and John 20:19-31.
- APR. 26 Morning Prayer**
Dedication of Olivia Teresa and Sabine Italia Quinones
The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.
The Rev. Earl Holt, Co-officiating; Lector, Charles Dietrick
The lessons are Micah 4:1-5 and Luke 24:35-48.

A NOTE FROM MARILYN HOLT
Thanks to the "soup and bread brigade" and others for your prayers, cards and many kindnesses during my recent hospitalization and recuperation. I shall be back at "full speed" very soon. Love, Marilyn

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Tuesday Recitals

Tuesday Recitals at King's Chapel present a variety of programs, featuring local and visiting musicians. Admission is by suggested donation of \$3; the donations are given to the performers. Programs begin at 12:15 p.m. and last approximately 35 minutes. For more information, please call 617/227-2155 or visit www.kings-chapel.org.

- APR. 7** Karen Gardner, contralto
Heinrich Christensen, organ
Music for Holy Week by Bach,
Bononcini, Vivaldi
- APR. 14** St. John's Prep Celtic Band & Singers
Traditional Irish & American Music
- APR. 21** Zina Schiff, solo violin
Works by Bach, Hush, Bloch,
Kougell
- APR. 28** Aaron Larget-Caplan, guitar
"Dance - Love - Sleep"
Works by Albeniz, Schubert,
Wheeler

Family Service

Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Little Chapel at the Parish House, 64 Beacon Street.

- APR. 5** Church School and
All Church Sunday
- APR. 12** **Easter: All Church Sunday**
- APR. 19** Family Service and Church School
The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.
- APR. 26** Pet Blessing

LUNCH AFTER MIDWEEK SERVICE

On Wednesday April 15, Amy Meyer will host the third of our "occasional" luncheons after the noon service at King's Chapel. It's tax day, and, whatever that means for you, come to worship, celebrate Holy Communion, and stay for fellowship and lunch with our midweek congregation. See you then.

*Help the Chancel Committee
Decorate the Church for
EASTER
Saturday, April 11 at 12:00 noon*

Wednesday Services

During Lent, Holy Communion will be celebrated every Wednesday beginning at 12:15 p.m. and lasting approximately 35 minutes.

- APR. 1** Holy Communion
Erik Resly will preach.
- APR. 8** Holy Communion
Dean Denniston will preach.
- APR. 15** Holy Communion
Daniel Cochran, Seminarian, will preach.
- APR. 22** Midweek Prayer
The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
- APR. 29** Midweek Prayer
The Rev. Christopher Walton will preach.



April Flowers

The communion table flowers are given in loving memory and thanksgiving.

MINISTERIAL OFFERINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING

(Community Plate)

On March 8, our Annual Social Action Sunday, we initiated the trial practice of dedicating the Offering on the Second Sunday of each month to an agency working for the benefit of those in need in the local community. The first beneficiary was the City Mission Society of Boston, whose Executive Director, the Rev. June Cooper, preached for us that day and presented a fascinating program at the Parish House following Morning Prayer. With the Matching Funds contributed by our Charities and Appeals Committee, King's Chapel contributed \$1032 to the City Mission Society.

The Second Sunday in April is Easter Sunday. The Easter offering has been for several years given in support of the Charities and Appeals Committee itself, and we shall continue that tradition this year. On May 10, our Second Sunday offering will be directed to the Lend-A-Hand Society. Information will be in the May newsletter.

GRADUATING SENIORS?

If you have a child graduating from high school this spring, please let Joanne Giannino (617/227-2155 x309) know. We are making plans for Children's Sunday and want to acknowledge everyone's achievements, and wish all our young people well on the next part of their adventure.

APRIL 1: Lobby Day with UUs

Please plan to attend the 3rd Unitarian Universalist Lobby Day! Wednesday, April 1st, from 10:00 to 2:00, beginning at the UUA office at 25 Beacon Street and moving next door to the State House in Boston. For more information or to register for lunch contact Nancy Banks.

SPRING SALON

The final Salon of the church year will be held at the parsonage on Friday evening, April 3, beginning at 7 p.m. This is an opportunity for fellowship and fun together as we share our talents (real or imagined) with others. Bring a little food or beverage to share and join in the fun. All are invited and welcome.

Music, Music, Music March 29, 5:00 p.m.

LAST CONCERT OF THE SEASON J.S. BACH CELEBRATION

The choral works on this program were chosen to represent three major types of Bach's choral compositions - cantatas, motets, and masses - and were written in the three consecutive decades of Bach's most creative period. Cantata 21: Ich hatte viel Bekümmernis, appeared in 1714 when Bach was 29, after he became court organist in Weimar, where part of his job was to compose a cantata every month. The motet Fürchte dich nicht of 1726 was written about two years after Bach was appointed Director of Church Music for the city of Leipzig, a position that included being cantor at the school at the Thomaskirche. The Mass in G Major (1735) was completed just after Bach became court composer to the Elector of Saxony in 1736, a position he held until his death in 1750. There will be a chamber orchestra to accompany our superb choir.

An interesting historical coincidence is that J.S. Bach was born one year before the congregation of King's Chapel was founded, and died while the present building at School and Tremont streets in Boston was being constructed.

Come hear this great music, and join the musicians at an informal reception at the Parish House following the concert.

Volunteers, join the choir on April 19!

Our last volunteer Sunday was such a success that we forge right ahead with the next one. Anyone interested can join the choir in the organ loft for rehearsal before the Sunday service on 4/19. We'll rehearse from 9:30-10:30, then sing for 11a.m. Morning Prayer. If you'd like to take a look at the music before rehearsal, let Heinrich know - you can find him in the organ loft or via e-mail hchristensen@kings-chapel.org.

WORSHIP AND SUPPER CONTINUES AT THE PARISH HOUSE

Daniel Cochran, Seminarian, leads a short Taizé service on Wednesday evenings through April 8 followed by a simple meal of soup and bread during which the attendees will discuss a designated Gospel passage. Place: Parish House. Time: 6:00 p.m.

LIFTING OUR VOICES APRIL 19, 5:00 p.m.

"Lifting Our Voices" to benefit UUUM's Renewal House Shelter

An extraordinary concert will take place at King's Chapel on Sunday, April 19, at 5:00 p.m. KC choir members Denise Konicek, soprano, and Heather Holland, mezzo, inspired by a desire to do something to support a local shelter at this time of serious economic crisis, will present a program of songs and verse, accompanied by Music Director Heinrich Christensen.

Boston is King's Chapel's home, but is also home to victims of domestic violence. Supporting Renewal House, a program of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, is a way for us to reach out to diverse members of our community at a critical time in their lives.

When Denise first launched the idea of this benefit, she said: "Supporting domestic violence shelters is an issue close to my heart... as I know firsthand how devastating this is to people's lives." She continued, "Shelters will be hit doubly hard, because funding will be down just at the time that psychological stress is rising in families who find it even more difficult to make ends meet. *It is particularly important to be able to offer a safe haven right now.*"

Hurrah for King's Chapel! Our multi-talented musicians see a need in our community and are stepping up to do something about it. Let's support their initiative with our donations and our attendance on this very special occasion. The program will also include a sing-a-long segment and brief comments by Renewal House Executive Director Susan Criscione.

Admission to the concert is \$20, with 100% of the proceeds to be donated to Renewal House. Checks may be made out to UU Urban Ministry, with "Lifting Our Voices" on the memo line, and mailed to: UUUM, 10 Putnam Street, Roxbury, MA 02119. Tickets will be held at the door for pickup.

If you would like to make an additional gift direct to Renewal House in support of this special King's Chapel concert, please contact Vicky Coccoluto for further information.

COMMITTEE UPDATES & EVENTS

❖ DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

Anyone interested in the role of Christian churches in the UUA, including clergy, is invited on Sunday April 19, 2009, at 2 p.m. to First Parish Church, Weston, where the Council of Christian Churches in the UUA is celebrating its 27th Convocation, on the topic of “Christian Churches in the Unitarian Universalist Association! Opportunities and Challenges.”

Join Harry Hoehler, Adam Tierney-Eliot, Terry Burke, W. Scott Axford, Earl Holt, and Ron Robinson for a panel discussion, which will be moderated by Professor William W. “Rusty” Park of King’s Chapel. The panel will talk about where we have come from and where we go next as Unitarian Universalist Christian churches. Admission is free. Join us for sandwiches and coffee prior to the panel (1 p.m.). After the panel we will celebrate a brief Communion service. Please contact Elizabeth DeMille Barnett or the Church Office if you plan to attend.

❖ SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Committee thanks all who made Social Action Sunday such a smashing success. The Rev. June Cooper, Executive Director of The City Mission Society gave an energetic and inspiring sermon and presentation at the luncheon. Her topic was preventing gang gun violence and providing safe places for teens to socialize. All who came were inspired by June’s deep commitment to peace and safety for the youth of Boston.

The Committee is working with the Church School to raise money for the Heifer Project which combats hunger by providing life sustaining animals, such as: heifers, goats, and water buffalos to third world countries. We ask you to support this work by bringing “Spare Change” to church and placing it in the jar located in the vestibule. This effort will culminate on Pet Blessing Sunday (April 26) at the Parish House. Heifer Boston will bring some animals such as heifers or goats for the children to see and pet. All are invited to come to the Family Service that day and make your way up the hill to the church later.

WALK FOR HUNGER SUNDAY MAY 3:

Please consider supporting this important effort to combat hunger by asking people to sponsor your walk or by sponsoring a walker. More information will be in the Announcements section of the "Order for Morning Prayer" during April. You may contact Art Judge for more information.

— *Art Judge, Chair*

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

A Global Village Trip to El Salvador with Habitat for Humanity is taking place during the week of April 25 to May 2. There are still a couple of spaces available to join us in building homes there. For more information please contact Lark Palermo, Habitat Greater Boston, 617/423-2223 ext. 16.

INTERIM MINISTER SEARCH UPDATE

The Interim Minister Search Committee (Dean Denniston, Helen Grey, and Anne Sexton, with Co Chairs Arthur Judge, and Beth Chapin) is at work. We are in contact with both the UUA and the UCC, as well as with a nearby church that has had an interim recently. We are also responding to individuals who have contacted us.

The UUA Interim Search Process operates on a fixed schedule that will begin on April 15 when King’s Chapel submits its application. On or about May 1, the UUA will send us information about candidates who would seem to be good matches for KC. In the following ten days, the Committee will interview some or all of these candidates. Then there will be two possibilities. The first is that the Committee will recommend a candidate to the Wardens and Vestry who will in turn interview the candidate and decide whether to offer a contract. The second outcome would be that the Committee will ask the UUA for additional candidates.

We thank you who have given us suggestions and want all to know that we would welcome more. Please contact any member of the Committee.

— *Beth Chapin, Co-Chair*

VESTRY VIEWS

Feedback for the both the Interim and the Called Minister –

Vestry spent a long meeting with the UUA District Executive, the Rev. Teresa Cooley, who led us through the “Exit Interview” process. Exit Interviews are conducted by the UUA with the governing board and the minister when a minister leaves a church. Understandings gleaned from these conversations will benefit everyone involved, and will inform the ministers who follow.

An open and frank discussion addressed our experiences and differing perceptions during Earl’s ministry.

- greatest accomplishments and greatest frustrations
- exposure of structural problems in governance structure, or covenant of trust with elected leaders
- working relationship among minister(s), the staff, the Wardens and Vestry, the various church committees, and the congregation
- toxic behavior as a feature of congregational life, obstacles to the vital life of the church
- what at KC attracts and holds people
- hopes and expectations for the new minister

A distilled write-up by the moderator is kept confidential, shared only with the UUA administrator of the Interim Process, with the Interim, and returned to the Senior Warden for our use.

Budget process – We have been alerted that to face the current economic reality, we must respond to significantly reduced income. Maintaining a balanced budget will necessarily mean significantly reducing expenditure. The Fiscal Affairs Committee has contacted committee chairs and will present a first draft budget to the Vestry for discussion at a special meeting on March 16.

The **Interim Minister search process** will be discussed at the next regular Vestry meeting, April 13.

— *Todd Lee, Junior Warden*

MINNS LECTURES

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Children of the Same God:

Unitarianism in Kinship with Judaism and Islam

by Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie

The Rev. Dr. Susan Ritchie has served as the minister of the North Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Lewis Center, Ohio, since September 1996 and is currently visiting professor of Unitarian Universalist heritage and ministry at the Starr King School for the Ministry. All lectures are free and open to the public.

Lecture 1: The Early Unitarian Theology of Relationship to Judaism and Islam

European Unitarianism was formed in large part through the desire to honor Christianity's close kinship with Judaism and Islam. Convinced that Christians, Muslims, and Jews were a part of the same religious family, Unitarians emerged as Christians who resisted theologies of God that could not be freely shared across traditions. This lecture explores the earliest theological expressions of this multi-religious vision.

Tuesday, April 21, 6:30 p.m. reception; 7:00 p.m. lecture at UUA, 25 Beacon St.

Lecture 2: European Unitarianism in Creative Cultural Exchange with Ottoman Islam

Beginning with how Unitarianism's commitment to and articulation of religious tolerance arose from actual exchanges between sixteenth-century Transylvanians and Ottoman Muslims the discussion moves to explore the intentional efforts of European Unitarians to reach out to Muslims throughout the centuries.

Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 p.m. reception and 6:30 p.m. dinner (\$10 fee for dinner), followed by 7:30 pm lecture at First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough St.

Lecture 3: European Unitarianism in Relationship to Judaism

While waves of European anti-Semitic persecutions troubled this identity, a strong affinity for Judaism distinguishes European Unitarianism across the centuries. For some Unitarians, this meant adopting Jewish practices; for others it meant establishing relationships with Jewish communities.

Monday, April 27, 6:30 p.m. reception followed by 7:00 p.m. lecture at King's Chapel Parish House, 64 Beacon St.

Lecture 4: Resistances and Possibilities in the North American Unitarian Engagement with Islam and Judaism

While the European Unitarian tradition was formed through creative engagement with actual Islamic and Jewish communities, the North American history has not been as rich. This lecture explores the racial and class identity of American Unitarianism that led it to not fully embrace this kinship with Judaism and Islam in spite of many suggestions of affinity and connection.

Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 p.m. reception followed by 7:30 p.m. lecture at Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre.

The Minns Lectures are an annual series of free public lectures on religious topics established in 1941 by a bequest of Susan Minns, a member of King's Chapel, to honor her brother, Thomas Minns, a member of the First Church Boston. The program is administered by a committee comprised of the Ministers and members of the two churches. Laity currently representing King's Chapel on the Minns Committee are Mebd Sichko, Allen Speight and Charles Perry. A fifth lecture by Dr. Ritchie will also be delivered at the 2009 General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association, jointly sponsored by Starr King School for the Ministry. This will take place in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 27.

TORY STORIES



The British are Coming!

This coming Patriots' Day Weekend on Saturday (April 18), the British are once again coming to King's Chapel. Following last year's tradition, the King's Chapel Freedom Trail Program is once again opening its doors to the Tories of Revolutionary Boston for a day of educational and fun Tory Stories.

The King's Chapel tradition of Tory Stories began over four years ago during Harborfest, and has become an annual event. In addition to the week-long celebration of our nation's and Church's histories, we also present these Stories on Patriots' Day Weekend and to tour, university, school and UUA Coming of Age groups throughout the year.

This year, we are pleased to be hosting (again) Lady Agnes Frankland, Lady Margaret Gage, and Captain Thomas Preston of the British military. Our Captain and Ladies will be regaling visitors from around the nation and the world with stories of the King's Chapel Tories - and a few Patriots, too! - and explaining King's Chapel's seminal role in the establishment of our new nation, and the founding of the Unitarian faith in the new United States.

Tory Stories will run every hour on the half hour beginning at 10:30 a.m. with the final presentation at 3:30 p.m. During this time, the Church will be open (as usual) to visitors.

We would love to see you all there!

✧ **THE CHURCH SCHOOL**
CHURCH SCHOOL APRIL CALENDAR

APR. 5

Church School and Palm Sunday at King's Chapel - Heifer Bake Sale and Easter Egg Hunt, sponsored by the Muscat family.



APR. 12 *Easter Sunday at King's Chapel*



APR. 19 *Family Service and Church School Youth Group plans to visit a neighborhood church. Rock Band will follow, open to 5th grade students. "Growing your Spirit" with Joanne*

APR. 26

Pet Blessing - in the Parish House garden featuring live animals from the Heifer farm in Rutland, MA and Church School



FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

HEIFER PROJECT:

Reports from teachers and parents are that the children are very excited about participating in the Heifer Project. At one of our recent coffee hours, the children watched a Heifer video that depicted the impact a gift has on a family. For most of the recipients, the extra income from a Heifer animal enables a child to attend school. The video helped the children realize that though the need is great, a solution is possible if we all band together. Following a group discussion, it was decided to raise funds to donate a heifer (\$500) or possibly reach a stretch goal of \$1,500 for the Joy to the World Collection – sheep, goats, llamas and a heifer. From now until the end of the school year, the Family Service collection plate will be earmarked for the Heifer project. In addition to donations from the children, many parents have pledged to match the children's contribution.

Loose Change

So how can "Big Church" help? Please look for the large donation jar in the vestibule of King's Chapel marked Heifer Project. We welcome large and small cash donations. No donation is too small – this is a great opportunity to clear out all the loose change throughout your house.

Bake Sale

In addition, look for us on Palm Sunday when the Church School will sponsor a bake sale during the coffee hour at the church. Please plan to purchase a breakfast bread or treat for immediate or later consumption. Fundraising will officially close on Children's Sunday when we will announce the donation total. We hope everyone in the Society will help support this project.

Alecia Manning, Chair – Church School Committee

Congratulations to Ferenc

The following message was sent to the Rev. Ferenc Balint-Benczedi, in honor of his installation as Bishop of the Transylvanian Unitarian Church on March 6, 2009:

On behalf of all your friends at King's Chapel in Boston, we send our hearty
CONGRATULATIONS!
Upon your installation as Bishop of the Unitarian Church of Transylvania.
We know that your talent and sincere dedication will enable you to serve with great distinction in this new role, and we pray that you and your work will be richly blessed in the years ahead.
Our joy is diminished only by the knowledge that we will miss your presence as Senior Minister of our beloved Partner Church,
the First Unitarian Church of Kolozsvár.
With loving good wishes on this historic occasion,
King's Chapel Partner Church Committee
March 6, 2009

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The Rev. Earl K. Holt III, Minister
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Assistant Minister
The Rev. Carl R. Scovel, Minister Emeritus
Heinrich Christensen, Director of Music
Pei-Chun Lin, Children's Music Director
Lucy Sewall, Parish Administrator

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PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY.**

*Mark Your
Calendar*

Sunday, April 19th — 5 p.m.

at King's Chapel

Lifting Our Voices

Songs and verse

in honor of women performed by

Denise Konicek and Heather Holland,

King's Chapel choir members,

accompanied by Heinrich Christensen,

Music Director

All proceeds of this performance

will be donated to Renewal House,

a Shelter of Hope for Individuals in Crisis

a program of the

Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry

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