

NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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SECOND SUNDAY OUTREACH OFFERING

By vote of the Wardens and Vestry, starting on March 8 the offering taken at Morning Prayer on the Second Sunday of each month will be directed to a charitable organization providing support for those from the local community in need of food, housing, or other assistance. This will continue through June on a trial basis and if warranted by our initial experience continued on a regular basis thereafter.

Organizations designated to receive the support of this "community plate" will be recommended to the Vestry by our Charities and Appeals Committee, which has agreed to match contributions dollar-for-dollar up to a maximum of \$500 each month.

Programs like this have been established by many congregations throughout the country in the last few years. We are initiating it in response to the requests of many in the parish to provide a mechanism for our direct support of local charities, all the more urgently needed in the exigencies of the present time.

On each Second Sunday cash and checks (unless otherwise designated) made to King's Chapel will be directed to the chosen organization. (If you write "KC Annual Appeal" on the Memo line of a check, your contribution will be credited to your pledge, if applicable, and directed towards the church's operating income.)

If you are unable to be in church on a Second Sunday but would like to contribute to the community plate that month, you can still participate by sending a donation to the Parish House office, indicating its purpose. Checks should be made to King's Chapel.

Information about designated agencies and charitable organizations will be provided in this Newsletter on a regular basis.

The collection on March 8, which is our annual Social Action Sunday, will be directed to the City Mission Society of Boston, whose Executive Director, the Rev. June Cooper will be preaching that day. For further information see page 4.

Personally, I hope we shall witness very generous and widespread support of this effort.



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:

- ✠ 2010 Annual Appeal
- ✠ Community Buzz
- ✠ Keep a Holy Lent
- ✠ Calling all Hands
- ✠ Spring Salon

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Sundays in March

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.

- MAR. 1 Holy Communion**
The First Sunday in Lent
 The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
 Daniel Cochran, Seminarian,
 officiating; Medb Sichko,
 Co-Lector
The lessons are Genesis 9:8-17 and Mark 1:9-15.
- MAR. 8 Morning Prayer**
Social Action Sunday, Community Plate
 The Rev. June Cooper, Exec. Dir. of City Mission Society of Greater Boston, will preach. The Rev. Earl Holt, Co-officiating; Jill Malin, Lector
The lessons are Genesis 17:1-10, 15-19 and Mark 8:31-38.
- MAR. 15 Morning Prayer**
 The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
 Daniel Cochran, Seminarian,
 officiating;
 Co-Lector
The lessons are Exodus 20:1-17 and John 2:13-22.
- MAR. 22 Morning Prayer**
 The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
 The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Co-officiating; Lector, Jeff Bursaw
The lessons are 2 Chronicles 36:14-23 and John 3:14-21.
- MAR. 29 Morning Prayer**
Pulpit Exchange
 The Rev. Paul Sawyer, Minister of First Universalist Church, Hartland, Vt. will preach.
 Joanne Giannino, Co-officiating; Lector, Peter Coccoluto
The lessons are Jeremiah 31:31-34 and John 12:20-33.

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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.

- MAR. 3** Boston Conservatory Vocal Showcase
Oratorio Favorites by Bach, Handel, more
- MAR. 10** Eric Haas, recorder
Olav Chris Henriksen, lute
"Fire & Ice" - Italians in Germany
- MAR. 17** Svanur Vilbergsson, guitar
Works by Handel & José
- MAR. 24** Ashley Addington, flute
Megan Remaly, harp
Works by Fauré, Ibert, Piazzolla
- MAR. 31** Denise Konicek, soprano
Heinrich Christensen, organ
"Women in Song"

Wednesday Services

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

- MAR. 4** Holy Communion
Arthur Judge will preach.
- MAR. 11** Holy Communion and Memorial Service for Eleanor Cramer
The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
- MAR. 18** Holy Communion
The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.
- MAR. 25** Holy Communion
The Rev. Pamela Barz will preach.



Family Service

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

- MAR. 1** Daniel Cochran, Seminarian, will preach.
- MAR. 8** The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
- MAR. 15 All Church Sunday**
- MAR. 22** The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.
- MAR. 29 Holy Communion**
The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.

SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING

(Community Plate)

As noted on page 1, the collection at Morning Prayer on March 8 will be directed to the City Mission Society of Boston, an interfaith social justice organization, founded in 1816 to serve the needs of the poor. With a major current focus on homelessness, among its direct service programs are an Emergency Needs Network providing assistance to individuals and families in financial crisis and "A Lift Up," serving female-headed households.

from **THE ASSISTANT
MINISTER**

It is said that “March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb,” signaling the transition from winter to spring. It’s not always an easy transition. Winter often lasts longer than the calendar might have it. March 20 is called the first day of spring but perhaps that day is really just an opening. It is the spring equinox. The day and the night are of equal length. A time when we can sit on an edge between light and dark, day and night, and look backward and forward. To consider where we have been and how we want to proceed. A time of transition.

It is also a time of transition in our congregation. A time to look back and a time to consider how we want to proceed. There are two search committees working at present. One is looking for an interim parish minister and one is looking for a church school director. My prayer is that all of us lend our appreciation and trust to the members of both committees as they go forward with their love and commitment to King’s Chapel.

As we enter, also, this season of Lent, may we continue to bring our best selves to our faith community. Come to church. Reflect and pray. Talk to one another. Listen. Consider the parts we have played and would like to play in the ministry of King’s Chapel. What dream may Christ have for this chapel near the hill?

May this opening, this time of change, be one that leads us ever more closely to that relationship we strive for which is our covenant with one another:

In the love of the truth and in the spirit of Jesus Christ, we unite for the worship of God and the service of man.

May it be so, and may the sun and the crocuses be there to lead us on!

in faith Joanne

Soup and sharing...time for listening and care (RESCHEDULED)

Come – children, youth, and adults – for lunch and a time of sharing and listening on the questions: Who is Jesus and What is God? on Sunday, March 29 at 12:30 p.m.. We will have soup and salad to feed our bellies. And will we create a circle of respect and curiosity in which to share our experiences, thoughts, and feelings. Drop-ins welcome. - Joanne.

**MINISTERIAL
OFFERINGS**

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY:
LENT THROUGH EASTER**

The ongoing lectionary Bible Study on Thursday mornings begins a new series for Lent on February 26, continuing through Holy Week, 8:45 a.m. each week at the Parish House. We will discuss texts from Torah and from the gospels of Mark and John. Study materials (\$20) are available from the Parish House, and newcomers are always welcome. Contact Earl for further information.

Bible Study over a soup supper will also be a component of the Wednesday evening program being offered weekly during Lent by our Seminarian Daniel Cochran. No sign-up required.

PULPIT EXCHANGE MARCH 29

On March 29 our preacher will be the Rev. Paul Sawyer, Minister of the First Universalist Society in Hartland Four Corners, Vermont. A 2006 graduate of the Harvard Divinity School, he served as Seminarian at King’s Chapel during the 2003-04 church year. Please come and welcome Paul back to our pulpit. Our Minister will be preaching at the Hartland church that day.

**AMERICAN UNITARIAN HISTORY
CHAPTER SIX**

This monthly class, featuring short videos taken from the series, “Our American Roots” continues on Sunday, March 22, at 12:30 in the Parish House. This session will focus on Ralph Waldo Emerson and the Transcendentalist Controversy, a defining chapter in the theological history of our movement. As usual the ministers will guide the discussion. Newcomers and drop-ins are always welcome.

**PALM SUNDAY PASSION STORY
READING**

Members of the congregation will do an enacted reading of the Passion from the Gospel of Mark on Sunday, April 5. If you are interested in taking part, please contact one of the ministers as soon as possible or indicate your interest to Lucy at lsewall@kings-chapel.org or 617/227-2155 Ext. 310. Attendance at rehearsal on Saturday morning, April 4 is required.

NOTEWORTHY

**COMMUNITY BUZZ AT THE PARISH
HOUSE!**

You probably know that the Parish House is often abuzz with KC activities—Church School, and a great variety of meetings, classes, and social activities (not to mention the dedicated labors of our staff). But did you know that it is also used by a great variety of community groups? Including two you might want to join? Two of the most frequent users are Beacon Hill Village and Beacon Hill Seminars. Despite their names, neither is limited to Beacon Hill residents.

The members of Beacon Hill Seminars have a vigorous interest in continuing their intellectual growth, and lead or take a diverse group of courses, several of which meet at the Parish House. Earl Holt is leading one on T.S. Eliot; other courses this spring include Napoleon, Pioneer Women, the painter Jan van Eyck, Memoir Writing, and Great Decisions. More information at BeaconHillSeminars@verizon.net or 617 523-0970.

Beacon Hill Village is a nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of people aged 50 and over, both fit and frail, who live in Beacon Hill, Back Bay, Charles River Park, and adjacent neighborhoods. Its motto is “City Living Just Got Easier.” Its members enjoy social and cultural programs ranging from day trips to affinity groups to the “Conversations” with notable Bostonians, which are held at the Parish House. BHV also offers “one stop shopping” for access to such services as minor home repairs, transportation, gyms and exercise programs, grocery shopping, computer help, and temporary or continuing home health care—most at a discount, and all from providers screened by BHV.

BHV was invented by people who vigorously resisted the possibility that they might have to move into a retirement community, and has become a national model for organizations making it feasible for older people to stay in homes they love. It has, however, also become a community that makes life easier, more interesting, and more fun for the fully healthy as well those who need

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COMMITTEE UPDATES & EVENTS

❖ ANNUAL APPEAL COMMITTEE
March Is Pledge Month

You have probably received a letter from the Annual Appeal, enclosing your 2010 pledge card with its convenient return envelope, asking you to pledge generously for 2010. Please respond promptly so your pledge card doesn't end up on the mantelpiece or in the dog's bowl. As you know, **100% participation** is a major goal, and we are getting closer to this goal each year. Wouldn't it be nice if we didn't have to interrupt your dinner, calling you from the Telethon in April? So, please read our letter with a kind heart, fill in your pledge card and pop it in the mail... done! Keep in mind that we have until June 30, 2010, to pay our pledges, and things may be looking much better by then, God willing. Thank you for your support. ♥

—Amy Meyer, Annual Appeal Chair

❖ DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

Anyone interested in the role of Christian churches in the UUA, including clergy, are 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."

Come 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 at barnettejd@rcn.com; 781/861-9979 or the Church Office if you plan to attend.

MARCH MOVIE NIGHT

March 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Parish House. Title to be announced.

❖ MUSIC COMMITTEE
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.

❖ SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Action Committee thanks all who bought holiday baked goods to benefit the Mass. Coalition for the Homeless. We raised \$800, all of which goes directly to the Coalition because the goods were donated by Dancing Deer Baking Co.

Social Action Sunday is March 8. The Rev. June Cooper of City Mission Society will preach and be present at the reception to follow in the Parish House. The Committee plans to serve hearty soup, bread, and goodies. June was a classmate of Art Judge's at Andover Newton Theological School and is an outstanding preacher.

The SAC is continuing to work with the Church School on the Heifer Project. More details in the April Newsletter.

— Art Judge, Chair



SPRING SALON - BE AN APRIL FOOL

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. In the past we've had poetry and play readings, instrumental music from kazoos to pianos and all stops in between, songs, juggling and much, much more. Bring a little food or beverage to share and join in the fun. All are invited and welcome.

CALLING ALL HANDS!

Do you like to knit, crochet, sew, or make other warm, soft things? Would you like to learn how to knit, crochet, sew, or make other warm, soft things? Would you like to make some shawls, blankets, hats, gloves, or other warm fuzzies for people who need the warmth of the objects themselves and the warmth of your prayers?

If so, come to a meeting to discuss the creation of a *Prayer Shawl Ministry* at King's Chapel, Sunday March 8, at 12:30 at the Parish House. Bring your open hearts and whatever you would like to the discussion. If you are working on a project or want to show something you've made, bring it along. Otherwise, we will talk about what this kind of ministry might be for us; who would be the recipients of our handwork, how often we would meet, etc. Please call Joanne if you have any questions.



**INTERIM MINISTER SEARCH
UPDATE**

(The Buzz-continued from page 3)

some help to stay at home. More information at www.beaconhillvillage.org or 617/723-9713. Or ask Elsie Herrmann or Betsy Peterson—we are enthusiastic members of both Beacon Hill Seminars and Beacon Hill Village!

The Fragment Society, founded in 1812, provides layettes for social service agencies to give to needy mothers and their babies. It has a long history of working with or at King’s Chapel. At present, KC provides space to store items for the layettes (many beautifully handmade) and the completed layettes, which are often topped with adorable stuffed animals. Lucy enjoys meeting both the members of the Fragment Society and the people who come to collect the layettes.

Other groups meeting regularly in the Parish House this spring include a job search support group and a yoga class. Moreover, other groups or individuals use the Parish House occasionally for private parties—e.g., our neighbor the Cambridge Trust Bank, a school reunion group, and parishioners celebrating a special occasion.

Lucy Sewall schedules all these events with her usual cheerful calm and competence. Lucy, and these activities, give many members of the community a warm welcome at the Parish House—and most of these groups donate to KC as well!

— *Betsy Peterson*



SAVE THE DATE

April 11 at 12:00 noon

**Help the Chancel Committee
Decorate the Church for**

EASTER



The Interim Minister Search Committee (Dean Denniston, Helen Grey, and Anne Sexton, with Co-Chairs Arthur Judge and Beth Chapin) is up and running and will endeavor to complete the search by late May. If you know of someone who might be a good candidate, please contact one of the members of the Committee. We would also welcome your comments or ideas.

You may be wondering about who interims are, what they do, and how they are engaged. In general, interims are experienced ministers who have special training for and interest in working with congregations that wish to use a transition period to change some of their practices. They reflect back to the congregation what they see; they speak frankly. In general, interims are most effective if they have not been active members of the congregation. At King’s Chapel, the Committee will recommend candidate/s to the Wardens and Vestry who will make the final selection. The interim will be given a one-year contract with the option to renew.

The Wardens and Vestry charged the Search Committee to look for a Christian minister who can lead Morning Prayer effectively, can help us define our decision-making processes, understands congregational polity, has experience with urban churches, and can help us look at the long range needs and role of the Society. The Committee was instructed to participate in the UUA process and also to look outside that process. Our time with an interim is an opportunity to become a stronger congregation.

— *Beth Chapin, Co-Chair*

ORDER EASTER FLOWERS NOW!

Names will be listed in the Easter Bulletin. Send the information to Lucy at the Parish House with a check for \$40/each memorial, made out to King’s Chapel:

The name of the person you are remembering. Your name, address, and email.

DUE DATE: March 31.

Thank you.

VESTRY VIEWS

What do we look for in our Interim Minister? – that was the big question for the Wardens and Vestry at the February meeting. While calling a Long Term Minister is the province of the whole Society, it is the Wardens and Vestry responsibility to develop the program for the one or two year interim period. We choose a committee to act for us to select and nominate for our approval. We then direct and support the work of the Interim so that we have a clear and agreed upon sense of our mission and who we want to become as our church.

Before the discussion on the interim, the Trustees reported that the Trust was considerably stronger than the benchmarks and our losses smaller than comparable institutions. Nevertheless, our fund has shrunk from its year end ’07 high of \$16 million to an ’08 Q4 of \$11,871,000. Annual Appeal response needs to remain strong, as difficult as that will be, to keep our budgets, programs and staff from being seriously impacted.

Charging the Search Committee produced clear criteria. It is desirable that the Interim be :

- Christian, able to preach well in the biblical tradition from our liturgy and lectionary
- A reflective listener who hears clearly and draws useful conclusions
- Experienced as an Interim trained in working strongly with congregations
- Understand church governance and congregational polity
- Able to bridge divergent points of view, and to help us to plan for the long term.

We will probably need to go outside of the UUA process to have enough candidates to consider. If you have a candidate who begins to fill the criteria, do let the committee know. See Interim Minister Search Update on this page.

— *Todd Lee, Junior Warden*

✧ THE CHURCH SCHOOL

SUNDAY SCENES



Carol and Pam lead the K-2 class.



Kirsten with Dora and Charlie

FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Church School has had a busy January and February. Shannon Lee and Andy Edwards, our middle school and youth group instructors, have agreed to act as the interim DRE on Sundays. Look for them to greet you at the beginning of Family Service. Astrid Muller has transformed the school's regular weekly e-mail into an informative, visual update on the latest news from the Little Chapel. In addition to the upcoming Sunday schedule, Astrid posts links to spiritual parenting web sites, text from recent homilies, and most importantly, photos of CS activities. She says anything is possible with a MAC but I am impressed and find myself looking forward to opening my inbox every Thursday. Beth Herbert has added CS coffee hour shopping to her Costco outings and Katherine Wright continues to serve as the sole member of the CS committee. Thanks go to all our families for sharing the many organizational chores associated with the church school programs.

On Feb. 8th Joanne held her first of four classes focused on "Growing Your Spirit." We are grateful for these opportunities to come together as a community. We meet next on March 8th. Upcoming events: the Loftus family will host our annual Ice Skating party at the Frog Pond and the Tranters are helping integrate the Heifer Project into the school's curriculum. Art Judge, Chair of Charity and Appeals, brought the group to our attention and it is a good fit for the school - Heifer structures its gifts of domestic animals to encourage self-reliance. Plans are in the works to hold a fund raising bake sale at Palm Sunday coffee hour. And last but not most important, we begin the process for identifying a new DRE under the leadership of Carolyn Russ who will chair the search committee.

Alecia Manning

CHURCH SCHOOL MARCH CALENDAR

- MAR. 1** Family Service, "Bring a Friend"
Church School and Skating Party
- MAR. 8** Family Service and Church School
10:45 "Growing Your Spirit"
- MAR. 15** Church School "Art and Spirit"
All Church Sunday
Tour of King's Chapel; Youth Group
- MAR. 22** Family Service and Church School
- MAR. 29** Family Service, Holy Communion and
Church

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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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THIS CONTAINS TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL.
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Special Interest

KEEPING LENT

*Available at King's Chapel to help
you keep a Holy Lent:*

Bible Study

Thursday mornings at 8:45 a.m.

Holy Communion

Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.

Taize and Supper

Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Growing Your Spirit

March 8 at 10:45 a.m.

Soup and Sharing

March 29 at 12:30 p.m.

Lenten readings

Available at Parish House

Palm Sunday

Reading the Passion Story

SAVE THE DATE!

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*