

NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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FINAL FOUR


I preached my first Easter sermon in a little Unitarian church in Fresno, California, in 1972. Not long before, and it became part of that sermon, I had experienced a kind of personal Eastering, when we learned that my wife was pregnant with our first child, my daughter Alicia, who was born later that year, as it happened just a few weeks before I was formally Ordained to the Ministry. New life, new beginnings.

Last year, which I call the Year with Two Easters, I was on sabbatical. It was the first year since 1972 that I did not preach on Easter Day, neither the Western Easter in March that we celebrated with John Buehrens' church in Needham, nor the Orthodox Easter that we celebrated with newly-made friends while we were living in Crete last April. Last year was also personally Eastered by the birth of my first grandchild, David, whom we had welcomed to the world in Arizona in late February. A new life, a new beginning.

And, just a few weeks ago, I preached what might be my last Easter sermon, from the pulpit of King's Chapel. It felt, to some extent, like an ending, even a kind of culmination, but if Easter teaches us anything it is that every end is also a beginning. "In my beginning is my end," T. S. Eliot wrote, and "In my end is my beginning."

When the Common Lectionary was first devised, the Sundays after Easter were labeled that way (the "First Sunday after Easter" and so forth), but the Revised lectionary calls them not after but "of." (This year, for example, the first Sunday in May is the "Fourth Sunday of Easter.") This serves to emphasize that Easter is not just a day, but a season, the season of new life. There are seven Sundays in all before Pentecost, the long liturgical season that extends all the way to the church's new year in Advent. Every ending leads to a new beginning.

I am scheduled to preach in King's Chapel four Sundays before we take our leave of Boston, at least for a time, my personal "Final Four." Forty years ago this summer in 1969 I moved from Boston to California to enter seminary, and Marilyn and I will be taking a more leisurely and meandering trip to the Left Coast later this summer, to settle for a time in a cottage in the woods north of San Francisco, the beginning of our new life. And also of yours at King's Chapel. God bless us all.



PARISH AND PASTORAL CARE

In order to strengthen the pastoral ministry of King's Chapel a small group will be exploring existing arrangements. Bill Patton is convening the group which includes Leslie Patton, Lee Glenn, Arthur Judge and Joanne Giannino. More to come.

Special This Month:

- ✠ Annual Meeting
- ✠ Easter Collage
- ✠ New Member
- ✠ Walk for Hunger-May 3
- ✠ KC encourages email

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Sundays in May

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.

- MAY 3 **Holy Communion****
The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
The Rev. Joanne Giannino will co-officiate.
The lessons are Ezekiel 34:1-10 and Acts 4:8-12.
- MAY 10 **Morning Prayer****
Mother's Day
Daniel Cochran, Seminarian, will preach.
The Rev. Earl Holt co-officiating.
The lessons are Deuteronomy 4:32-40 and Acts 8:26-40.
- MAY 17 **Morning Prayer****
Children's Sunday
The Rev. Earl Holt and the Rev. Joanne Giannino will read the service.
The lessons are Isaiah 45:11-13, 18-19 and Acts 10:44-48.
- MAY 24 **Morning Prayer****
The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
Daniel Cochran, co-officiating.
The lessons are Exodus 28:1-4, 9-10, 29-30 and Acts 1:15-17, 21-26.
- MAY 31 **Morning Prayer****
Pentecost
New Member Sunday
Daniel Cochran, Seminarian, will preach.
The Rev. Earl Holt co-officiating.
The lessons are Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Acts 2:1-21.

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.

- MAY 5** Nathan Kolosko, solo guitar:
Works of Pereira, Sardinha,
Guimarães & Kolosko
- MAY 12** Milford High School Chamber
Choir, Joshua Nannstad, director
Stanford, Paulus, folksongs
- MAY 19** Masconomet Chamber Singers
Brian O'Cock, director with
Randy O'Keefe, trumpet;
Laurence Carson, organ;
Works by Vivaldi, Bach and more
- MAY 26** Alan Weiss & Sarah Kelly, flutes;
Heinrich Christensen, organ;
Sonatas & trios by C.P.E. Bach,
Telemann, Quantz

Family Service

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

- MAY 3** 8:00 a.m. BREAKFAST
9:00 a.m. Walk for Hunger
- MAY 10** **Flower Communion and
Church School**
The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
- MAY 17** **Children's Sunday**

**CHURCH SCHOOL AND FAMILY
SERVICE WILL RESUME IN
SEPTEMBER.**

Wednesday Services

Midweek Prayer services begin at 12:15 p.m. and last approximately 35 minutes.

- MAY 6** Midweek Prayer
Daniel Cochran, Seminarian, will preach.
- MAY 13** Midweek Prayer
Dean Denniston will preach.
- MAY 20** Holy Communion
The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.
- MAY 27** Midweek Prayer
The Rev. Janet Bush will preach.

The Reverend Janet Bush, a graduate of Andover Newton Theological School, is completing her ministerial internship at the First Parish Church (UU) in Dorchester, MA. She is the candidate for settled minister at the First Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence in Northampton, MA.



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from *THE ASSISTANT
MINISTER*

One of my favorite goodbye rituals comes from my time as an expressive therapist. When a staff person left the community, all staff and clients would gather in a large circle. The person leaving the group, for a new job, usually, would hold in her lap a large ball. The ball would be thrown to someone in the circle. The person who received the ball would tell the person leaving one thing that he appreciated about her, and then say goodbye. Then the ball would be thrown back to the one leaving, and she would tell the other person something that she appreciated about him, and then say goodbye. And on and on the ball would travel, and we would hear the words of appreciation and the final word, goodbye. Then we would have celebratory refreshments and hugs all around.

It is important when someone is leaving to say words of appreciation and then to say goodbye. This process takes time: time to accept that the departure is happening, time to sort through feelings about the impending loss, and time to get together and say those final words. That is why when a minister leaves a congregation notice is given well in advance: so that we have the time to say goodbye.

It has been several months since Earl announced his retirement. This has allowed time for us to come to terms with his upcoming departure. There are many feelings. I think of the themes that surround grief: denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. A minister leaving is a loss. The themes of grief have surfaced, and unlike stages that occur in a row, these themes come and go like waves. Over time they may dissipate. It is important to feel them, acknowledge them, even as time moves on.

And **now** is the time, for all of us to participate in some kind of goodbye with Earl. We may not sit in a large circle and passing a ball back and forth, saying aloud our appreciations and the final words: goodbye. But in some way, I encourage all of us to find the time, before it is late, and we are hurried, to take a moment to speak the words that you need to say, and to hear the words that Earl needs to say. And then, say to one another, goodbye.

*OUR WIDER
MINISTRY*

**SECONDSUNDAYOUTREACH
OFFERING** (*Community Plate*)

On Sunday, May 10, the Offering at Morning Prayer will be directed to the Lend-a-Hand Society (LAH). Founded in 1892, LAH provides emergency financial assistance to low-income families, individuals, and elderly and disabled people, primarily in the Greater Boston area. Working with advocates at non-profit and governmental social service agencies who make requests on behalf of their clients, LAH helps them meet their basic needs in a timely, dignified way. Founded as a non-sectarian enterprise by the notable Boston Unitarian Minister and author Edward Everett Hale (who was in fact very tall, but not as tall as his statue in the Public Garden), LAH has carried out its mission quietly but effectively for well over a century.

Background: On a trial basis the Offering at Morning Prayer on the Second Sunday of each month is now being donated to local social service agencies, with a focus on those serving the homeless and hungry. Our Charities and Appeals Committee has agreed to match these contributions dollar-for-dollar up to a maximum of \$500 each month.

On each Second Sunday all cash and checks made to King's Chapel (unless otherwise designated) 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 payable to King's Chapel.

(Asst. Minister's Column Continued)

The words will be your own. They may be "farewell," "so long," "see you around." Whatever they are, speak them aloud, be heard by the one who needs to hear them, and in the presence of the holy that has been and will be present with us throughout all time.

Amen, Joanne

*COMMITTEE UPDATES
& EVENTS*

**SUPPORT THE WALK FOR HUNGER
MAY 3**

The King's Chapel Team is gearing up for this year's Project Bread Walk for Hunger. The Church School and Social Action Committee have joined forces again to help support those who are hungry in Massachusetts. Please support our team by sponsoring a Walker. Go to the King's Chapel website and click on Project Bread.org; find King's Chapel Team; and sponsor one of our walkers. You can watch the donations rise each day by keeping our team webpage on your computer screen. Thank you in advance for supporting our efforts. To join us in the walk register on line and come to the Parish House at 8 a.m. on Sunday May 3 for a potluck breakfast, and begin the walk with the entire church school by 9 a.m. Walk some or all of the 20 miles!

✧ **ANNUAL APPEAL**

By now hopefully just about everyone has pledged for 2010... if you haven't responded generously to the Annual Appeal letter, enclosing your 2010 pledge card with its convenient return envelope, or to the AA Telethon... it's not too late! Please send in your generous pledge and help us inch closer to the **100% participation** goal for the 2010 campaign.

Even as we collect pledges for 2010, we must remind everyone to complete payment of 2009 commitments by June 30, 2009, the end of the KC fiscal year. If you haven't yet paid your entire pledge for FY09, please do so this month. In addition to enabling KC to close the 09 books on a positive note, this will enable you to enjoy your spring evenings without interruption by an AAC reminder call. Clearly 2009 has been a difficult year financially for many, and for King's Chapel... so we ask everyone to consider an "extra" or additional 2009 contribution... as you are able... to help in closing a budget gap this year. Thank you for your continued support for our beloved community. ♥

—Amy Meyer, Annual Appeal Chair

AN EASTER COLLAGE



Vigil participants Pamela Gore, Earl Holt, Patricia Bass, Allen Speight, and Daniel Cochran in the back.



The church is filled with flowers, thanks to the Chancel Committee.



Earl and Joanne greet worshippers.



Usher Peter Coccoluto(center) in morning coat on Easter morning.



The window above the altar. The shutters are only open on Easter Day.



Earl and Joanne prepare the reading desk for the Easter service.

VESTRY VIEWS

The Budget for next year – FY10 – has been the principle focus of the Vestry at its special meeting last month and again at the April meeting. After a good deal of study and discussion, Vestry has voted to recommend for Society approval the balanced budget developed with extraordinary diligence by Acting Treasurer, Bill Sears, and Fiscal Affairs Chair, Chris Barnett. It is no surprise that in these economic times, and despite our best efforts, income from Annual Appeal and investment is reduced, requiring program cuts. All key parties affected – staff and committee chairs – have participated in the reduced budgeting process with a good will.

The Interim Minister Search Committee reported that its process is going well. A “strong pool of applicants” has been identified from both the UUA and the UCC. Interviews and vetting continue, towards a recommendation in the next few weeks. Optimism for the outcome was expressed.

The Nominating Committee distributed a draft of its proposed slate. The observation was forcefully made echoing that of last year, that although the committee is ultimately pleased with the quality of the slate, we have too complicated a committee structure and too many positions to fill for a church of our numbers. This was manifest in the serious difficulty the committee again had in getting willing candidates for all of the slots.

Assisted Listening Devices were approved for purchase. The new system performed well in testing earlier this year, and will make our services more accessible to people who have hearing loss. It replaces a vintage, now dysfunctional, system that we’ve been unable to use in recent years.

In other reports, it was noted that there are lots of good things going on within our church community – a fine series of Easter season events, multiple projects at the church school, remarkable concerts and a sublime choir, attendance at UUA workshops with beginnings of work on our pastoral and parish visitation efforts, as well as hard looks at our governance structure, reasoned working away at taking care of our physical plant, and woven through it

INTERIM MINISTER SEARCH UPDATE

As of April 16, the Committee (Dean Denniston, Helen Grey, Anne Sexton, and Co-Chairs Arthur Judge and Beth Chapin) has received eleven inquiries; nine remain active. These candidates have come from both the UUA and the UCC. We are currently interviewing some of the applicants.

At its April meeting, the Vestry asked that we present one candidate for their consideration. Ideally, this will happen by mid-May. If the candidate is currently living nearby, he/she will meet with the Vestry in person; if not, then there will be a telephone interview.

We are finding our work challenging and rewarding: we are having many interesting conversations with very able, pleasant people; we are reading thought-provoking sermons; together we are considering each applicant in light of what will be best for King’s Chapel. We pray for wisdom.

Making warm fuzzy things for those who need them

A few people have begun gathering to knit, crochet, and make warm things for members and others who are sad or ill and need a reminder that we care for them with a concrete comfort. If you are interested in joining us, or learning to knit or crochet, please contact Joanne Giannino. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 13 at 4 p.m. at the Parish House.

KC IS GOING GREEN (ER)

Over the coming months there will be an increased effort to communicate through email and avoid mailings. Therefore, we are requesting that you send your CORRECT email address to Lucy at lsewall@kings-chapel.org. Thank you....see you on line.

(Vestry Views continued)

all a parish administration which continues to serve our needs with distinction.

— Todd Lee, Junior Warden

NEW MEMBER

King’s Chapel will welcome Marie Wells as a new member of the Society on Sunday, May 31.



Marie Wells after receiving her UMass Diploma

Marie is a native of Massachusetts, born and raised in Waltham. Despite having lived in Southern and Central California for over forty years, the urge to return home to the Boston area was too great to resist, and she is now settled in Chelsea. After a lifetime in the corporate world, she is retired and dedicating her energies to more fulfilling interests: she recently became the first in her family to be awarded a college degree (UMass/Lowell, '08), and is absorbed in genealogy, either in her own personal research or as a volunteer for the New England Historic Genealogical Society where she specializes in helping to prepare databases for the Society’s website. Growing up, she was exposed to both Catholic and Protestant religious traditions; she was drawn to King’s Chapel by the unique history of the church, the glorious musical heritage, the lack of restricting dogma, and the openness to all who are actively seeking to enrich and deepen their spiritual lives.

SING IN THE CHOIR

The next opportunity for volunteers to join the choir will be Sunday, May 3. We will sing excerpts from Schubert’s Mass in G Major. It’s Communion Sunday, so rehearsal will start at 9:15 a.m. If you’d like to take a look at the music before then, stop by the organ loft and pick up a copy!

✱ THE CHURCH SCHOOL

FROM ANDY EDWARDS:

Friends and fellow members of King's Chapel,

After Children's Sunday, May 17th 2009, I must resign my position as church school teacher at King's Chapel. It is with great sadness, humility, and conviction that I submit this letter to our church school leadership. I will graduate from my degree program (God willing) on May 16th 2009 with my Master's in Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School. The end of this semester marks the beginning of the research- and writing-intensive piece of my theological education in the Master's in Sacred Theology program.

I would fail as a teacher to my students if I did not stress the importance of education before instruction; for if we speak without knowing, we teach our past mistakes rather than the wisdom of history most applicable to our present.

I will serve in my current capacity through the end of the church school year. After that, I look forward to once again attending the Morning Service with you as a Society member. I pray that this letter prepares the way for the one who is to come, the one whom we call "teacher," and that other members of the congregation would be inspired to participate as a religious educator and in doing so, inherit all the blessings it has afforded me these past three years.

May God Bless you all.

Respectfully Submitted, Andrew Edwards

GREAT BIG THANKS...

...to all who made Easter Week possible especially the chancel committee and helpers who made the air taste like spring and brought the colors of Life alive to all our senses; to the flower angels who visited our KC friends who were not in church on Sunday; to the vergers and custodial staff; to the readers and acolytes; to the preachers; the Music Director and the choir; to the worshippers; to the ushers, greeters and guests; to the staff; to all! Blessed are we.

FROM THE COMMITTEE CHAIR

The Heifer Bake sale was a huge success. The baked goods were delicious, and the display was spectacular. Hats off to the Loftus and Trantor families for transforming our vestibule into a professional bakeshop. The event raised \$350 for the organization.

And the winner of the Easter Egg Hunt is....

During the Palm Sunday service, you may have noticed plastic eggs placed among the pews and statues. Ty and Stefanie Muscat hid close to 60 candy-filled eggs, which took all of about 10 minutes for the children to find. Kingston Herbert found the large chocolate bunny which, I believe, left the church, minus its head.

May Schedule

May 3: Walk for Hunger. Families will meet at the Parish House at 8:00 to share a potluck breakfast (bring enough to feed 8) and join the walk at 9:00 a.m. Please register at www.projectbread.org/teams if you are interested in participating. There will be no family service or church school.

May 10: Flower Communion Sunday (Mother's Day) Family Service at 9:45 a.m. followed by Church School and "Growing Your Spirit" for parents.

May 17: Children's Sunday at the church at 11:00 a.m. (no family service in the Little Chapel). A picnic will follow at the Parish House where the children will vote on how to allocate the Heifer funds.

Transitions are always hard and this coming fall, Andy Edwards, our youth group leader and upper school teacher will begin his coursework for an additional Master's degree. Andy has been a member of the CS community since September of '06 and the driving force behind our Youth Group and Rock Band gatherings. The church school community has been fortunate to have this talented, generous individual as part of our community. Enclosed is a letter he sent to the CS Committee earlier this year. Andy, you will be missed.

— Alecia Manning, Church School Chair

Summer Camps announced!

Please visit the Parish House first floor bulletin board and table for exciting announcements from Unitarian Universalist summer camp and conference centers for wonderful weeks away for children, youth, families, adults, seniors. Ferry Beach and Star Island, both an easy car ride from Boston, are highlighted. Keep your spirit fed all summer!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED.

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

***POSTMASTER:
THIS CONTAINS TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL.
PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY.***

*Mark Your
Calendar*

Charles Riverboat Cruise

*to thank Earl and Marilyn Holt
and to celebrate KC's 323rd birthday!*

When: Sunday, June 14, 2009

Time: 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Where: Cambridge Galleria Dock

Cost: \$20.00 per adult (includes cruise & refreshments)
\$10.00 per child 12 years of age and under
Free for children 5 years of age and under

P.S. Will go rain or shine. Either way it will be great fun.

Contact Betsy Peterson, Vicky Coccoluto,
or Barbara Fay with questions.

Reservations required (space is limited). Send your check (made payable to King's Chapel) with names of guests to Lucy Sewall. We will send your ticket with directions and other details.

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE SOCIETY OF KING'S CHAPEL**

To be held on **May 17, 2009** following Morning Prayer.

Plan to be there.

Votes will be taken on the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2010 and on the slate of officers proposed by the Nominating Committee for next year. A quorum is needed.

**HEARING PRIOR TO THE
ANNUAL MEETING
TWO WEEKS EARLIER**

An informational hearing will be held at the **Parish House** on Sunday, **May 3, 2009** following Morning Prayer.

A light luncheon will be served.

This is the opportunity to review and discuss the budget and any other matters of interest or concern related to the Annual Meeting.

Come, eat, and ask questions!

Call 617/227-2155 to reserve a place for the luncheon.