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I had a much older friend, now deceased, who was a great appreciator. In her youth, long before I knew her, she had been by all reports a remarkably fine singer, a lovely lilted soprano, much in demand as a soloist. But by the time I knew her she was on the other side of the footlights, in the audience. But she was there very frequently. Most nights, in fact, every week, she was out. Recitals and concerts, plays, musical theater, and opera, and church on Sunday (almost always); she took great joy in the talents and accomplishments of others.

She became a great benefactor of the arts in general and music in particular. "I love all the arts," she once said, "but if there were no music I wouldn't want to live." But she gave more than money; she gave herself. She had high expectations and the highest standards and she appreciated the best. I met some of the world's great talents, and not only musical ones, in her home. But she also appreciated and encouraged the efforts of others less gifted, those who would never be "the best," so long as they were giving their own best. And in her presence most were led to give it. It was this generosity of spirit that made her beloved among virtually all who were privileged to come into the circle of her acquaintance. She encouraged everyone to use whatever gifts and talents they possessed, great or small, to the utmost, and cheered their every attempt to do so.

I thought of her when I first heard of "Appreciative Inquiry," a newer management tool, though really more of an attitude or approach, now being employed in some churches as well as businesses. I have been intrigued by what I have read, and one of the things I hope to do during my sabbatical, which begins in January, is to attend at least one workshop and, in general, to study it more deeply. I have several other projects in mind, too. Marilyn and I will do some traveling, including a trip to Crete in the spring, but, even more significantly, to Arizona, where my older daughter Alicia is expecting a first grandchild in February.

I am looking forward also to a respite, a break from the relentless routine, of sermons, radio talks, meetings, and classes (and newsletter columns), but, most of all, I hope to learn to be a better appreciator of the talents and endeavors of others, to simply enjoy the gifts they bring. And now, as Thanksgiving approaches, I am reminded that I don't have to wait to begin. It is never too soon, or too late, to try to be more appreciative, more grateful, to recognize the blessings that surround us always as the gifts they are.

— Earl Holt

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Sundays in November

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.

- NOV. 4 All Saints/All Souls Holy Communion**
The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
Joanne Giannino will co-officiate.
David Arnold, Lector
The lessons are Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 and Luke 6:20-36.
- NOV. 11 Morning Prayer**
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Assistant minister, will preach.
Eric Hausman will co-officiate.
Kathe German, Lector
The lessons are Malachi 4:1-6 and Luke 21:5-19.
- NOV. 18 Thanksgiving Sunday Morning Prayer**
The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
Joanne Giannino will co-officiate.
Tania Allen, Lector
The lessons are Zechariah.7:1-10 and Luke 20:27-38.
- NOV. 25 Morning Prayer**
Eric Hausman, Seminarian, will preach.
Earl Holt will co-officiate.
Karen Hawthorne, Lector
The lessons are 2Samuel 5:1-5 and Luke 19:29-40.

NOV. 22 Thanksgiving Day 10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
Eric Hausman will co-officiate.
The lessons are Deuteronomy 26:1-11 and John 6:25-35.

Early Service

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

- NOV. 4** The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Assistant Minister, will preach.
- NOV. 11** Eric Hausman, Seminarian, will preach.
- NOV. 18 All Church Sunday**
Church School classes at 9:45
- NOV. 25** The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.

Tuesday Recitals

50th Anniversary Year

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.

- NOV. 6** Amanda Keil, mezzo-soprano; Scott Lemire, lute & vihuela
Frottole, Vihuelas, Chansons, Lieder of the Renaissance.
- NOV. 13** Paul Cienniwa plays the C.B. Fisk Organ
Works by J. S. Bach & Helmut Walcha.
- NOV. 20** Triton Brass
Stephen Banzaert & Andrew Sorg, trumpets; Shelagh Abate, horn; Wes Hopper, trombone & Jobey Wilson, tuba
Works by Fife, Farnaby, Mahler and more.
- NOV. 27** Boston Conservatory Oratorio Showcase Recital
Heinrich Christensen, organ
Arias & ensemble pieces by Bach, Handel, and more.

375TH IN CHARLESTOWN The First Church in Charlestown will celebrate the 375th Anniversary of its founding in 1632 with a Service of Thanksgiving and Praise at 3:00 p.m., November 4. Reception follows. The Rev. Christine Jaronski, a member of King's Chapel, serves as Minister of the First Church. For further information call 617/242-3693.

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Wednesday Services

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

- NOV. 7** Midweek Prayer
Eric Hausman, Seminarian, will preach.
- NOV. 14** Midweek Prayer
The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
- NOV. 21** Holy Communion
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Assistant Minister, will preach.
- NOV. 28** Midweek Prayer
The Rev. Ann Willever, Minister of Religious Education, First Universalist Society in Franklin, will preach.



November Flowers

- NOV. 4 All Souls/All Saints**
The communion table flowers are given in memory of all those who have died in the last year.

RALI WEAVER'S INSTALLATION at the Dedham church has been postponed until the spring.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Time to get on board for: KC/HFH Build – Summer of '08

The organizer of the King's Chapel/Habitat for Humanity Global Village build in Kolozsvar (Cluj, Romania), announced at the October 14th coffee hour that it is likely **two** work groups will be formed due to the considerable interest in this project!

There is still space for volunteers—you may go directly to the HFH website <http://www.habitat.org/gv/closed/> to apply for admission. You will need to enter an event code (#8471) for this build, automatically notifying Peter of your application. **The deadline for applications is November 15, 2007.** Upon acceptance, you will be asked to make a \$100 deposit. Total cost (excluding airfare) is expected to be \$1500, payable in three installments in 2008.

Scheduled for June 27 to July 13, 2008, which includes 8 days of building in Kolozsvar, plus free time to visit our partner church and other sites in the area, the KC/HFH itinerary will finish with a visit to Budapest, Hungary. Meals and housing will be provided by the Cluj HFH affiliate, participants are encouraged to make their own arrangements for air travel.

No construction experience is required, but a variety of ages (minimum age 16) and skills is desirable. College-age applicants are especially encouraged to apply. Kolozsvar is a lively and youth-oriented university city!

Previous participants in Habitat Builds have described their experiences as “life-changing” and “transformational.” Imagine what a unique trip **this** will be: meeting and working with native Transylvanians, worshiping in our partner church, and with each other in Kolozsvar, the historic cornerstone of Unitarianism.

Happy Anniversary, Earl!

Earl marked the 35th anniversary of his ordination in October. On November 18th at coffee hour after Morning Prayer, we will celebrate that milestone with a festive cake. Y'all come!

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BIBLE STUDY BEGINS NOVEMBER 29

With Advent we begin a new series of Bible Study, which meets each Thursday morning at 8:45 in the Minister's Office on the third floor of the Parish House. Newcomers especially welcome. Lectionary texts for the new year (A) are primarily from the Gospel of Matthew. Those interested should pick up materials available in the Parish House office after November 15 for \$20. For information contact Earl Holt at 617/227-2155 x310.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The King's Chapel Nominating Committee seeks nominations from all Parishioners for candidates to be presented at the next Annual Meeting in April.

Please submit recommendations or comments for new or existing Officers, Committee Chairs, and Vestry Members. A Nomination form is enclosed in this newsletter. Additional forms are available in the church vestibule and the front desk at the Parish House.

Completed forms must be submitted by December 1 and placed in designated boxes at the Parish House or the Church or mailed to the Nominating Committee, King's Chapel House, 64 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02108. (*See insert.*)

TWENTY-FOUR HOUR RETREAT

"Spiritual Exercises for Unitarian Universalists" led by the Revs. Jenny Rankin and Carl Scovel on Friday, November 9, 5:00 p.m. to Saturday at St. Margaret's Convent in Roxbury (an Episcopal women's religious community) \$175/total cost. To reserve a space send \$75 deposit to First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Road, Concord, MA 01742. Space is limited to the first 15 registrants.

ENTERING THE DARK:

Please join me for two sessions: Tuesday November 20 and 27, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the Parish House for some time of spiritual centering before the winter holidays. Contact Joanne for more information.

THE MUSIC OF DANIEL PINKHAM

Newton Choral Society will give a concert of Dan's music including the "Advent Cantata," the "Christmas Cantata," and the "Nativity Madrigals." There will be a guest performance by the contemporary woodwind quintet, the Arcadian Winds. The concert will be on Saturday, **November 17** at 8:00 p.m. at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Newton. We hope to see many from King's Chapel in the audience!

COMMITTEE UPDATES & EVENTS

❖ ANNUAL APPEAL COMMITTEE

Thanks to all generous KC members and friends who have pledged or given to the Annual Appeal for FY08. We are currently more than \$20,000 ahead of last year in pledges, which is wonderful. If you are new to KC, or have not yet pledged for any reason, it isn't too late! Pledge cards (dark green) and envelopes may be found in the church vestibule and deposited in the collection plate any Sunday. Further information about this is available from any member of the Annual Appeal Committee at any time. We welcome suggestions and comments, as well as pledges! Thank you for your generosity and commitment to King's Chapel. ♥

—*Annual Appeal Chair*

❖ CHANCEL COMMITTEE

On Saturday, November 3 at 10 a.m. Junior Chancel Committee will again “dust the busts” as we prepare for our All Saints/All Souls Service. ALL PARISHIONERS are invited to join us as we practice stewardship TOGETHER!

SAVE THE DATE

for Hanging of the Greens on Saturday, December 15. Details in December Newsletter

— *Chancel Committee Co-Chairs*

❖ MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

You are all invited, by The Membership Committee to an **All Parish Christmas Party** to welcome the holiday season—back by popular demand! Children of all ages are especially welcomed. It's a great opportunity for the early service and morning prayer congregations to have fun together.

There will be an abundance of food, beverages, music, singing, games—and of course, decorating the Christmas tree. The evening begins at 6:00 p.m., at the Parish House. For more information (or to volunteer food or help) contact the head usher.

❖ PARTNER CHURCH COMMITTEE

“The Attic Project” has been an unrealized dream of our partner church, the First

Unitarian Church of Kolozsvar (Cluj, Romania), for more than ten years. The goal of this undertaking is the conversion of the unfinished top floor of their Parish House into useful accommodation for numerous clergy and lay visitors as well as supplemental living space for their minister, Rev. Ferenc Balint Benczedi, and his family.

The King's Chapel Partner Church Committee has endorsed the concept of the Attic Project following discussions with our partner church minister and is committed to raising two-thirds (\$30,000) of its estimated total cost, with the Kolozsvar church having pledged to provide the remaining one third. The Committee expects the King's Chapel contribution to be accrued over a three-year timeframe, giving our fellow Unitarians in Kolozsvar time to finalize their plans for the project and to secure their own sources of funds.

What YOU can do!

All those who have an interest in our partner church and wish to honor the 85-year partnership are asked to consider making a three-year pledge to The Attic Project. Many parishioners did so at the June 3rd Partner Church celebration; and \$4,851 has already been raised, almost half the first-year goal of \$10,000 for 2007.

If you wish to make a pledge to The Attic Project, please contact the committee co-chairs for additional information; or if you choose to send your contribution directly to King's Chapel, c/o Ethel Segal, please write “Partner Church Fund” on the memo line. All funds collected by the Partner Church Committee will be directed to The Attic Project until the goal is reached.

—*Partner Church Committee Chair*

❖ MUSIC COMMITTEE

Go for Baroque!

Yes, it's a bad pun, but the King's Chapel Concert Series program on November 25 is a wonderful “virtual musical tour” of Baroque Europe, from Italy to Germany to England, with music by Buxtehude, Handel, Vivaldi, Telemann and others. Four soloists from our choir, Jillian Malin, soprano, Karen Gardner, contralto, Thomas Gregg, tenor, and Daniel Perry, baritone, will be accompanied by a period instrument ensemble: Laura Gulley and Guiomar Turgeon, violins, and Audrey Cienniwa, cello. Heinrich Christensen, plays the harpsichord and directs.

The serene interior of historic King's Chapel, still much as it was when it was completed in 1754, provides a perfect ambience for the music of this period.

Some of the music to be performed was featured in the opening concert for the King's Chapel Concert Series in November, 1958, and the Handel arias were sung by the legendary Swiss tenor Hugues Cuenod in the first season of the Series.

The 50th Anniversary Season of the King's Chapel Concert Series, now under way, celebrates the life and work of its founder, Daniel Pinkham. He was a renowned pioneer in rediscovering and editing Early Music and directing historically informed performances. A prominent and sought-after teacher of Baroque performance practice, he presented many American premières of music of this era and played an important role in making Boston the international center for Early Music that it is today.

from *THE ASSISTANT
MINISTER*

All Souls Day. All Saints Day. These are the days with which we begin the month of November. Days of remembering those who came before us: those who helped shape us; those whose example we emulate; those whose passing this year, or even years ago, create the pain of loss and the joy of memory.

Fourteen years ago, when I was 30 and new mother to my second son, my father died suddenly. It was his passing that let me know that I needed a faith community. And although the grief has softened, as the wise ones said time would make true, I still miss him and think of him often.

Who are your remembered ones? November is full of holy days through which, as a community, we remember them. It is also the beginning of the festive days, Thanksgiving and the Christmas season, in which, for many of us, the losses are felt most deeply. The first Thanksgiving without our loved one. The first Christmas without our loved one. The first...

I hope that many of you will be able to share our communal celebrations of the lives of those now gone from this earth. I hope you will share with one another your memories. For it is in our hearts where the ones we love still live. It is in our own actions that their hopes and dreams still dance on this earth. May we have a blessed November.

In peace,
— *Joanne*

VESTRY VIEWS

At the October Vestry meeting, we heard two optimistic reports. Earl spoke about the many events of the early Fall, among them the cheerful and well-attended Homecoming luncheon, the dedication of the Marshall Lykins Kiosk, the baptism of a baby during the early service, the first of the season festive "Salon," and the first Sunday Vespers service led by our Seminarian, Eric Hausman. Tricia Brennan, who will serve as our Sabbatical Minister, has already started work on a part time basis. We've had weddings every weekend for six weeks, and many enthusiastic people who are interested in joining the King's Chapel/Habitat for Humanity build next summer. We are off to a ringing beginning of the '07 - '08 season.

The treasurer reported that '07 was a very good year, ending with a surplus. Many factors are responsible for the good news, among them that fund investment income, Annual Appeal, Earl's Radio Talks, and the Visitor program all exceeded income expectations. This positive income, combined with reduced operating costs, will allow us to transfer a surplus into the Society's reserves. The treasurer is looking into the consolidation of our smaller funds, allowing the Society to realize greater interest on investments. He explained that a contribution to the reserves, used for structural improvements, should be budgeted annually, but that has not happened for several years. Part of the '07 surplus will replenish the reserves.

The remainder of the meeting was a discussion of the Vestry Retreat which took place at Glastonbury Abbey on September 21st and 22nd. Members felt that facilitator Larry Peers from Alban Institute helped to promote candid, open, and authentic conversations in an atmosphere of trust. A broader discussion followed about our need to establish a Human Resources committee, which would review and establish clear policies and structures. The Vestry will be working toward this goal, and more immediately, an ad hoc committee will be established to work with the Minister in the months prior to his Sabbatical.

— *Junior Warden*

OF INTEREST

RENOVATION MASTER PLAN – Presentation on Sunday, 11/11, 1.00 p.m. after light lunch at the Parish House.

"DECISIONS IN CONTEXT"

We all need to vote on a work program and recommended course of action at the next Annual Meeting. Our active and diverse Task Force's second all-Parish presentation will share current thinking and responses to what we heard last June. We will solicit your further input, and define a process for going forward.

There will be a quick review by our architects, Goody Clancy, of the physical options and costs outlined in the Master Plan Report. In addition, we will introduce the three other elements critical to our Master Plan decision-making: 1) the obligatory fund-raising campaign and possible results, 2) legal opinions about using the crypt, and 3) analysis and recommendations for our whole real estate portfolio.

So that there is adequate context for discussion and direction, these three subjects will be the basis of our work for the next months. By mid-spring 2008, we all need to understand how all these forces are interlocked. You are encouraged to join one (or more) of these efforts, since there is much work to do, and the broadest participation is critical to building consensus and a sound vote on the Master Plan. You can view the plan at <http://kings-chapel.org/documents/MasterPlanDraftMay2007.pdf>, or review a reference copy at the front desk.

— *Task Force Co-Chairs*

✦ THE CHURCH SCHOOL

As November approaches, the Church School continues to be an active and interesting place! The children are very happy with the program and continue to fill the Parish House with energy and enthusiasm. We are fortunate to have four dedicated teachers here who bring their warmth and knowledge to the classroom each Sunday. They help make the Church School shine!

THANK YOU TO THE LONG-TIME PARISHIONER, WHO WISHES TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS, FOR THE SPECTACULAR BOAT RIDE LAST MONTH. EVERYONE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED IT. HERE'S TO A JOLLY GOOD FELLOW!

Dates to Remember in November:

Saturday, Nov. 3 10:00 a.m. Junior Chancel will* Dust the Busts* in preparation for All Saints. Everyone is welcome to join in!

Sunday, Nov. 4 *All Saints All Souls Sunday* – please bring names and pictures of remembrance and we will take some time during Early Service to honor our loved ones.

Also on the 4 *Visitor Sunday*- bring a friend to church and they won't be disappointed! There will information packets available on this day.

Sunday, Nov. 11 and 18 *Pageant interviews* will take place after Early Service so bring your singing voices!

Friday, November 30 - 6:00 p.m. *The Christmas Party*!! Come decorate the tree, play games, and eat goodies!

PAGEANT REHEARSALS: Let's start thinking about pageant rehearsal...I am looking for your input. Last year rehearsals were held on Saturdays, 4 – 6 p.m. Some thought this was a great idea because it didn't interfere with daytime schedules. We could certainly do it this way again, although I know some of you would prefer to do it after Church School. In this case, we would have to brown bag it and hold rehearsal from 1-3 p.m., Sundays. I'm open to any suggestions. E-mail the Church School Director with your thoughts.

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KING'S CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES

Baroque Favorites

Soloists from the King's Chapel Choir
Jillian Malin, soprano; Karen Gardner, contralto;
Thomas Gregg, tenor; Daniel Perry, baritone

Period Instrument ensemble
Laura Gulley & Guiomar Turgeon, violins;
Audrey Cienniwa, cello

Heinrich Christensen, harpsichord & director

Solos and small vocal ensembles, accompanied by
period instruments, by Buxtehude, Handel, Vivaldi,
Telemann, and others, in a perfect setting: the serene
18th-century interior of King's Chapel.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25, AT 5 P.M.

Admission by suggested donation of \$12
(\$8 seniors and students)

WELCOMING JOANNE GIANNINO

It's old news by now that we have a wonderful new Assistant Minister, Joanne Giannino, but not all of us have had a chance to meet her.

You are invited to welcome and get to know Joanne at one of these two welcoming events.

Please join us at

Lunch
Sunday, **November 18**,
directly after Morning Prayer
19 Temple Street, #2
R.S.V.P. by 11/9

OR

Supper
Monday, **December 10**,
7:15 p.m.
64 Beacon Street
R.S.V.P. by 11/30