

NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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FOR EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

Most churches now celebrate All Souls/All Saints on the first Sunday in November. It is a day of remembrance, a day to honor and celebrate the great "cloud of witnesses" gone before, but it is also, for many, a time of grief. While loss is one of the laws of this life, and we have no choice but to accept the fact of death, such acceptance never comes easily, and some of our losses create a wound that never heals completely. Where there is great love, there will be great grief. This, too, is a law of life.

We come now to the season of late autumn, evoked in the first lines of a Shakespeare sonnet:

*That time of year thou mayst in me behold
When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,
Bare ruin'd choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.*

Near this month's end we celebrate harvest and Thanksgiving, the prelude to winter and also, in the church's calendar, the beginning of a new year, the season of Advent and anticipation.

It is an emotionally and spiritually complex season. In a short span of weeks, we look back to the past, both with gratitude and with grief. We celebrate the bounty of the harvest and give thanks for the many blessings of our lives, even as the nights grow longer and the days colder, presaging the winter to come. In the time that feels like an ending, the new year commences, with Advent expectation and new hope, the promise of new life, and a great light to pierce the darkest night. "In my beginning is my end," Eliot wrote, and "in my end is my beginning."

November: with leaves falling or fallen, with the days darkening, with the harvest taken in "ere the winter storms begin," with memories of loss and pangs of loneliness, we pause. And then we praise. The spirit prevails, and life goes on into endless new beginnings. We give thanks for the good that has been, for the blessings of life in all its seasons, and for the future that beckons with new promise, calling us to the hope that never dies. For God is with us still, and always.

Earl

Special This Month:

- ✠ Nomination Form
- ✠ Film Night
- ✠ Midweek Prayer Lunch
- ✠ Habitat 2009
- ✠ Advent Bible Study



**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
ENDS NOVEMBER 2.
TURN CLOCKS BACK
ONE HOUR.**

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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. 2 Holy Communion**
All Saints and All Souls
 The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
 The Rev. Joanne Giannino,
 Co-officiating
 Donald Slater, Lector
The lessons are Ecclesiastes 44:1-15, 1 John 3:11-17, and Matthew 5:1-12.
- NOV. 9 Morning Prayer**
 The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.
 Daniel Cochran, Co-officiating
 Pamela Barz, Lector
The lessons are Amos 5:18-24 and Matthew 25:1-13.
- NOV. 16 Morning Prayer**
 The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
 Hugh Scott, Lay Reader
 Miguel Gomez-Ibanez, Lector
The lessons are Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18 and Matthew 25:14-30.
- NOV. 23 Morning Prayer**
Thanksgiving Sunday
 The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
 The Rev. Joanne Giannino,
 Co-officiating
 Alecia and Rebecca Manning,
 Lectors
The lessons are Genesis 8:13-22, and Hebrews 11:1-6.
- NOV. 30 Morning Prayer**
Advent I
 The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
 Daniel Cochran, Co-officiating.
 Sally Kahn, Lector
The lessons are Isaiah 64:1-9 and Mark 13:24-37.

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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.

- NOV. 4** Libor Dudas plays the C.B. Fisk Organ
 Bach Prelude & Fugue in e minor
 Mendelssohn Sonata IV
- NOV. 11** St. Botolph's Town Band,
 directed by Joyce Alper
 Music by Johann Philipp Krieger,
 Henry Purcell, and Johann
 Christoph Pez performed on
 historical oboes and bassoons
- NOV. 18** Weston Wind Quintet
 Works by Haydn, Mozart,
 Persichetti, Ibert
- NOV. 25** Edward Broms plays the C.B.
 Fisk Organ.
 Works by Maneri & Broms

Family Service

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

- NOV. 2** The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
- NOV. 9** The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.
- NOV. 16** Daniel Cochran, Seminarian, will preach.
- NOV. 23** ALL CHURCH SUNDAY
- NOV. 30** The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.

MEMORIAL CANDLES, NOV. 2

On Sunday, November 2, All Saints and All Souls Sunday, after the lighting of candles in memory of parishioners who have died in the last year, members of the congregation will be invited to come forward to light individual candles for those they wish to remember.

THANKSGIVING

- NOV. 27 Thanksgiving Day**
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer
 The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.
The lessons are Deuteronomy 8:7-18 and 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.

Wednesday Services

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

- NOV. 5** Midweek Prayer
 The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.
- NOV. 12** Midweek Prayer
 The Rev. Jeremy Melvin will preach.
- NOV. 19** Holy Communion
 The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
- NOV. 26** Midweek Prayer
 The Rev. Darrick Jackson will preach.



November Flowers

The Communion table flowers are given in memory of all those who have died in the last year.

from *THE ASSISTANT
MINISTER*

The article in the local paper says it all: *Food pantry needs help*. It could be any town, but it is mine. It is probably yours too: "The town's emergency food pantry, overseen by the Board of Health, is low on supplies and seeking donations of nonperishable items. Those include foods such as peanut butter, canned or boxed spaghetti, canned tuna or chicken. The pantry also needs cleaning supplies, paper goods, and baby items including wipes and diapers." And then in the *Globe* today: "*Homelessness hits record high: advocates expect numbers to grow amid economic downturn and ask for state aid.*"

So, I drive to the grocery store again. And pick up what I remember is needed: tuna fish, spaghetti with meatballs, meat ravioli, fruit in nonperishable packaging, peanut butter, grape jelly, toilet paper, and paper towels. I don't find canned chicken. I'll check back next week about that.

Then I drive to the food bank. It's in the lobby of the town hall. I walk in with four shopping bags. There's a man filling up a soft drink dispensing machine. "You looking for the food bank?" He asks me. "Yes." "It's right here," he says as he points to a plywood box next to the machine. It's half full and with bags sitting at its side. I put my donation into the box.

"Tough times we are heading into," he comments.

"Yes," I say. "And we've got to work hard to take care of each other."

"Thank you. That's kind of you," he calls out as I step towards the door.

"You're welcome."

I'm thinking of the children. I'm thinking of the men and women who never imagined they would need to find their way to a food bank or a homeless shelter.

Tough times we are in. We've got to work hard to take care of each other. It's more than kindness, I think. It's our humanity. It's what we are here to do.

For all who can give care and for all who need care at this time, remember that King's Chapel has long been a place to gather strength and sustenance. Long been a place to gather companionship and resolve to do the work that we are called to do. In reality, we are all in need. In need of

*MINISTERIAL
OFFERINGS*

MIDWEEK PRAYER LUNCH

Please join us on Wednesday, November 19 after Holy Communion for fellowship and a light lunch. Serving us will be Cliff. The Wednesday congregation has decided to host lunches 3-4 times a year. Please join us for spiritual renewal in the middle of the week. You'll be glad you did.

BELATED CONGRATULATIONS

to the Rev. Joanne Giannino whose sermon, "Unitarian Universalism Meets The Afterlife, Now," and liturgical play, *The Afterlife Boutique*, were published in the *Unitarian Universalist Psy Symposium Journal, Winter 07-08*. Joanne gave the sermon and wrote the play in 2002 at the First Parish Church Bridgewater during her first year of seminary.

AMERICAN UNITARIAN HISTORY

Join us for the second installment of *Our American Roots* on Sunday, November 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the Parish House. Sessions are stand alone. Please come. Led by Earl Holt and Joanne Giannino.

ADVENT EVENING BIBLE STUDY

"The Texts of Advent"

Four Tuesday evenings at the Parish House at 6:30 p.m., beginning November 25. Discussions led by Earl Holt. Please read Isaiah 64:1-9 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 and Mark 13:24-37 before the first session. Sign up on Sundays, beginning November 2, or reserve a space at 617/227-2155, X314 or lsewall@kings-chapel.org

(Asst. Minister's Column Continued)

strength, companionship, and resolve. Come, as souls have been coming for hundreds of years, to worship each Sunday to gather strength and courage for the journey. And if you need some extra care, please let one of the ministers know. We are most certainly here for you.

As a congregation, may we be of one heart and mind when we answer the call to take care of each other. Let us put hands to work among ourselves, in our neighborhoods, our cities and towns, and in our nation.

Take peace, Joanne

*COMMITTEE UPDATES
& EVENTS*

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BIBLE STUDY
BEGINS DECEMBER 4**

With Advent we begin a new series of The Bible Workbench, meeting each Thursday morning at 8:45 in the Minister's Office on the third floor of the Parish House. Newcomers are always welcome. Those interested should pick up materials available in the Parish House office after November 15. The cost is \$20. For information contact Earl Holt at 617/227-2155 x310.

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UUM MULTI-
CHURCH BUILD** June 26 - July 12, 2009

Build with Habitat for Humanity Cluj (Kolozsvar), Romania. Work with your partner church. Worship at First Unitarian Church in Kolozsvar. Tour the Transylvanian countryside. Visit and tour Budapest. Approximate cost \$1,950 plus air fare. For details contact Peter.

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ingmar Bergman's classic religious film, *Winter Light*, will be shown on Friday, November 14 at 7 p.m. at the Parish House followed by a discussion led by Earl Holt. The movie deals with a minister's struggles about his faith through the eyes of the congregation and community.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

Thanks to Vicky Coccoluto's request our gracious hosts for November are:

Sunday, November 2 Mary and Don

Sunday, November 9 Beth

Sunday, November 16 Elsie

Sunday, November 23 Astrid

Sunday, November 30 K-C and Todd

Don't hesitate to contact any of the committee members if you run into a problem. We are happy to help. Our new Sunday verger, John Coulter, is helping by buying the coffee and has stepped into the role in an enthusiastic and gracious way to support the hosts and assure that our Social Hour runs smoothly. Many thanks to him. - *Barbara and Betty, Co-Chairs*

(Committee Reports continued on page 4)

✦ **THE CHURCH SCHOOL**

(Committee Reports Continued)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

ALLSOULS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2

A Family Worship Service to celebrate loved ones who have died at 9:45 a.m. in the Little Chapel. Please join us to remember and celebrate the lives of those we have loved who are no longer with us. Bring mementos to share (photo, hat, lace, tablecloth, flowers).

UNPLUGGING THE CHRISTMAS MACHINE

Sunday, November 16, 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Please join us to consider the ways that we, as families, can make Christmas into the holiday we wish it could be for us and our children, and not what the “market” would have it be. Led by the Reverend Joanne Giannino.

IT’S TIME TO WELCOME A GUEST AT YOUR TABLE!

On November 9, 2008, we’ll open the Guest at Your Table program with an intergenerational worship celebration. When we take home the Guest at Your Table boxes, our families and friends will learn about real struggles for justice in the United States and around the world. With each box comes a copy of *Stories of Hope*, written to teach children, youth, and adults how the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee helps to change our world for the better. The stories introduce you to human-rights champions, like Serafina, the South African grandmother who partnered with UUSC and others to restore the constitutionally protected water rights of marginalized people. When we share our blessings with our guests, we ensure that UUSC and people like Serafina can continue their important work. And thanks to the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Shelter Rock, gifts of \$100 or more are eligible to be matched, dollar for dollar, doubling your good works! If you miss picking up your Guest at Your Table box and *Stories of Hope*, you can do so at the Parish House or by talking with Jan Lundberg.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

1 Please join the Junior Chancel as they Dust the Busts at the church!

2 *Family Service* All Saints/ All Souls
Please bring photos of remembrance as we honor our loved ones.
**Parent Meeting* during Church School
– a chance to share our thoughts...

9 *Family Service* **Visitor’s Sunday** Bring a friend (or two) to church! They won’t be disappointed! *Guest at Your Table* kickoff. *Pageant Interviews*. Youth Group will meet with Andy after Church School (grades 6-12)

16 *Family Service* Pageant Interviews

19 *Internet Safety Course* All are welcome for an evening with a member of the Court!

23 *Thanksgiving Sunday* All Church Art & Spirit w/ Emanuel

30 *Family Service* **Holy Communion**

✦ **MUSIC COMMITTEE**

November Concert is a “first”

At the November 30 concert in the King’s Chapel Concert Series, you will hear some of Daniel Pinkham’s beautiful songs for voice and organ. The singers are members of The Florestan Recital Project, whose mission is to perform and promote song repertoire in concerts, master classes, and educational residencies. Tenor Joe Dan Harper sang for Dan in the King’s Chapel Choir before developing a successful solo career; baritone Aaron Engebretsen has been heard in King’s Chapel in several Tuesday recitals. Heinrich is the accompanist. In July these three musicians recorded, in King’s Chapel, Volume 2 of what will be a complete recorded catalog of Pinkham’s songs. This concert is the debut of Volume 2, which, with Volume 1, will be for sale at the concert. Don’t miss this chance to hear these special vocal works. Parishioners who attend are cordially invited to a reception with the musicians at the Parish House following the concert.

SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The Social Action Committee met on September 23 and agreed to sponsor a number of projects. Two new activities were approved. The committee hopes to maintain the momentum of the outstanding King’s Chapel Habitat for Humanity effort in Kolozsvar, Transylvania, this summer by becoming involved in a local Habitat build. This would provide an opportunity for those who were not able to travel to Transylvania to participate in a Habitat project, and allow those who went to continue. Secondly, the committee hopes to launch a Heifer Project with the church school. Both of these projects are in the planning stages. The committee also plans to continue most of the traditional activities that have been ongoing for a number of years, such as Guest at Our Table, Martin Luther King Breakfast, Walk for Hunger, and Women’s Lunch Place among others.

– Art, Chair

KING'S CHAPEL

Nomination Form for new or existing Officers, Vestry, and Chairs of Standing Committees

(List of positions on reverse)

Date: _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Person making Nomination: _____

(Please check if you are a) Member

Friend

Other

Recommended Position(s): _____

(Please see list of nominee attributes and positions on reverse)

How long have you known the nominee?

Have you participated with the nominee on church related functions?

For New Nominees: What attributes would the nominee bring to the position?

For Existing Officers, Vestry, and Chairs: What attributes has the nominee brought to the position?

Which service(s) does the nominee normally attend?

Additional Information:

King's Chapel nomination form continued

Officers

- Senior Warden
- Junior Warden
- Treasurer
- Assistant Treasurer

Vestry

- Vestry – 3 yr term

Chairs of Standing Committees

- ARE/Adult Religious Education
- Annual Appeal
- Archives
- Building & Grounds
- Chancel & Decorating
- Charities & Appeals
- Church School
- Denominational Affairs
- Fiscal Affairs
- Hospitality
- Membership
- Music
- Social Action
- Parish Council (Chair and 2 at-large members)

Nominee Qualities – please comment on nominee's:

- Tenure: new or long-time participant
- Professional Background: architecture, education, engineering, finance, fundraising, human relations, music, technology, theological, other
- Participation at King's Chapel: committee work, worship participation, other activities
- Personal Qualities:
 - Ability to meet on a regular basis,
 - Ability to run a meeting,
 - Ability to listen to others,
 - Has good judgment skills,
 - Is courteous,
 - Can meet commitments.

From the Nominating Committee:

We are in the process of identifying candidates for office for next year (2009-10). The Nominating committee will be calling a large number of members and friends of the Society to ask for your suggestions. Please take the time to talk with us when we call. If you would like to nominate someone or volunteer for a position yourself, please complete this Nomination Form. Just take it or mail it to: King's Chapel Parish House, 64 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108, Attn: Nominating Committee.

Remove this page and mail to: Nominating Committee, King's Chapel House, 64 Beacon St, Boston, MA 02108

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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
Jan Lundberg, Church School Director
Pei-Chun Lin, Children's Music Director
Lucy Sewall, Parish Administrator

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KING'S CHAPEL CONCERT SERIES

Pinkham Songs for Voice & Organ

Aaron Engebret, baritone
Joe Dan Harper, tenor
Heinrich Christensen, organ

CD release concert of beautiful songs by Daniel
Pinkham, recorded in King's Chapel in July.
Parishioners who attend are cordially invited to an
informal reception with the musicians at the Parish
House following the concert.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30, AT 5 P.M.
AT KING'S CHAPEL

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

ALL PARISH MEETING NOVEMBER 16

Please plan to attend a Special Meeting of the
Society on November 16, 2008,
immediately following Morning Prayer.

Two votes will be taken:

1. to accept the Goody Clancy report as a guide
for future work at the Church
2. to make the Personnel Committee a standing
committee.

The Wardens will give a report concerning remedies
for declining numbers. Members of King's Chapel will
receive an agenda and explanatory notes before the
meeting.

NOMINATION FORM INSIDE
(see page 5)