

NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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ASH WEDNESDAY

As is our tradition we will recognize the start of Lent by offering the Imposition of Ashes. Any who wish to receive this mark at our Midweek Service on March 9th at 12:15 pm are welcome.

Hear ye, hear ye!

March 20, 12:30 p.m.
Hearing, Parish House

March 27, 12:30 p.m.
Annual Meeting, King's Chapel

Dear Friends,

We all live with quotes in our minds. One of mine is by Martin Luther King, Jr., who said: "Everyone can be great...because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree. You only need a heart full of grace...a soul generated by love."

Somehow when I first read this a while ago, it summed up Christ's message for me. For it says that regardless of which neighborhood we call home, how much erudition we have, or how supposedly nuanced our theology is, the ultimate religious test for all of us is whether we live with grace and show compassion. I believe that this is why many of us come to worship at King's Chapel; that is, to align ourselves with our liturgy of humility, thanksgiving, reflection and celebration, so that we can learn together to live more lovingly and purposefully.

During this Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday, we are being asked to intensify our spiritual practices and deepen our service. We can begin the season by coming to our Ash Wednesday service on March 9th, which includes the Imposition of Ashes. We can be more intentional about attendance at our services of Morning Prayer, Midweek Prayer and Family worship. We can also use our Books of Common Prayer to find our daily lections (Year A) and speak simple prayers as individuals and families.

In addition, we can be more pro-active, as we have stated we want to be. We can extend our commitment to the homeless by being present for the Lobby Day for the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless on March 9th at the Suffolk Law School then State House. Our friend, Sister Linda Bessom, will be there. Or we can -- in conjunction with our own Lenten Project, which honors the six children and youth who were slain in our city in 2010 -- attend the "Let Them Be Heard" Concert for peace and justice on March 12th at 3 pm at the Tremont Temple. It is sponsored by the City Mission Society and MA Multicultural Ministries, and our friend, the Rev. June Cooper, will be present. (Later, we can join in the March with the Mothers for Justice and Equality on Mothers' Day.)

Whether and how we cultivate "hearts full of grace and souls generated by love" matter. They matter not only during Lent, but especially so. Easter is only seven Sundays away, and after that we only have the rest of our lives.

Yours in Faith,

Dianne

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

❖ MEETINGS FOR PROPOSED BYLAWS REVISIONS

In September 2009 one of three Working Groups was created within the Vestry to study the current Bylaws and to propose to the congregation recommended changes for the future governance of the Society. That Working Group has been fulfilling their charge for a year and a half. It presented its first draft to the current Vestry in November and December, and to the Church Council in February.

On **March 13th at 12:30 pm** in the Vestry of King's Chapel after Morning Prayer, another meeting will be held for any others, who wish to discuss the Proposed Bylaws Revisions in advance of the Hearing and Annual Meeting. Please sign up with the Parish Administrator no later than March 10th and a PDF will be sent to you.

❖ COMINGS AND GOINGS

After seventeen months as our Parish Administrator, *Brandon Goad* will be leaving us on March 18th. He has recently started a degree program in the city with Gordon Conwell Seminary. Please offer him your sincere thank you for his dedicated service to our church over this transitional time. If you have an remaining work with him, please complete these before March 4th.

Also, at the end of January, *Robert Goodwin* stepped down as Midweek Verger. He has worked faithfully for us for several years, also as verger for the Church School, Recitals, First Night/New Year's Eve, and Sunday services. Since he is a member of King's Chapel, he intends to keep active, especially with the Social Action Committee. His address is available in our directory, if you wish to personally thank him.

Replacing Bob is *Caitlin O'Hara*. She will also remain on our guide staff, which she joined last September. She graduated from Syracuse last spring with a degree in Architecture, and appreciates the beauty and history of our church. Please welcome Caitlin.

❖ HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING

The Hearing will be held on Sunday, March 20th, at 12:30 pm in our Parish House at 64 Beacon Street. A simple lunch will be served in advance of receiving Reports from the officers, Interim Senior Minister, Trustees, Chairs of Committees and groups, and on any business that is anticipated for the Annual Meeting.

The Annual Meeting will be held the following week, on Sunday, March 27th, at 12:30 pm, after Hospitality hour, at King's Chapel.

Please plan to attend these two important meetings!

The deadline for receiving Reports is March 4th. Regrettably, any late Reports will not necessarily be included in the PDF to be sent out by the office.

❖ ORDINATION OF OUR ASSISTANT MINISTER

Kristin Grassel Schmidt will be ordained on Sunday, March 20th, at 4:00 pm at her home church, the Cedar Lane Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda, MD. Please offer her your good wishes in advance of this blessed service. In fact, if you plan to be in the Washington DC area that weekend, please inform her.

Kristin, as you know, received degrees from McDaniel College in MD and Wesley United Methodist Seminary in Washington, DC, as well as preliminary fellowship from the UUA last spring. She is the secretary of the UU Christian Fellowship board. She is married to Christian Schmidt, a second-year student at Andover Newton Theological School.

FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

As we approach the date of our Annual Meeting on March 27, I would like to offer some reflections on the past year within the life of our church and also on my role as your Senior Warden.

The past year has been a year filled with opportunities and challenges. We have seen the departure of one assistant minister and the hiring of another. We have also begun in earnest the search process for our new settled minister. Under the leadership of our interim minister, Rev. Dianne Arakawa, we have had a number of focus groups to help us better understand who we are as a community of faith, and also where we hope to go as we think about our future.

The past year has also seen a number of events and activities which have been a part of our 325th birthday celebration. These have included special concerts under the leadership and direction of our music director, Heinrich Christensen, and an auction which raised funds which will be used to replace the carpeting in the church sanctuary. Fortunately, we have more activities and concerts to look forward to as our birthday celebration culminates on the weekend of June 11 and 12. Future newsletters will detail these upcoming events.

The above mentioned highlights only scratch the surface of what has taken place within the life of our church this past year. The activities, accomplishments, and successes of our church school, our choir, our many standing committees and the work of our administrative and guide staff, and the many volunteers who help on so many projects and activities are the spiritual glue which binds us together as a church family. The work of these organizations and committees will be presented at a lunch following Morning Prayer on Sunday, March 20. The following Sunday, March 27, the annual meeting of the Society of Kings Chapel will take place following morning prayer. Please come and hear what your church is doing.

As we look forward to the remainder of our year, I think that our church is stronger, more vibrant, friendlier, and in a much better position to meet the challenges which will be coming as a part of significant changes within the life of our church. As your Senior Warden I am committed to providing the strongest leadership possible as we continue to chart our new course. I will need your continued support, guidance, and your commitment to our church as we move towards our future. Together we can be successful in our efforts.

- *Dean Denniston*

❖ FROM THE MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

The Committee – Allen Speight, Leo Johnson, Stefanie Muscat, Peter Malin, and Chris Barnett with co chairs Cliff Allen and Beth Chapin – thanks all for their efforts on behalf of the recent congregational survey. At the closing date, January 31, there were 101 responses and many very thoughtful and helpful comments. Thank you.

The statistical results and a summary of the narrative responses will be available to the Society as soon as the Committee has processed and analyzed the data. As you may know, such surveys are now an expected part of any ministerial search: your responses will guide the information that the Committee enters into the UUA record and the UCC profile; candidates will review our responses.

Again, our great thanks.

- *Cliff Allen and Beth Chapin, Co Chairs*

FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL DIRECTOR

Greetings from the Church School. On Sunday, February 20th, we kicked off our Coming of Age/Confirmation program with several Church School families. Thanks to our Assistant Minister's extensive research and compilation of material from the Coming of Age program as well as other programs for youth's spiritual exploration and development, we are able to offer a robust program to participating youth. Throughout this Church School year and all of next year, the current cohort of youth will attend group meetings at the Parish House, get together with their mentors outside of church, and visit local places of worship. This cohort will graduate from the program in a ceremony to be held during Children's Sunday in May 2012, and the next cohort will begin the program in September 2012.

With the implementation of the Preschool class and the Coming of Age/Confirmation program, I'm proud that we are now serving children and youth ages 4-15. Additionally, I'm proud that we have a group of committed families, teachers, staff, and ministers who allow us to serve children and youth in a reciprocal and meaningful way.

Thanks to all,

- *Shannon Lee*

✦ 325TH ANNIVERSARY GUEST PREACHER

Prof. Daniel P. McKanan, the Ralph Waldo Emerson Senior Lecturer at the Harvard Divinity School in Cambridge, will be our 325 guest preacher at Morning Prayer with Holy Communion on March 6th. Please offer him a warm welcome, and plan to stay for Hospitality hour to greet him and ask any questions that you may have.

Prof. McKanan was born and raised in Pepperell, and received his degrees from Harvard College and the University of Chicago Divinity School in Chicago. He and his family are members of the Unitarian Universalist church in Medford, where he also teaches church school to middle school youth.

✦ MA COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS

**LEGISLATIVE ACTION DAY, ASH WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9,
SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL/STATE HOUSE**

Register at www.mahomeless.org/events/legislativeAction20Day/LegAction2011. Protect housing and safety net programs for families, individuals and youth. The Coalition needs many faith community members, as from King's Chapel, to come to our Legislative Action Day and set up meetings with your state representative and senator. Call Sr. Linda Bessom, Coordinator, Faith into Action Together; 781-595-7570x18 if you have any questions.

✦ INTERIM FOCUS GROUP ON MEMBERSHIP & GROWTH

Having discussed our Mission and Vision, we will proceed to our final Interim Focus Group(s) on Membership and Growth. Anyone who serves in this area of our church and is interested in advancing this area in our church life is welcome to an initial meeting on Sunday, April 3rd, at 12:30 pm at our Parish House. Please speak with our Ministers if interested.

FROM THE ASSISTANT MINISTER

As I write this reflection for the month of March, light snow is falling where just a few days ago blades of grass had begun to emerge from beneath the melting ice. I am often struck by how relevant imagery of the natural world can be in describing the life of the spirit. Just when we feel we are making headway in our emotional lives, just when we think we've achieved a good balance of work and family and self care, an unexpected mess can pile up, leaving us with the task of forging yet another path forward.

While many images have been used throughout history to describe Lent, it is the imagery of nature's seasons that resonates for me this year. Like many people I've talked to recently, I'm looking forward to the warmer weather and longer days of spring. And yet, the reality of a longer winter than I'd like is piling up all around me. Likewise, as we continue to follow the life and teachings of Jesus in the lectionary, I think we all wish sometimes that we could skip right from the young and thriving Jesus all the way to images of his resurrection. All the while, the reality and pain of Good Friday is looming ahead of us.

While Epiphany is the season of light, when we joyfully explore the unexpected places that God is present, Lent is a time of inventory, when we take stock of where we or the world have tried to keep God out, or at arm's length. Lent is a time of being honest with ourselves, identifying where we have missed the mark. It is an opportunity to acknowledge not the way we and the world could be, but the way we really are. During Advent, we remembered the importance of dreaming big, and hoping beyond the limitations of ourselves and our world. During Lent, we need not abandon these hopes as pie-in-the-sky, but take seriously the potential sacrifice necessary to reach them. Just as Easter Resurrection is grounded in cross and crucifixion, so too must our hopes be grounded in the work required to transform them into reality.

I hope you will take this opportunity to explore the realm of your spirit and to deepen your faith. I wish you not a happy Lent, but a deeply contemplative one, and I hope to see you on March 9 at 12:15 for the Ash Wednesday Prayer Service.

Blessings,

- *Kristin*

✦ CONCERT SERIES END-OF-SEASON CONCERT, MARCH 27

The fifth, and last, concert in the Concert Series 2010-2011 season presents choral music that reflects the King's Chapel sanctuary, completed in 1754, which itself is a classic example of Georgian architecture. The King's Chapel Choir and Soloists will be joined by a chamber orchestra for a program entitled "Sound Architecture", music that shares the Baroque aesthetic of our building. The featured work is G.F. Handel's Coronation Anthem for George II, "Let Thy Hand Be Strengthened" and his "Nisi Dominus" (Psalm 127 "Except the Lord build the house"). Other works include J.C. Bach's marvelous ciaccona for soprano and solo violin "Mein Freund ist mein" ("My beloved is mine" from the Song of Solomon), Johann Pachelbel's "Der Herr ist König" ("The Lord is King") for double chorus, and additional arias by J.S. Bach.

As always, parishioners and their friends - and do bring yours! - are invited to an informal reception with the musicians at the Parish House following the concert.

KING'S CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAY

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.

6 Morning Prayer

Dr. Daniel P. McKanan, guest preacher
Ralph Waldo Emerson Senior Lecturer,
Harvard Divinity School
The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, co-officiant
Kristin Grassel Schmidt, co-officiant
Sylvia Soderberg, lector
*The lessons are Exodus 24:12-18
and Matthew 17:1-9.*

13 First Sunday in Lent

Kristin Grassel Schmidt, preacher
Todd Lee, lay reader
Church School, lectors
*The lessons are Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17, 25-3:7
and Matthew 4:1-11.*

20 Second Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher
Miguel Gomez-Ibanez, lay reader
Richard Weeks, lector
*The lessons are Genesis 12:1-4a
and Matthew 17:1-9.*

27 Third Sunday in Lent

The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher
Kristin Grassel Schmidt, co-officiant
Christopher Barnett, lector
*The lessons are Exodus 17:3-7
and John 4:5-26.*

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.

- 1 Vanessa Beault Mulvey
& Jell Dreeben, flutes
Works by Shubert, Dahl, Dorff, Kessick
- 8 Akiko Kobayashi, violin
Works by Bach, Ysaÿe, Kreisler
- 15 Donald Zook, flute; Steven Young, organ
Works by Biery, Callahan, and others
- 22 Nick Cutroneo, guitar
Works by Sor, Villa-Lobos, Houghton
- 29 Lee Ridgway plays the C.B. Fisk Organ
Spiritual Settings by Adolphus Hailstork,
in observance of his 70th year.

CHURCH SCHOOL & EVENTS

Every other Sunday at 9:45 a.m. in the Little Chapel at the Parish House, 64 Beacon Street, from September to May.

- 6 **Family Service & Church School**
Kristin Grassel Schmidt will preach.
- 20 **Family Service & Church School**
Aaron Stockwell will preach.

WITHIN THE PARISH

OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES to Clifford & Cynthia Allen and family on the death of Cliff's mother, Harriet Allen Sooy, on January 22nd in Ocean City, NJ. A Memorial service was held at her United Methodist church.

...also to Richard & Mary Weeks on the death of his mother, Delphine Mary Weeks, on February 2nd in Minneapolis, MN. A funeral service was held at her Roman Catholic church on February 11th.

OUR BLESSINGS to Miguel Gomez-Ibanez and family on the birth of his grandson and namesake, Miguel, on January 23, in Woods Hole, MA to Daniel Gomez-Ibanez and Valerie Walbek.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Annie Schonour and Matthew Hess of Charlestown, who were married on February 19th in our Little Chapel by the Rev. Dianne Arakawa.

WEDNESDAY

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

2 Midweek Prayer

Dean Denniston, preacher
Medb Sichko, lector

9 Ash Wednesday

Kristin Grassel Schmidt, preacher
Charles Dimino, lector

16 Holy Communion

The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher
Clifford Allen, lector

23 Midweek Prayer

Chaplain Dr. Arthur Judge, preacher
Amy Meyer, lector

30 Midweek Prayer

Ciael Hills, preacher
Clifford Allen, lector

FLOWERS

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Louise Perkins, Chancel Committee Co-chair.

- 6 The flowers on the Communion table are given in loving memory of Linda and Palfrey Perkins with grateful hearts by their children and grandchildren.
- 13 The flowers on the Communion table are given in remembrance of my one and only favorite husband, Herbert L. Kahn, with much love, Sally.
- 20 The flowers on the Communion table are given in loving memory of Nancy Bock by her godson, Charlie Tranter.
- 27 The flowers on the Communion table are given in loving memory of Marshall Herbert Lykins by his wife Betty Sweaney Lykins and his daughter Elizabeth Lykins.

SECOND SUNDAY OFFERING

March's second Sunday offering will go to Pine Street Inn. The mission of Pine Street Inn is to be a community of respect and hope for each guest it serves and to serve as a national leader in the fight to end homelessness.

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HOLY WEEK 2011

APRIL 17-24

Palm Sunday, 11:00 a.m.

Easter Egg Hunt for children at the Parish House

Maundy Thursday service of Holy Communion at 5:30 p.m.

Good Friday at 12:15 p.m., including the Rev. Dr. Nick Carter,
President of Andover Newton Theological School, Newton, MA

Good Friday Tenebrae at 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, East Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

MARCH 2011 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m. Minns Committee, First Church Boston 5:30 p.m. Social Action Committee 6:00 p.m.			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Family Service & Church School 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:00a.m.		Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m. Bylaws Working Group 6:00 p.m. Church School Committee 6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday 12:15 p.m.	Music Committee 6:00 p.m.		
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Morning Prayer 11:00a.m. Bylaws Working Group 12:30 p.m.	Vestry Meeting 5:45 p.m.	Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m.	Holy Communion 12:15 p.m.		<i>April Newsletter Submission Dead- line</i>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Family Service & Church School 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:00a.m. Hearing 12:30 p.m.		Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m. Charities & Ap- peals 6:00 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.		Lee-Clark Wed- ding Rehearsal 5:00 p.m.	Lee-Clark Wedding 5:00 p.m.
27	28	29	30	31		
Morning Prayer 11:00a.m. Annual Meeting 12:30 p.m. Concert Series 5:00 p.m.		Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m. Parish Council 6:00 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.			

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The Rev. Dianne E. Arakawa, Interim Senior Minister
Kristin Grassel Schmidt, Assistant Minister
The Rev. Carl R. Scovel, Minister Emeritus
Heinrich Christensen, Director of Music
Pei-Chun Lin, Children's Music Director
Shannon Lee, Church School Director

**POSTMASTER:
THIS CONTAINS TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL;
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LENTEN PROJECT ON VIOLENCE AGAINST YOUTH

Last year in our church, we highlighted endangered species around our world and what we can do to protect them. This year we sharpen our gaze to violence in our city. We would like to add our voices of support to the Mothers for Justice and Equality (MJE), which provides children and their families with a restored sense of hope and purpose by reclaiming the identity of our city through collaboration and positive policy change.

To this end, we will place six pairs of sneakers in our church to remember the six youth under the age of seventeen, who were killed in 2010. They were *Deyquan Gomez of Mattapan, Andrew Tavares of Roxbury, Jaewon Martin of Dorchester, Ivol Brown of Mattapan, Amani Smith of Mattapan, and Emmanuel Loissaint of Dorchester.*

In addition, we are in conversation with the Rev. June Cooper of the CMS, who preached for us last summer. We invite members to attend the "Let Them Be Heard" Concert on March 12th at 3 pm, near to us at Tremont Temple, 88 Tremont Street in order to support the City Mission Society of Boston and the Massachusetts Multicultural; ph. 857-0231-2023. We also invite you to join our Ministers in the annual Mother's Day March to support the Mothers for Justice and Equality; ph. 617-742-6830.