

# NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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**TRANSYLVANIAN COMMUNION  
WILL BE CELEBRATED ON  
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2ND**

Dear Friends,

Everywhere the world presents us with changes. Some we welcome; others we do not. On the positive side, Saudi Arabia announced that women there will be given the vote. And the U.S. Congress overturned the “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy for GLBTs in our military. On the negative side, Troy Davis was executed last Friday in Georgia, despite recanting by the majority of his accusers. And the Massachusetts legislature seems close to approving a casino bill with all the risks of increasing gambling addiction and crime.

Specializing in transitioning institutions from what was to what might be, I find myself believing that we are going through greater-than-normal change. I wonder how it feels to be a part of this kind of world, where significant loss of what was, resulting sadness and fear, personal memory for particulars, and the pressure to jump-on-board are taken for granted. How do we respond to change? Is it exasperating, enervating or exhilarating? And does the church-- our church-- make any difference to how we feel, what we think and do?

We can respond to this intense change in at least three ways. Recall how we have responded to changes at King’s Chapel over these past two years. *One*, we can consistently resist what is happening for private reasons. We can withdraw, bog down in denial and beat a retreat to Walden Pond. (The latter might not be so bad as my husband’s acquaintance recalled taking cookies and pies to Henry, who lived there.)

*Two*, we can enter into civil dialogue to explore implications and make compromises with those who seem to be supporting and implementing the changes. This is not easy for some, but always necessary for those in a free society and a free church. In the process we can learn and grow. We may even be changed in unpredictable and inexplicable ways. Henry Wieman called this “creative interchange.” The Christian church sees in this the work of the Holy Spirit.

*Three*, we can assume the posture that all change is inevitable and capitulate to it. Take, for example, our newly found seduction by the worldwide web, time on facebook instead of face-to-face, carrying our smart phones 24/7 so that we can work far more than is healthy, driving everywhere and allowing the balkanization of our national public transit system. I certainly can be accused of participating in more than one of the above.

More than ever, as we respond to change we need to draw together as a church community. We need to talk about the very real changes going on in our lives, just as we a congregation will move into the future. We need to worship side by side, tell our stories, appreciate differences, work issues through, and laugh together. For, we know that there are faithful ways of being transformed in Christ. We know that hope, faith, and love can be born anew.

Autumn blessings,

*Dianne*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

### ❖ LAUNCH OF SHORT 2011.5 ANNUAL APPEAL

#### **POINT FIVE! ONLY THREE MONTHS TO GET IT DONE!**

Very little time is left to raise the operating funds which King's Chapel needs to maintain our ministries, programs and staffing for the rest of the year. Each of you – our readers – has already received (if you are a constant supporter), or shortly will (if you have not contributed in a while), a 2011.5 Annual Appeal fund-raising letter. There's a pledge card and return envelope (we do ask you to supply the postage) for you to send it back to as soon as you can, please.

### 6-Month Cycle - 2011.5 Appeal

As most of us understand, our present 6-month fiscal cycle runs from 7/1 through 12/31/2011, the end of this year. By adding this six months (called FY 2011.5) to the larger current fiscal year which started two July 1sts ago (calendar 2010), we synchronize the end of this fiscal year with the calendar year. Next year, the 2012 Appeal will really be in 2012!

### Goal

To reflect this financial rescheduling, we have set the 6-month Appeal goal at \$80,000. In the past 12 months, the 2011 Annual Appeal raised over \$172,000, well over the target of \$160,000. But we would not have been able to do it without a remarkable special gift. So the \$80,000 goal is a good challenge, and we will need the stewardship of all of us to make it.

### Expanding Our Giving Base – Asking Everybody

As an initiative that came out of the revised By-Laws editing realized that Membership needed to be coupled with the expectation of financial stewardship. Vestry voted in favor of this idea, but decided not to specify an amount in the new By-Laws, since individual conditions vary so widely. To fulfill the intent, the current Appeal is asking *everyone* on our Newsletter mailing list or listed in our Yearbook, to contribute “a fair share.”

### Continuing Last Year's Stewardship is Not Quite Enough

While the Appeal Committee is grateful to those Members and Friends who have advised us that they will be continuing their present pattern of giving, we need to point out that as it is, our current aggregate level of stewardship still requires us to depend too much on the Trusts. Hence, to continue moving us towards self-sufficiency, we are asking current givers to increase their pro-rata contribution by at least 10%, if they can.

### As a Community - We DO Get It

The energy, and wide-spread participation of Members and Friends in the last Appeal shows that we, as a congregation and family, DO get it - there is no one but us to support our church. So if King's Chapel is important in our lives, we support our church with our own serious stewardship.

-*Todd Lee and Karen C. C. Dalton, co-chairs*

### ❖ MINNS LECTURE

What Was And Is Required: “To Be An Effective, Justice-Seeking People”, a video-forum led by The Rev. Dr. John Buehrens, former UUA President will be held on Saturday, November 5th at King's Chapel. Interlocutors will include The Revs. Nate Walker and Paige Getty. For more information contact Charles Perry, Chair, at [cper@ifpa.org](mailto:cper@ifpa.org).

### ❖ CONCERT SERIES BEGINS OCTOBER 30

Please join us for the opening concert of the King's Chapel Concert Series' 54th season on Sunday, October 30, at 5 p.m. In observance of the season of Halloween, Day of the Dead, and All Saints and All Souls, the program features German meditations on mortality, spanning over three centuries. Heinrich Schütz *Musikalische Exequien* were written in 1636 in the middle of the Thirty Year War. The composer himself described it as a "German Requiem Mass". It is scored for soloists and chorus, for this occasion accompanied by Carol Lewis on viola da gamba and Paul Cienniwa on organ. The other major work on the program is Hugo Distler's *Totentanz* (Dance of Death), written in 1934 in the shadow of Nazi Germany. The work is inspired partly by the now lost painted frieze of the Dance of Death in St. Mary's Church in Lübeck, originally painted at the time of the Black Death in the 15th century. Distler's work takes a highly original form. Death is depicted as a Pied Piper playing variations on the German folk song *Es ist ein Schnitter heißt der Tod* (There is a harvestman called death) as folks of all stripes approach to dance with death. Each character - Emperor, Bishop, Merchant, Maiden, Child etc. - reads a verse and Death replies, first in words, then in music, and the choir responds with a short commenting verset. The program will be rounded out with Brahms' setting of the *Schnitter* folk song, and J.S. Bach's *Komm, süßer Tod* (Come, Sweet Death), as re-interpreted by Edwin London in his haunting "Bach Again". Parishioners and friends are invited to an informal reception at the Parish House after the concert.

### ❖ PREJUDICE AND CHRISTIAN BEGINNINGS: A LUNCHEON WITH LAURA SALAH NASRALLAH AND ELISABETH SCHUSSLER FIORENZA

Join the Massachusetts Bible Society for lunch and conversation with two acclaimed scholars - Professors Laura Salah Nasrallah and Elisabeth Schussler Firoenza - as they discuss their most recent book, *Prejudice and Christian Beginnings*. This interdisciplinary volume draws together new essays by prominent scholars on questions of ethnicity and gender. The luncheon will take place at the Paulist Center Library, 5 Park Street, Boston from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 6th. There is a suggested donation of \$15.00. Please RSVP to [admin@massbible.org](mailto:admin@massbible.org) or 617.969.9404.

### ❖ 2011 HARRELL F. BECK LECTURES CELEBRATING THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE KING'S JAMES BIBLE: GOD'S SECRETARIES: THE MAKING OF THE KING JAMES BIBLE

Adam Nicolson, an author who writes books on history and the landscape, will give the Beck Lecture on the King James Bible at three different locations from October 23 - 25, 2011. The talk will take place at three different locations including First Parish in Weston, at 349 Boston Post Road, Weston, MA., on Sunday, October 23rd, 2011 at 7 p.m. For more information, visit the Beck Lecture page at <http://massbible.org/beck-lectures-adam-nicolson> or contact the Massachusetts Bible Society at 617-969-9404 or [admin@massbible.org](mailto:admin@massbible.org)

### ❖ THE WORK OF OUR HANDS

Everyone, adults and youth, is encouraged to start thinking about a handmade creation - art, needlework, woodwork, culinary - for exhibit on Sunday, February 26th, 2012. The sharing of our community's talents will be held at the Parish House. Please contact us, if interested.

-*Elsie Hermann and Emanuel Genovese, coordinators*

**FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL**

Greetings from the Church School. As a Church School community, we can collectively contribute to local and international service efforts. This year, one of our efforts will be to continue to collect food and other items for the Greater Boston Food Bank. Even more than in years past, the Greater Boston Food Bank is in dire need of donations – for thousands of children and families throughout Boston and other parts of Massachusetts. Our responsibility to continue our efforts was reaffirmed for me this summer while watching an episode of ABC World News with Diane Sawyer. The episode included a segment entitled *Hunger and Children in America: a Slow and Steady Starvation*, and the opening scenes were set at Boston Medical Center. They were demonstrating that even in a “prosperous” city such as Boston, thousands of children are regularly without food and as a result are “dangerously thin” and not properly developing due to malnutrition.

So, please know that every time you put a canned good, a box of pasta, or some other item in the baskets in the Little Chapel, you are directly benefiting a child or family in Massachusetts.

Additionally, the Church School will continue to utilize the Family Service offering for tuition payments for youth attending school at El Hogar in Honduras. For the past several years and this year as well, we are supporting the education of a young man named Cesar, and you can find pictures of Cesar on the community bulletin board in first floor hallway of the Parish House.

Lastly, given the interest of many Church School children and families as well as support from King’s Chapel’s Social Action Committee, the Church School is planning to participate in Heifer International again this year. Two years ago, we purchased a Milk Menagerie (that’s four milk-producing animals!) thanks to your generous contributions. Who knows what we’ll buy this year? Please stay tuned over the next few months for more information on this project.

**-Shannon Lee**

**✦ NEW STAFF**

*Susan Roe* is serving as temporary Parish Administrator for 20 hours per week in September and October; *Elizabeth Sloane* continues for 12 hours per week. *Lucas Griswold*, our new Administrative Assistant, began his work with us in September. He graduated from Boston University and also serves as one of our guides. *Tracie Henson* began as Assistant Lead Guide, assisting Theresa Cooney, in September. *Brianna Goellner* serves as our Midweek verger; and *Caitlin O’Hara* continues as our Church School verger. *Kenneth Wiley*, a student from Harvard Divinity Student, will be a church school teacher.

**FROM THE ASSISTANT MINISTER**

Just a few short weeks ago, the weather turned from late summer warmth to a glorious early autumn chill. As a native Marylander, I excitedly welcomed this first of so many wonderful changes of the season. The first cool day always floods my mind with visions of apples and pears, auburn leaves and pumpkins. My Texan husband, however, reacted quite differently. He shrugged as we left for work that first cool day and mumbled, “This just doesn’t feel normal.” While I think the autumn weather is great, in physical terms I’ve been feeling decidedly “not normal” lately. Thankfully, it’s all for a wonderful reason. My husband, Christian, and I are excited to announce that we are expecting our first child this April! This is a time of great personal joy and anticipation, and I feel doubly blessed to be able to share it with all of you. As I await the coming of my first child, I look forward to hearing about how your faith has helped you through significant life changes, and your reflections on having children.

With gratitude,

**-Kristin**

**✦ NEW ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSE: INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING**

An 8-session class will be held at King’s Chapel House on Wednesdays, beginning October 5, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Led by longtime members, Carol and Emanuel Genovese, each session will offer time and space for spiritual reading, prayer, and contemplative dialogue. We will use a booklet containing psalms and writings by Thomas Merton and other spiritual masters on contemplative living. There will be guided questions to help us reflect and deepen the relationships that inform our daily life and to find a path to live within our own religious traditions and spiritual practices. Booklets are available to participants for \$8.00. For more information and to register, please call Ciel Hills at 781-647-0719.

**-Ciel Hills. chair**

**✦ MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**

October is the month during which your Ministerial Search Committee – Leo Johnson, Allen Speight, Stefanie Muscat, Peter Malin, Cliff Allen, and Beth Chapin – is conducting initial interviews with several applicants. We are blessed to have had more than 50 fine ministers express interest in the King’s Chapel pulpit, and we look forward to getting to know some of them better. These interviews will be in person. We considered conference calls and Skype communication but decided that face-to-face meetings would provide the best information to both the Committee and the candidate. As always, please send your questions and comments to the co chairs, Cliff Allen and Beth Chapin.

**-Cliff Allen and Beth Chapin, co-chairs**

# 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.*

- 2 Transylvanian Holy Communion**  
Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher  
Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, co-officiant; William Park, lay reader  
*The lessons are Numbers 27:12-23 and Matthew 21:33.*
- 9 Morning Prayer**  
Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher  
Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, co-officiant,  
tbd, lector  
*The lessons are Deuteronomy 34:1-12 and Matthew 22:1-14.*
- 16 Morning Prayer**  
Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher  
Hallie Speight, lay reader  
Richard Weeks, lector  
*The lessons are Ruth 1:1-19a and Matthew 22:15-22.*
- 23 Morning Prayer**  
Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher  
Miguel Gomez-Ibanez, lay reader  
Marie Wells, lector  
*The lessons are Ruth 2:1-13 and Matthew 22:34-46.*
- 30 Reformation Sunday**  
Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, preacher.; Rev. Dianne Arakawa, co-officiant  
William Kuttner, lector  
*The lessons are Jeremiah 31:31-34 and*

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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](http://www.kings-chapel.org).*

- 4 Rikke Kursch (Denmark) plays the C.B. Fisk Organ, Works by Buxtehude, Alain, Druckmuller
- 11 Ensemble Saint Germain, Timothy Macri, director, Jehan Alain: Messe Modale, Gabriel Faure: Pavane
- 18 Weston Wind Quintet  
Works by Ravel & Danzi
- 25 Alan Weiss, Flute; Ann Rosandich, oboe; Heinrich Christensen, organ  
Works by Bach & Telemann

### ✦ IN THE PARISH

*Blessings to Jillian Bernardo and Nils Hegstad of Boston, who were married at King's Chapel on September 24<sup>th</sup>, by Dianne Arakawa... and to Geoffrey and Marlene Cunningham, whose twins Benjamin and Isabelle, were baptized in our service on September 26<sup>th</sup>...Condolences to Kristin Grassel Schmidt and family on the recent death of her step grandmother, Gladys Kristof, of Robertson, GA.*

### ✦ SECOND-SUNDAY OFFERING

This month's Second Sunday Offering will be given to the Fragment Society. The mission of the Fragment Society is to support newborns and their mothers with gifts of clothing and care items for low-income families through hospitals and social service agencies throughout the Boston area.

### ✦ CHANCEL FLOWERS REMINDER

The donation of Chancel Flowers in memory of a loved one is a special opportunity at King's Chapel. If you have chosen to make this thoughtful gift, please remember to send in your donation of \$75 to Anne Krupsky, our bookkeeper at King's Chapel House, 64 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108.

## WEDNESDAY

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

- 5 Midweek Prayer**  
Ms. Lisa Strauss, preacher  
Charles Dimino, lector
- 12 Midweek Prayer**  
The Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, preacher, Medb Sichko, lector
- 19 Holy Communion**  
The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher  
Amy Meyer, Lector
- 26 Midweek Prayer**  
The Rev. Molly Housh Gordon, preacher,  
Todd Lee, Lay Reader

## FLOWERS

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

- 2 The flowers on the Communion Table are given in loving memory of William H. Shepard, Jr., William H. Shepard, Sr., and Gwendolyn E. True Shepard by their family.
- 9 The flowers on the Communion table are given in loving memory of their parents, The Rev. James H. Perkins, and Ruth Clapp Perkins, Janet E. Brady and Owen W. Brady by Richard Perkins and Cynthia Hargrove Perkins.
- 16 The flowers on the Communion table are given in loving memory of Dr. Hunter Sweaney and Frances Foushee Sweaney by their daughter Betty Sweaney Lykins.
- 23 The flowers on the Communion table are given in loving memory of Professor George Vogel by Jarmila Vogel and family.
- 30 The flowers on the Communion table are given in loving memory of by William Chappel Wells, Jr., by Marie Alice Wells on the tenth anniversary of his passing.

# OCTOBER 2011 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>
Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.		Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.			
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
Family Service 9:45 a.m.  CS Parents Meeting 10:45 a.m..  Transylvanian Holy Communion 11:00a.m.  Youth Group 12:30 p.m.		Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m.  Church School Committee 6:00 p.m.  Minns Committee 6:00 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.  Contemplative Prayer (ARE) 7:00 p.m.			
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
Family Service 9:45 a.m.  CS Parents Meeting 9:30 a.m.  Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.	Columbus Day	Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.  Contemplative Prayer (ARE) 7:00 p.m.		<i>November Newsletter Deadline</i>  CD Release Party 6:00 p.m.	
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
Family Service 9:45 a.m.  Morning Prayer 11:00a.m.	Vestry 5:45 p.m.	Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m.  Parish Council 6:00 p.m.	Midweek Communion 12:15 p.m.  Contemplative Prayer (ARE) 7:00 p.m.			
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.		Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.  Contemplative Prayer (ARE) 7:00 p.m.			
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Family Service 9:45 p.m.  Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.  Halloween Cookie Decorating 12:15 p.m.  Concert Series 5:00 p.m.	Halloween	Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m.  Church School Committee 6:00 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.  Fragments Society 10: 00 a.m.  Contemplative Prayer (ARE) 7:00 p.m.			

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## RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

*The Rev. Dianne E. Arakawa, Interim Senior Minister*  
*The Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, Assistant Minister*  
*The Rev. Carl R. Scovel, Minister Emeritus*  
*Heinrich Christensen, Director of Music*  
*Shannon Lee, Church School Director*  
*Elizabeth Sloane, Parish Administrator*  
*Theresa Cooney O'Hara, Head Guide*

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✘ **ANNOUNCING THE 2011-12 KING'S CHAPEL CONCERT SEASON!**

*All concerts are on Sundays at 5 pm at King's Chapel, on the corner of Tremont and School Streets in downtown Boston*

**October 30, 2011:** Heinrich Schütz: Musikalische Exequien, Hugo Distler: Totentanz, King's Chapel Choir with Timothy Macri, flute; Carol Lewis, viola da gamba; Paul Cienniwa, organ. Heinrich Christensen, director  
*German meditations on mortality, spanning 300 years*

**November 27, 2011:** Johann Sebastian Bach: Leipzig Chorales, Part II  
Heinrich Christensen plays the C.B. Fisk Organ  
Thomas Gregg, tenor, sings the chorale tunes  
*The second half of Bach's monumental cycle of chorale preludes*

**January 22, 2012:** A Baltic Cruise  
King's Chapel Choir, Heinrich Christensen, director  
*Choral gems from Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Latvia, and Poland*

**February 19, 2012:** Music for Cello and Organ  
Rafael Popper-Keizer, cello  
Heinrich Christensen, organ  
*Works by Marcel Dupré, Daniel Pinkham, a newly commissioned piece by Lisa Bielawa, Westward Odyssey by Steven Laven, and Episodio by Niels la Cour*

**March 25, 2012:** Mysticism in Music  
King's Chapel Choir; Christian Lane, organ; Heinrich Christensen, director  
*Choral settings of poetry by John Donne and George Herbert, including "Five Mystical Songs" by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and works by Bold, Helwey, Sanyer, Tann*