

NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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Home Coming! Save the Date!

*Sunday, September 18th in the Parish House
(following Morning Prayer)*

Please join us in this favorite event for renewal of community, inspiration for the coming year for service and commitment, and some plain old fun and great food.

Sally Kahn and Barbara Fay will be hosting the meal and look forward to many hands to help with preparation, donations and clean up.

To sign up to help, contact Sally at salforth1@msn.com or Barbara at bfamc@verizon.net

Dear Friends,

Hurricane. Earthquake. Qaddafi ouster. Stock market volatility. Credit downgrade. Congressional impasse. Ideology. Greed. Fear. Plans for the tenth anniversary of 9/11. It's been an unforgettable summer. And that is why we need church.

We need it because we wish to be in communication with like-minded church members. We need it because we wish to tell our stories, be known and be of support and encouragement to one another; because we wish to express our outrage at war, injustice and inequality, and ecological degradation; because our way of life should reflect our values, and concern for the poor; because we need to be reminded that the universe is grand and mysterious, beyond our control, and not only about us; because with faith we are not driven by irrational fears, trumped up by charlatans or conjured by unresolved ghosts from our past. We need it because church reminds us that God is in our very midst.

At King's Chapel this past summer we have seen a steady stream of loyal parishioners as well as visitors from other churches in the United States and all over the world. We have been graced by earnest and talented preachers, lay readers and lectors. We have been treated to uplifting organ music with solo voices as well as an unforgettable girls' choir from Edinburg. We have been offered generous hospitality by our stalwart volunteers, who have served us King's Chapel punch, cookies, tea sandwiches and seasonal fruit. In addition, I have officiated at and witnessed one Baptism, one Commissioning, three Interments, one Holy Communion in a Wedding, and are planning another Renewal of Vows and Baptism.

Behind the scenes we have welcomed tourists and tried to educate them about our magnificent building and unique history. Yes, we are a living church. No, we are not a school or a mausoleum. Yes, we have the sweetest Paul Revere bell. No, the Parish House is one-half mile down Beacon Street. There we have a staff, which under unusual circumstances worked hard and partnered well with our lay people. The Personnel Committee was crackin', the Search Team was dogged in detail, Buildings & Grounds were good sports. Dozens of windows were washed, floors cleaned and polished, and the repair of the garden wall was finally completed with original bricks. In Kolozsvar, Romania, our delegation helped build a house and delivered greetings to our partner church, with whom we have had a cordial relationship for over 90 years.

We are now ready and eager for Homecoming on September 18th. And we hope, wherever you have been, you will join us to say once again that "we need church." It is not just an edifice, a stop on the Freedom Trail, a social club, a middle-of-the-road church prone to this or that. It is a church with a soul. It has withstood conscious slights from nearby Puritan churches, denominational misunderstandings, evacuation at the time of the Revolution, and serious change during the Civil War and recent civil wars. It has a future. Come home.

With grace and peace,

Dianne

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

✘ 2011 STUB YEAR APPEAL – ONLY 4 MONTHS TO REACH YEAR-END GOAL

Members' and Friends' Stewardship Gets It Done

We surpassed our goal of \$160,000! For the Fiscal Year 2011 - July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011 - when including Mason Fernald's remarkable gift of \$50,000, our total was \$170,000. The Annual Appeal is grateful to all of our Members and Friends, and especially to Mason and the Matching Gift donors, whose generous stewardship contributed to this achievement.

2011 – “Stub Year” – Appeal Goal Is \$80,000

By adding the six month period of this summer and fall, July 1 through December 31, to our fiscal 2011 calendar, we will again synchronize our fiscal year with the calendar year, curing a frequent source of confusion. Since the Appeal completed our goal for the past twelve months, it makes sense to cast our target for the next six months as half of that total – making \$80,000 our goal for our so-called 2011.5 year.

Sprint to Complete 2011.5

Since we took the summer off, we have only four months to complete the 2011.5 Campaign. We will mail out the general Appeal solicitation early in September. Critically important to the success of this intense, compact effort will be your fast turn-around of the pledge cards.

Expanded Appeal Committee

The members of the enlarged Committee, plus a few others, will again join us in moral suasion, and perhaps some light soliciting. It is splendid that so many of our community are willing to lend their active support to the work of the Annual Appeal, helping to secure our operational resources.

Pledges and Donations have already begun

By letting us know their intent, and by not interrupting their pattern of monthly (weekly, quarterly, etc.) giving, a number of our congregation have already begun their response to answering the continuing need. In that spirit, we believe that the 2011.5 (“point five”) Campaign can be a smooth and successful effort.

Thank You All

Your 2011 Annual Appeal is grateful to all who are sustaining our church and its programs, and who have given of their treasure, energy, time and moral support to complete this year's effort. All of us – Members, friends, ministers and staff who are elected leaders, committee heads plus members, and Trustees – should be grateful to each other for noting that even a church runs on money...and thank each of you who do something about it.

- *Todd Lee & Karen C. C. Dalton, Co-chairs*

✘ ALTO EXTRAVAGANZA - SEPTEMBER 23RD

The alto section of the King's Chapel Choir has finally had it! They have lived too long in the shadow of tall tenors, been obscured by soaring sopranos and drowned out by booming basses. Now they are taking matters into their own hands. On Friday, September 23rd there will be refreshments served from 7:00 p.m. with the curtain coming up at 7:30 p.m. They will let their hair down to sing selections from musical theatre and cabaret...of all types. The event will also serve as pay-as-you-can benefit for the King's Chapel Concert Series.



FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN

As we look towards the fall, it is with anticipation and excitement that I pen this brief message to you. The summer continued to be a busy time in the life of our church. The ministerial search committee, unlike most of us, continued to work steadily and faithfully as its members received and reviewed applicant information. The committee will soon be extending invitations to candidates for initial interviews. Buildings and grounds, with the able assistance of Sam Perry, has continued to oversee the maintenance of our buildings including repairs to pews in the sanctuary and the masonry at the parish house. The head of personnel along with the minister and Wardens have worked together to ensure a seamless transition of duties of the parish administrator's position while our very capable PA, Elizabeth Sloane, adjusts her work schedule to deal with her health issues.

This fall we will prepare to change the church's budget to a calendar year. Expect a budget meeting sometime in late October as part of this process. We also look forward to the return of our choir, the reopening of our church school, the wonderful preaching of our ministerial staff, continued success with our guide program, and continued energy and commitment from our lay leadership. But most of all, we look forward to your return and to your continued participation as part of our church family. We truly cannot do the work that God has called us to do without your help and your participation. Help us make this a great year in the life of Kings Chapel.

-*Dean K. Denniston, Jr.*

✘ KING'S CHAPEL FIRST CHURCH BOSTON HFH BUILD KOLOZSVAR, ROMANIA

From July 1-15, 7 members of King's Chapel and 2 members of First Church Boston participated in a Habitat for Humanity build in Kolozsvar, Romania led by Peter Sexton.

Building activities: Seven and a half days were spent framing a home. The team was given a foundation. More than 22 wall panels were constructed and assembled. Local volunteers participated each day. Most were engineering students. Three volunteers were from First Unitarian.

Culture and tourism: We were given a walking tour of Kolozsvar by members of First Unitarian. We then toured the Transylvanian countryside, Torda, including the site of the Edict of Torda and the Torda Unitarian Church, Torda Gorge, and Torocko. Finally, we had a walking tour of Budapest and the Bela Bartok Unitarian Church.

Interactions with our partner churches: King's Chapel participants attended the Sunday Service at First Unitarian. Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt assisted. The service included the Baptism of the youngest child of Rev. Norbert Racz and the celebration of the 50th wedding anniversary of a First Unitarian couple. Members of King's Chapel were given a tour of the Bishop's offices and the Unitarian High School by Bishop Ferenc Balint-Benczedi concluding with a traditional Transylvanian barbecue at Second Unitarian Church.

Farewell ceremony: First Unitarian Church hosted the Habitat farewell party. A Transylvanian folk group performed song and dance. Rebecca Malin performed, singing accompanied by herself on guitar and piano. **Next partner church build:** Planning is already underway for a 2013 partner church build in Kolozsvar! **Thank you!**

-*Peter Sexton*

FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL

On behalf of the KC Church School Committee and staff, I welcome back our returning families and invite all members of King's Chapel to join us, during what will be an exciting year! On September 18th, the Church School will open its doors for the 2011-2012 year. Following family worship and classes, we invite all families to join the Homecoming Luncheon, at the Parish House.

There will be many familiar faces on opening day. Shannon Lee continues as our Church School Director. Shannon had a busy summer juggling full-time work, part-time school, and parenting her 6-year-old stepson. She finished the Graduate Certificate in Project Management program at Boston University in late August, and is looking forward to refocusing her energies on the church school this fall.

This year, the Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt will guide our older youth through the Confirmation process. If you are interested in learning more please contact Kristin to join the program or to obtain additional information.

Katherine ("Kat") Milligan will continue teaching our middle school students and leading our youth group. Kat obtained degrees in religious studies as both an undergraduate and graduate student. Currently, she is pursuing her Master's of Divinity degree at Harvard.

Finally, Ty and I will once again teach our youngest children and will be building on the curriculum begun last year. With these educators firmly in place, we turn our efforts to finding a teacher for our elementary class. If you are interested in discussing this further and/or know of someone who would be interested, please follow up with Shannon.

We are also looking forward to a more rigorous schedule of social action work, in cooperation with those efforts underway. I look forward to seeing you on September 18th. If you have any suggestions for projects, please contact me or Shannon Lee.

-Stephanie Muscat, chair

✘ PREVIEW: ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

- *Contemplative Living: Readings and Reflections from Thomas Merton and Other Spiritual Masters
- *Film Series
- *Glastonbury Abbey Retreat in January
- *Creating Your Own Mosaic
- *Lenten Bible Study
- And More...Stay tuned!

-Ciael Hills, chair

FROM THE ASSISTANT MINISTER

It feels like summer is fading before it even began, but I am looking forward to the beginning of autumn. I can't wait for the cool, crisp days and the colorful leaves, but mostly I'm looking forward to seeing the whole congregation together in worship and fellowship again. Though not an official liturgical holiday, Homecoming Sunday is special in the way it gathers all of us – the Church School, the Choir, and the congregation - together after a long stretch spent apart. This year it's set for September 18, just a few days before the autumnal equinox, and I can't imagine a better way to kick off the season of harvest. To paraphrase scripture, it is indeed good and pleasant for brothers and sisters to be together in the spirit of peace. But the act of gathering as one body can do much more than fill us with a sense of joy.

I was struck by the comments of a youth who was present the day Anders Breivik opened fire on the Norwegian Labor Party summer camp several weeks ago. In a nutshell, the youth reflected that if one man was able to so much violence with hate, just think about how much good people can do together with love. In light of our current local, national, and international struggles, I can think of no better way to frame the year ahead. The path ahead is one of challenge but also fulfillment, and for all the ways it will help us as individuals and a congregation to grow, I give preemptive thanks. As we are gathered together this Homecoming Sunday like so many scattered grains of wheat from distant fields, may we be reminded that part of our purpose as a church is to speak with one voice and act in unity. And in doing so, may God help us to shape a better world, through our love.

-Kristin

✘ MINISTERIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

Over the summer, your Ministerial Search Committee - Leo Johnson, Allen Speight, Stefanie Muscat, Peter Malin, Cliff Allen, and Beth Chapin - has held several meetings and has reviewed more than 40 initial inquiries. We are beginning to narrow down the field to to select those applicants whom we would like to interview. The initial review has demanded a lot of reading and thinking. As you may know, both the UUA and the UCC have prescribed systems through which ministerial candidates present their philosophies, beliefs, experience, and credentials. In the UUA, this is the Ministerial Record and in the UCC, the Ministerial Profile. Both are extensive documents. In addition, we have been requesting resumes, sermons, and letters of interest. Although our work has been time consuming, it has also been a pleasure to become acquainted through their writings with many thoughtful, caring ministers. The position remains open and the Committee welcomes applications.

-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.

4 Holy Communion

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher
Patricia Bass, lay reader

Richard Weeks, lector

The lessons are Exodus 19:16-24 and Matthew 18:15-20

Denise Konicek, *soloist*

11 Morning Prayer, Pentecost

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher

Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, co-officiant

David Wheeler, lector

The lessons are Exodus 20:1-20 and Matthew 18:21-35

Joel Perry, *soprano*; Dan Perry, *baritone*; Tina Wu, *violin*; Laura Ross, *oboe*.

18 Morning Prayer

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher

Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, co-officiant

Dean Denniston, lector

The lessons are Exodus 32:1-4 and Matthew 20:1-16

25 Morning Prayer

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher

Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt, co-officiant

Charles Perry, lector

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.

6 Povl Balslev (Denmark) plays the C.B. Fisk Organ. Works by Bach, Madsen, and more

13 Zina Schiff, violin; Christopher Merritt, flute; Steven Machtinger, viola; Heinrich Christensen, organ. Works by Bach, Mozart, Quantz

20 John Murelle, baritone; Lucy Banner, piano; "Seafever" Classical Songs of the Sea

27 Yun Thwaitis & Hong Wei Gao
Traditional Chinese Music

✦ IN THE PARISH

Best wishes to Theresa Cooney and Michael O'Hara, who were wed at King's Chapel, on July 9th. Dianne Arakawa officiated, Heinrich Christensen played the organ and Louise Perkins served as Wedding Coordinator....to Lisa Goncalves and Timothy Lavin, who were wed at King's Chapel, on July 6th by Dianne Arakawa....*May they rest in peace*—the ashes of John Cavileer, Harlow Estes and Harold Stokes—were removed from our Crypt and finally interred on July 13th in Boston....*Godspeed* to Kristin Smith Bezio, former Lead Guide, who left us to start her career as an Assistant Professor at the U. of Richmond in Va....*Congratulations* to our Habitat to Humanity International team, who visited our partner church and returned safely from Kolozsvár, Romania, and Budapest, Hungary, in mid-July. They included Peter & Anne Sexton, David Wheeler, Kristin Grassel Schmidt, Rebecca Malin and Jonathan Washburn.

✦ SECOND-SUNDAY OFFERING

This month's Second Sunday Offering will be given to the Massachusetts Council of Churches. The Council is supporting "Massachusetts Remembers", which is a large public gathering marking the anniversary of 9/11 with a concert at the Hatch Shell.

WEDNESDAY

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

7 Midweek Prayer

Ciael Hills, preacher

14 Midweek Prayer

Dean Denniston, preacher
Medb Sichko, lector

21 Holy Communion

Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher
Amy Meyer, lector

28 Midweek Prayer

Rev. Kristin Grassel Schmidt

FLOWERS

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

4 The flowers on the Communion Table are given in loving memory of Sydney Henkel by the Ushers. The flowers in the vestibule mark the wedding anniversary of Alan Collachicco and William Towne.

11 The flowers on the Communion table are given in loving memory of Hera W. Goodrich by her friend Pamela W. Gore and her children Kirstin S. and Carl P. Goodrich.

18 The flowers on the Communion table are given in loving memory of George and Sarah Gray and Lowell and Mary Selling, by their children Bernard Gray and Lee Selling Glenn.

25 The flowers on the Communion table are given in loving memory of Mildred Montano and Florence Perry, by their nephew, Charles M. Perry.

✦ LITURGY

The ministers wish to draw together any members and friends, who wish to discuss the liturgy at King's Chapel, with particular attention to Morning Prayer, the Midweek service and the Family service. If interested, please speak with Dianne Arakawa, as a date to meet in September will soon be set. In order to prepare for the meeting, copies of four sermons delivered on the occasion of the publication of the 1986 revision, should be read. They are available at our Vestry and Parish House front desk.

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SEPTEMBER 2011 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
			Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.			
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Morning Prayer & Holy Communion 11:00a.m.		Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m. Church School Committee 6:00 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.		Giacomozzi- Lucca Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	Giacomozzi-Luca Wedding 4:00 p.m.
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. Massachusetts Remem- bers September 11 2 p.m. Hatch Shell Cabaret Rehearsal 1:00 p.m.	Vestry Meeting 5:45 p.m.	Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Communion 12:15 p.m. Personnel Committee 5:30 p.m.	<i>October Newsletter Deadline</i>	Bernardo- Hegstad Rehearsal 4:30 p.m.	Bernardo-Hegstad Wedding 5:00 p.m.
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Homecoming</i> Family Service & Church School 9:45a.m. Morning Prayer 11:00a.m. Luncheon Parish House	Cabaret Rehearsal 5:30 p.m.	Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m. Parish Council 6:00 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m. Charities & Appeals 6:00 p.m.		Alto Cabaret Benefit 7:00 p.m.	
25	26	27	28	29	30	
Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. Baptism		Midweek Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.			

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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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THIS CONTAINS TIME-SENSITIVE MATERIAL;
PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY.**

✠ **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