

NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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FROM SENIOR MINISTER JOY FALLON

As I write, the Red Sox are about to have their home opener at Fenway, rains have come but sun now shines, we have two more weeks of Lent before Holy Week encircles us, and the Boston Marathon will be run again soon, the day after Easter, with both fresh hope and somber memories.

April is a month of these mixed feelings: both rain and sun; both memories of last year's Marathon and determination for this year's; both Good Friday and Easter Sunday. It's like all of life – joy and sorrow mingled. It's like our faith life – we seek and sometimes find, we doubt and sometimes despair, we trust and often find our trust rewarded, but not always.

So what do we do with all of this?

We find others to journey through it with us. So that when the rains are pouring down, someone has an open door into shelter and towels they'll share. When the garden is sprouting, you have friends to help you weed, or someone – even if less well known – who beams when handed one of your blooms, tremendously grateful.

In a church community, there is someone else who has the exact same faith question you do, and nods along when you raise it, grateful you did; there also is another who's given that issue lots of thought, and shares a few ideas you'd not thought of before. Church is the place where we can cry alone in our pew when that's what we need, where we shudder on Good Friday when the old King's Chapel Bible is slammed shut in the darkened church, and we file out in stunned silence; where children scurry under the pews after the Easter Sunday jubilation, looking for plastic eggs filled with candy; where the overflowing flowers remind us that new life does rise from what seems like dead earth.

Do you have any memories of a King's Chapel like this? Do you want to create some? Join us again for April: Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Day's splendor.

Why? Because it's good to be on the journey with others. And without you, we won't be whole.

With caring,
Joy

TASK FORCE NEWS FROM THE MINISTER

As I shared with the Vestry in February, I have asked a number of people to serve on two small ad hoc task forces, between now and the end of June. Both task forces will gather important data and ideas that will be shared with the Congregation; I hope the data collected will help us chart our way forward. The task forces are holding their initial meetings this month.

Demographics and Communication Task Force

This task force will explore various groups to whom King's Chapel may wish to reach out as we seek new members. They will gather data on different populations – from seniors who may wish a church community as they age, to college students or young professionals; from young families on Beacon Hill, to newcomers moving into the apartment and condominium buildings arising in the next few years in downtown Boston. They'll also consider who, in a broader geographic sweep, might be especially drawn to our music, history, liberal theology, and the value we give to independent thinking and exploration. What are the best estimates of numbers, for each group?

Second, for each potential population they've identified, what are the most effective ways to communicate or outreach to that group? Through social media, or by offering programs in partnership with a local organization? Through a worship service offered at a different time than Sunday morning, a revamped church vestibule with easily accessible information, or banners hanging from our columns?

The group will explore these and other related questions; their findings will be digested by the staff over the summer, and we hope, ready for discussion within the wider congregation by the Fall.

Task Force Members are: John Bowman, Meredith Clapp*, Karen Dalton, Kathe German, Betsy Petersen*, Julina Rundberg, Gregg Sorensen, Karen Cord Taylor, and Madolyn Wilson (Chair).
*advising

Exploration of Church Services

The second task force will visit a number of church services in the Boston area, with an eye towards what we can learn from them. The churches to be visited will be those in our neighborhood and those that are thriving. We'll ask questions such as: What kinds of services are being offered? Who attends? What needs are being met? How are newcomers welcomed? What is the religious message conveyed, type of music used, sense of community generated? What happens when a different service format is used, or if the day and hour of the service changes?

Based on these experiences, we'll be better able to explore what kind of second service we might want to offer at King's Chapel, in addition to our traditional 11 AM Morning Prayer Service, which will remain in place. Again, the hope is to collect information and then to share it more widely in the fall.

Task Force Members: Heinrich Christensen; Carol Genovese; Miguel Gomez-Ibanez; Mindy Hinkel (Chair); Joseph Kubiak; Cynthia Perkins; Charles Perry; Mary Sears;

FROM THE MUSIC COMMITTEE

Thank you! At the end of a fascinating and festive concert season, we would like to thank all of you who attended concerts, contributed financially, or contributed your time as an usher or assisting with mailings and receptions. We are very grateful, and could not have succeeded without you.

Stay tuned for the announcement of the 2014-15 concert season. In between the concert seasons, we hope you will appreciate the music of Holy Week, the Tuesday recitals, and the concerts at the Chapel in June which are part of the American Guild of Organists convention.

KING'S CHAPEL HABITAT BUILD IN TRANSYLVANIA

Registration will close on April 7 for the King's Chapel Habitat for Humanity build in Cluj, Romania (Kolozsvar, Transylvania) and partner church visits. We need a minimum of 2 additional participants to proceed. If not, this activity will be cancelled. Stipends may be available for church youths (minimum age 16-maximum age 25).

Partner churches that will be visited are First Unitarian, Kolozsvar (partner King's Chapel), Second Unitarian, Kolozsvar (partner First Church, Boston), Torda (partner First Parish, Weston), and Torocko (partner Unitarian Society Wellesley Hills). If members from churches not listed join then every effort will be made to establish contact and visits at the appropriate partner churches..

This is the third time for this activity. Previous builds were in 2008 and 2011. The 2011 activity was a joint effort with First Church, Boston. These builds received very favorable review with the participants and our Transylvanian partners.

This year's build/visits will be held July 4-20 or July 11-27 (The exact dates will be established by March 31). For full information contact Peter Sexton, email: petersexton@alum.mit.edu, phone 781-383-9028.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

❖ **COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE:** We are actively looking for new CAC members and friends, to increase our ability to offer cheerful service to community programs which serve the needs of our city. Please contact Amy Meyer (Tel. 617 523-3780; amymeyerw@comcast.net) if interested.

❖ **BOSTON PRIDE PARADE, SATURDAY, JUNE 14 2014:** Mark your calendar! KC will field its fifth annual team of walkers in this joyful celebration of diversity and inclusion in the city of Boston. Plan to join us and our new team champion, Gregg Sorensen, for an easy walk and some very meaningful fun.

❖ **DECORATORS NEEDED—COME HELP BEAUTIFY OUR SANCTUARY IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER:** Everyone please come and help us decorate our beautiful church in celebration of Easter on Saturday April 19 from 11am to 3pm. Stay for 30 minutes or a few hours, whatever amount of time you can contribute to this effort will be most appreciated. —Louise Perkins, Chancel Committee Chair

Easter Flower Memorials



If you would like to contribute flowers for the Easter Service as a memorial to a loved one, please complete the information below :

Name of the individual(s) being remembered (Print clearly):

Your Name, Address, Phone # and/or Email:

Mail this information with a check for \$40 for each Easter Memorial flower order to the Parish Administrator. Write "Easter Flowers" in the memo line.

ATTN: Julina Rundberg
King's Chapel Parish House
64 Beacon St.
Boston, MA 02108

This information can also be emailed to administrator@kings-chapel.org.

Deadline to submit this information is Monday April 14, 2014

KING'S CHAPEL SERVICES

SUNDAYS

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 with Communion**
Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Sudeep Agarwala, Lenten Reflection
Charles Perry, lay reader
Dean Denniston, lector
The lesson is John 11: 1, 3-6, 17-29, 32-38, & 43-44
- 13 Palm Sunday**
Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Cynthia Perkins, Lenten Reflection
Anne Sexton, lay reader
William Wilson, lector
The lesson is Matthew 21: 1-11
- 20 Easter Sunday**
Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Mindy Hinkel, William Sears, Cliff Allen, lectors
- 27 Morning Prayer with Great Litany**
Jedediah Mannis, guest preacher
Amy Meyer, lay reader
Louise Perkins, lector
The lesson is John 20: 19-31

WEDNESDAYS

Midweek prayer services begin at 12:15 pm and last approximately thirty-five minutes.

- 2 Midweek Prayer**
Amy Meyer, guest preacher
Todd Lee, lay reader
Ray Lynds, Lector
- 9 Midweek Prayer**
Stephen Courtney, guest preacher
Amy Meyer, Lay Reader
Ray Lynds, Lector
- 16 Holy Communion**
Dean Denniston, guest preacher
Steven Aucella, Lay Reader
Judy Thomas, Lector
- 23 Midweek Prayer**
Julina Rundberg, guest preacher
Todd Lee, Lay Reader
Amy Meyer, Lector
- 30 Midweek Prayer**
Jake Bitner, guest preacher
Steven Aucella, Lay Reader
Ray Lynds, Lector

SECOND SUNDAY

April 2014 Second Sunday Collection: UU Service Committee

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is a nonsectarian organization led by the Rev. Bill Schulz, which promotes human rights and social justice worldwide. UUSC currently sponsors grassroots collaborations on topics such as: compassionate consumption, water and environmental rights, and civil liberties, in 15 different countries, including Haiti, where it has made a long-term commitment to sustainable recovery from the disastrous 2010 earthquake.

Rev. Fallon's sermons are now available online! Click on the *Worship* tab and you will see the tab labeled *Rev. Fallon's Sermons*. Click there and you will see her sermons from the start of her ministry to the present.

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 pm and last approximately 35 minutes. For more information, please call 617-227-2155, or visit www.kings-chapel.org.

- 1 Duo Maresienne:**
Carol Lewis, viola da gamba;
Olav Chris Henriksen, lute/theorbo
German Baroque Music
- 8 Cloud Ludum:**
Anastasyia Dumma, band leader
Stockhausen, Bartok, and improvisation
- 15 The Karl Henning Ensemble**
Works by Karl Henning
- 22 Michelle Abadía, soprano/guitarist**
Latin Folk Songs & Ballads
- 29 Phillip Christ (Germany), organ**
Works by Bach, Buxtehude, Lübeck

CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Louise Perkins, Chancel Committee Co-chair: lwperkins50@live.com.

Please send your Chancel Flowers gifts ATTN: Parish Administrator, KC Parish House, 64 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108 with "Chancel Flowers" on the memo line of the check.

- 6** The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Katherine Whitney Thompson by her family.
- 13** The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Elizabeth Livermore Forbes and F. Murray Forbes, Jr., in the month of Murray's birthday, Elizabeth's deathday and Lorna's birthday, from Lorna Forbes and Richard Holt.
- 20** The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Harriet Felton Parker, with the fondest memories, Harriet Parker Hofheinz and Patricia Ross Pratt.

Have announcements, updates, events, or news you'd like to share with the members and friends of King's Chapel? Email it to admin@kings-chapel.org for it to be included in next month's newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you!

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SPECIAL SERVICES

✠ Holy Week at King's Chapel ✠

At King's Chapel, we are blessed to worship in a church which takes liturgy seriously. This is especially clear during Holy Week – the amazing stretch of eight days from Palm Sunday through Easter. If you're able, please join us for services mid-week, as well on Sundays. The power of Easter is most fully experienced by those who have.

If Jesus went down on his knees, like a servant, to wash your feet, holding each one, and pouring warm water over it, how does that affect your experience of Good Friday, your waiting on Saturday, your surprise on Sunday?

If on Thursday night, Jesus asked you to stay awake with him, but you were so exhausted you couldn't, you nodded off, several times, how do the hammer nails sound, when they ring out on Friday?

If the night began with total darkness Saturday, then the ancient word was read by the light of a single candle, telling the old, old story again, of a God of steadfast love, one who always casts light into our darkness, even when we least deserve it, how does the dark night air strike you when you leave later that evening – is it suffused with Light somehow?

Join us, whenever you can.

Joy

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 11 a.m.

The joyful entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, with our children waving palms, and our choir singing Hosanna!

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher

Cynthia Perkins, Lenten Reflection

Anne Sexton, lay reader

William Wilson, lector

The lesson is Matthew 21: 1-11

One Year After the Marathon Bombing

Tuesday, April 15 - - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Our church will be open as a place of quiet sanctuary and prayer, with candles lit for all lives affected: all sinners and saints, all wounds healed or still raw. Prayers may be written in special notebooks. At 2:46 p.m., the time of the first bomb blast, we will join with other churches in tolling our bells.

Maundy Thursday-

Foot washing and Communion - Thursday, April 17, 6 p.m.

A service that re-enacts what took place that day in Jesus' life: he washed the feet of his followers, then offered them bread and wine at his Last Supper. Foot washing will be available for anyone who chooses it; after having your feet washed, you may gently wash another person's. Communion will be offered; as always, ours in an open table, so all are welcome – skeptics and doubters, and well as believers – because Jesus served all his disciples, though they would soon betray him. At the end of the service, we clear the table, shrouding all in black because Jesus was arrested. We mourn

that they soldiers have taken him away.

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Lay reader, Medb Sichko
Lector, Judy Luca

Good Friday Mid-Day Service
Friday, April 18, 12:15 p.m.

A somber mid-day service for any nearby, where the full Passion Story is read: the trial of Jesus, his last words and crucifixion.

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Lay reader, Carol Kemp
Lector, Betsy Peterson

Good Friday Tenebrae Service
Friday, April 18, 8 p.m.

An evening service, where the candles are slowly extinguished, as the story of Jesus' betrayal, accusation, and death is told, in word and song, until we are left in darkness. (Tenebrae is Latin for shadows or darkness). We leave the sanctuary in silence.

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Lectors, Amy Meyer, Kathe German, Charles Perry

The Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 19, 8 p.m.

In the tradition of the ancient Orthodox Church, we begin in darkness, retelling the story of God's love through all time for us small humans. By Bible lessons and music, we gradually recognize that the Light of the World has dawn still in our lives. We witness a new baptism and are invited to renew our own baptismal vows. We discover God's presence with us still, not lost but resurrected! Light fills the space and we can exclaim, "Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed!"

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Rev. Joseph Bassett, co-officiant
Lectors, Lee Glenn, Bob Gulick, Caroline Bergeron, Paul Luca, Judy Luca, Patricia Bass

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 20, 11 a.m.

A day of glorious majesty and power, we marvel that Love is never overcome, not even by hatred or death. With remarkable music and lessons, in a sanctuary filled with flowers, we rejoice together in Christ's resurrection. And at the very end of the service, adults greet one another and children search for eggs. The holiest day of our church year: what could be better? Alleluia, we all proclaim!

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Lectors, Mindy Hinkel, William Sears, Cliff Allen

MARCH 2014 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Family Service & Church School 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m. King's Chapel Annual Meeting 12:00 p.m.		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m. Community Action Committee Meeting 4:00 p.m. Adult Religious Education Meeting 4:30 p.m. Lenten Taizé 6:00 p.m. Repast 6:45 p.m. Book Group 7:15 p.m.	Exploration of Church Services Task Force 6:30 p.m.		Rimas-Bielkus Wedding 3:00 p.m.
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.	Outreach and Communications Task Force 10:00 a.m.	Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m. Egg Dying 1:00 p.m. Marathon Bell-Ringing 2:39 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service with Foot Washing 6:00 p.m.	Good Friday 12:15 p.m. <i>Tenebrae</i> 8:00 p.m.	Easter Decorating 11:00 a.m. Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Easter Sunday Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt for Children 12:15 p.m.		Garden Clean-Up 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m. Parish Council Meeting 5:45 p.m.	Midweek Prayer with Holy Communion 12:15 p.m.		<i>May Newsletter Deadline</i>	
27	28	29	30	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>
Morning Prayer with Great Litany 11:00 a.m.		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

The Rev. Joy Fallon, Senior Minister
Heinrich Christensen, Director of Music
Kimberly Luck, Church School Director
Julina Rundberg, Parish Administrator
Cindy Stephens, Bookkeeper
Theresa Cooney O'Hara, Lead Guide
Jessica Stewart, Administrative Assistant
The Rev. Dr. Carl Scovel, Minister Emeritus

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