

NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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FROM SENIOR MINISTER JOY FALLON: WHAT'S YOUR PRIMARY LANGUAGE?

Recently I met a member at a church event, and let him know I was delighted to see him. "Well, Joy, this speaks my language," he said. He's someone who loves architecture and history and has an eye for things spatial, so he was drawn to the Adult Religious Education program being offered that Wednesday night at the Parish House: a pictorial presentation by Todd Lee on "Sacred Spaces" from many cultures across the globe.

This member rarely attends Sunday Morning Prayer – that service doesn't speak "his language." For others of you, it's your mother tongue.

Two task forces have been gathering information about those around us who are not in churches, but who may come if we offer something that speaks their language. We're considering adding a second service, in addition to our "mother tongue" Prayer Book 11 AM service. What would a second service look like, that could feed more souls?

What is your language? Not linguistically, but at your core: the way you most deeply learn, discover, come alive? Is your first language

- Spatial: seeing colors and lines, or the way light enters, that can transform the ordinary into the holy?
- Music: filling you and completing you like nothing else?
- Words from our Prayerbook, or poetry or drama, capturing what we've felt but could not describe, offering revelation, unveiling some new meaning with each repetition?
- Nature: the steady pulse of waves rolling to shore or the infinite sky catapulting the Love alive in the Universe right into your soul?
- Service to others: a surge of deep peace that spreads through you when you are "hands-on" helping – wielding a hammer, tending a wound, baking bread for the bereft neighbor?
- Creativity: when you start with an empty page or canvas, and find yourself inventing something wholly new and unexpected, brought forth from deep within you, that brings you new insight into the Divine?
- Silence: hearing most deeply through contemplative prayer or meditation.
- Community: sitting among others you trust, despite their human frailty, knowing you are not alone.

Is King's Chapel speaking your language? Could we do so more fluently?

The earliest, infant church had the same question: how could the band of disciples with their thick peasant Galilean accents possibly speak in languages others understand? According to Luke, on the first Pentecost, the diaspora crowds gathering in Jerusalem found – oddly – that all of them could understand the disciples, each in his or her own language. Greeks heard Greek, Romans heard Latin. Luke says "the Spirit" enabled it.

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**ANNUAL APPEAL IS AHEAD OF
SCHEDULE**

This may be hard to believe, but please hear us out. We really are ahead of schedule!

Take as the benchmark against which to measure, the \$172,000 which the Annual Appeal is to contribute to the 2014 Budget. By the close of business Friday, 5/23/14, the Appeal had in hand \$72,000 in contributions and undesignated plate offerings. That represents 42% of the target. But we are only 4 months into an 11 month campaign (starting last February), which is 36% of the time available. We count that as being ahead of schedule. HOORAY for our congregation!

Here's how it breaks down (we just know how much you love accounting)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
1	BUDGET - 3/27/14	Pledged	%	REVISED - 5/22/14	Budget	%	RECEIVED to date	% of target
2	Pledged	\$125,000		Current Pledge total	\$128,000			
3	Members, not pledging	6,000		Maybe some in above	4,000			
4	habitual contributors							
5	sub-total	131,000		sub-total	132,000			
6	1.5% non completion	(2,000)		1.5% non completion	(2,000)			
7		129,000	75%		130,000	76%	67,000	52%
8	PLUS							
9	Unsolicited	43,000	25%		42,000	24%	5,000	12%
10	Non-members							
11	TARGET	172,000			172,000		\$72,000	42%
	<i>Source: Annual Appeal Committee - 5/24/14</i>							

The \$172,000 total for the Appeal was estimated by using a Pledge Total of \$125,000 (cell B2) which we had in hand before the Annual Meeting (thank you very much). Based on data from earlier years, we added \$6,000 (B3) which seemed a likely contribution from Members who are habitual contributors, but who do not pledge. We tempered the total with a modest non-completion factor (bad things happen to good people), to arrive at a Pledge total of \$129,000, or about three-quarters of the target (C7).

Then we added in the historical number of Unsolicited gifts that we get “over the transom” every year from Non-Members. We’ve used the figure from last year - \$43,000 - 25% of the total (C9). These gifts should do at least as well as last year, since our Minister will have been here for the whole year working with us.

The current pledge total (E2) has grown slightly, so we’ve fiddled with the numbers to keep the \$172,000 (E11) the same (for now). Hopefully some of the non-pledging number has migrated to the pledge total.

What’s exciting is the total received to date - \$72,000 (G11). One might worry that with the Spring fund drive we have already gotten the “cream off the top” of the potential pledge amount, but look at (H7) - the total includes only slightly more than half of the projected pledge total. The Unsolicited number looks a little anemic at \$5,000 (G9), but we have confidence in the projected total for this category, based on last year.

Now, of course, fund-raising receipts never come in following a straight-line graph. But we all know the summer lull can be more than matched by a fall resurgence, if we all do our parts. So...since we’re ahead of where we need to be for now, and with a strong response showing every sign of continuing, your Annual Appeal Committee is of a mind to go to the seashore for a couple of months, and leave you alone for (most) of the summer. After all, we need to be rested up for the exciting fall campaign! There will be a lot to do – we do still have \$100,000 to raise! Together we will be able to do this.

Thank you and blessings,
 Todd Lee and Karen C. C. Dalton
 Co-chairs, 2014 Annual Appeal

NO MORE VIOLENCE AT MY DOOR

– DENTON CREWS

On Sunday, May 11, a glorious sunny morning, we joined thousands of people in Boston's annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace. We were five people from King's Chapel supporting Mom's Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. As we began the 3½ mile walk through the streets of Dorchester, I never expected to be confronted so painfully with the awful tragedy of losing a child to gun violence. The story was told to me during the last mile by the victim's brother accompanied by the brother's wife, his child in a stroller, and the grieving but smiling mother of the family.

Demetrius Blocker was a promising young man from Roxbury, 21 years of age. He was finishing a vocational program and looking forward to a career in carpentry. He had turned his back on violence in the streets of his neighborhood. He was not a gang member and did not take part in thug activities. But on December 16, 2010, while waiting outside his cousin's apartment in Mission Hill, he was gunned down by open fire as he ran for his life. He died at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Police said it was a case of "mistaken identity." The alleged killer was found but still awaits trial 3½ years later, further prolonging the agony of the family.

The brother introduced me to his mother, Jackie Blocker, as they carried the framed photograph of Demetrius through the streets, holding it high for everyone to see, including those looking out top floor windows of three decker homes. He said the family walks every year, doing it for his brother. He told me that walking makes a difference. It raises public consciousness and deepens awareness. It causes some to take action – If you see something, say something. I could believe him as the children and adults around us fervently sang out the call and response: "What do we want? Peace. When do we want it? Now. One, two, three, four. No more violence at my door."

The brother told me what it was like to raise a family in a dangerous neighborhood where you don't feel safe. He moved his family to Mattapan after asking a police officer for advice. The policeman said not to choose the neighborhood by how nice it looks in the day time. Instead, visit the neighborhood at night and

watch for signs of cars on the street occupied by drug dealers or evidence of drinking and trafficking. Look for a neighborhood where police officers are present. He did. And the family now feels safe.

I asked him about guns. He said the buy-back program for turning guns over to the police reclaims old guns but not the guns people use – they don't get turned in. He said we have a long way to go, even in the progressive Commonwealth of Massachusetts. How often, I thought, do we take pride in our state being among the most advanced in gun control laws. But who would say this to the brother and mother of Demetrius Blocker.

The Blocker family is carrying on. The mother pours her love into family and the grandchild. The brother commits spare time to the cause of peace. His wife organizes a support group for women she meets at the medical clinic where she works, women who suffer the distress of violence which mostly goes untreated. There is a story of heartbreaking loss yet transcended with remarkable faith, hope, and love. We were uplifted by them. And we learned that walking for peace does make a difference.

AGO CONVENTION JUNE 23-27

The American Guild of Organists will hold its national convention in Boston from June 23 to 27. There will be all kinds of event going on all over town, check out <http://www.agoboston2014.org/tickets/> to look for public concerts.

Of particular note is James David Christie playing with The Landmarks Orchestra at Symphony Hall on Monday, June 23. There will also be a family organ day at Old South Church on Saturday, June 21. **King's Chapel will host two identical concerts on June 25 and 26, featuring Heinrich at the organ plus a string quartet.** The program will be eerily reminiscent of the one heard in February as part of the King's Chapel Concert Series, and will include the official premiere of Robert Sirota's new work *Apparitions*. Heinrich will also accompany Unitarian worship at First Church as part of the convention's service offerings.

*POETRY IN THE GARDEN:
TRACINGS OF THE SPIRIT IN OUR TIME*

Wednesdays July 23 and 30, 6-7:30 pm, Parish House Garden, with light refreshments.

It's a big help to know how many to expect, so we can plan refreshments and prepare copies of the poems. Please call or e-mail the Parish House if you plan to come. (administrator@kings-chapel.org; (617) 227-2155) But come if you can, even if you didn't RSVP!

Tracings of the Spirit in Our Time: poems from Mary Oliver and R.S. Thomas. Parishioner Ciel Hills will lead us in exploring selected poems from two contemporary poets. Many Americans already know and love Oliver's work, but most have yet to discover the Welsh poet R.S. Thomas.

On July 23, Mary Oliver. Asked about her life and work in an interview last May, Oliver said, "Prayer has become more useful and frequent in my life. I'm not theological--many names for that mystery...." but her poetry is a way of paying attention to the beautiful, astonishing, mystical world around her. Her most recent collection of poems, *A Thousand Mornings*, was published in 2013, and she's included in the UU book of hymns and selections, *Singing the Living Tradition*.

On July 30, Ronald Stuart (R.S.) Thomas. He explores a twentieth century believer's faith in light of contemporary theological thought. Ciel finds that his poetic imagery reflects traces of the holy in our time. He received the Queen's Gold Medal for Poetry in 1964 (Britain's equivalent of our Poet Laureate) and was nominated for the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1996.

It always helps to read the poems ahead of time! So please check our website (<http://www.kings-chapel.org/adult-education.html>) for titles of specific poems we plan to read.

Presented by King's Chapel's Adult Religious Education Committee.

...FROM THE MINISTER (CONTINUED)

Might it be that the Pentecost story means this: a God of Love and Light wants to speak your language, whatever language that is. Wants to meet you where you are.

This summer I'll be thinking and praying about this. Let me know your ideas, how King's Chapel can speak the language that our world today is yearning to hear.

With many blessings to each of you.
Joy

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Join me in taking this simple to support the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. If you need any assistance phone or email me at 781 383-9028 or petersexton@alum.mit.edu.

Thank you.
Peter Sexton

*KING'S CHAPEL FIELD TRIP? ST. JOHN'S
BIBLE EXHIBIT IN NEW HAVEN, CT*

The St. John's Bible is the first handwritten, illuminated bible to be commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in 500 years—and the calligraphy and artwork are extraordinary, scribed on vellum with quills and ancient inks. Some 68 pages are on display in New Haven, June through October. Thank you, Cynthia Perkins, for bringing this to our attention!

With her help, the Adult Religious Education Committee is considering an expedition to the exhibit, for a guided tour and luncheon, probably sometime in the last two weeks of August. Or if you happen to be driving past New Haven, the free exhibit is open daily from 10:00am – 5:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Museum.

If you'd like to consider going with us to New Haven, please call or e-mail Cynthia or the Parish House. All details, including date and transportation (options include car pools or train) will be determined by those interested in participating. Some may choose to stay overnight in order to visit Yale and the newly renovated Yale Art Museum as well.

More information and detailed descriptions of the St. John's Bible are available online.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

✘ **MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS:** June 1 Children's Sunday, June 3 Vestry and Changing of the Guard, June 8 Pentecost, June 15 Kim Luck preaching before she pursues other ventures, June 22 - King's Chapel's Birthday, June 25-26 Heinrich's concerts at King's Chapel with the American Guild of Organists, June 27-29 UUA General Assembly in Providence

✘ **FROM CHAIR OF HOSPITALITY ANNE SEXTON:** As of June 1st, we have begun hosting morning coffee as "Punch on the Bricks." Join us outside the vestibule in the courtyard at the church after Morning Prayer. This change will continue through September.

✘ **CHRISTIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN THE UUA HOSTS MEETING DURING PROVIDENCE GENERAL ASSEMBLY: ALL INVITED JUNE 27TH :** The Rev. Mark Caggiano, First Church in Chestnut Hill, has notified us of an open meeting of UUA Christians on Friday, June 27th, 8:30 AM, at the First Universalist Church in Providence, Rhode Island, 250 Washington St., Providence, Rhode Island. Light refreshments will be served.

Among the topics to be discussed, some UUA Christians sense that in the last five years there has been a shift within the UUA in matters spiritual. Rather than being Christians "in the wilderness" within the UUA, there is more active and intentional examination of what we all mean to one another. What are the significant questions of Christian faith for Unitarians, Universalists, and Unitarian Universalists?

Rev. Caggiano will be joining us at King's Chapel in the fall to talk more about his sense of the future of Christian Unitarianism. The meeting on June 26th is part of the annual General Assembly of the UUA, this year in Providence, June 25-29. For more information about GA, see <http://www.uua.org/ga/> or contact Denton Crews, Chair of Interdenominational Affairs, dentoncrews@rcn.com.

✘ **CANCELLATION OF THE KC HFH BUILD AND PARTNER CHURCH VISIT :** The King's Chapel Habitat for Humanity Build and partner church visit to Kolozsvar scheduled for July 2014 has been cancelled. This was necessitated by an inadequate number of participants.

✘ **SPIRITUALITY IN THE ARTS:** Upcoming from the Adult Religious Education Committee: Poetry in the Garden, led by Ciel Hills— Wednesday evenings July 23 and July 30. In July and August, two interfaith discussions using *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idliby, Priscilla Warner, Suzanne Oliver. Conversations between a Muslim, a Jewish, and a Christian woman, sharing and exploring their respective faiths. Coming this Fall: *Spiritual Autobiography*, led by Rev. Joy Fallon. Six sessions, requires a commitment to the whole course. Dates to be determined. Please call the Parish House if you are interested.. Keep checking in for more information on these and other upcoming Adult Religious Education programs.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

In the last two months, two task forces have been exploring the demographics of those living near King's Chapel, various means of communication, and the types of services offered by other liberal Christian churches, both in our own neighborhood and in a few Boston metro churches that have been growing.

This month they'll be completing their work, and I look forward this summer to reflecting on what they've found.

We know that we need to grow at King's Chapel. What's the best way?

The Summer 2014 issue of *The UUA World* reports both the challenge and potential for all liberal churches today. The hard news

is that far fewer people in the U.S. claim any religious affiliation at all these days. Ten years ago, 10% of adults said they had no religious affiliation. Now it's up to 20% - a sharp increase in a short time. Among young adults, it's far worse: one third of adults under 30 check off "none," when asked their religious affiliation; only 20% think that church-going is important. And those are national data. In the Northeast, we have among the lowest numbers of church-goers, of any age, according to another survey - only 9%.

On the other hand, the UUA values resonate deeply: "that love is stronger than hate, that each of us has worth, that we will find truth and meaning if we search."

Let your leadership team know what you think is a good strategy for growth.

To read more, go to <http://www.uuworld.org/ideas/articles/295275.shtml>

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.

- 1 **Morning Prayer: Children's Sunday**
Caroline Bergeron, preacher
- 8 **Morning Prayer: Pentecost**
Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Lay Reader: Marie Wells
Lector: Gregg Sorensen
The lesson is Acts 2:1-21
- 15 **Morning Prayer**
Kim Luck, preacher
Lay Reader: Paul Luca
Lector: Judy Luca
The lesson is Matthew 28:16-20
- 22 **Morning Prayer**
Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
The lesson is Matthew 10:24-39
- 29 **Morning Prayer with Great Litany**
Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
The lesson is Matthew 10:40-42

WEDNESDAYS

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

- 4 **Midweek Prayer**
Todd Lee, Lay Reader
Micah Niemy, Lector
- 11 **Midweek Prayer**
Dean Denniston, Guest Preacher
Charles Dimino, Lay Reader
Judy Thomas, Lector
- 18 **Holy Communion**
Rev. Patricia Hatch, Guest Preacher
Todd Lee, Lay Reader
Chris Rothwell, Lector
- 25 **Midweek Prayer**
Steven Aucella, Lay Reader
Ray Lynds, Lector

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.

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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Visit the St. John's Bible exhibit in New Haven with the Adult Religious Education Committee. See page 4 for more information.

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.

- 3 **Handel & Haydn Society, Scott Allen Jarrett, director** Heinrich Schütz: Musikalische Exequien
- 10 **Domenico Severin (Italy/France) plays the C.B. Fisk Organ**—Works by J.S. Bach & W.A. Mozart
- 17 **Thomas Gregg, tenor, & Heinrich Christensen, organ:** Modern New England Composers
- 24 **Christoph Schlütter (Germany/Belgium) plays the C.B. Fisk Organ**—Works by J.S. Bach & Arvo Pärt

CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Louise Perkins, Chancel Committee Co-chair: lvperkins50@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.

- 1 The flowers on the communion table are given in honor of their parents and grandparents by Carl and Faith Scovel.
- 8 The flowers on the Communion table are given in Celebration of Pentecost and King' Chapel's 328th birthday, which will be celebrated on June 22nd.
- 15 Donor needed.
- 22 The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of his grandmother, Katherine Perry, and his father and mother, Henry and Marian Perry, by Charles M. Perry.
- 29 The flowers on the Communion table are given in Thanksgiving for all of King's Chapel's dedicated volunteers.

JUNE 2014 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Morning Prayer: Children's Sunday 11:00 a.m. 12:00 All Church Luncheon		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m. Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m. Changing of the Guard Party 7:00 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.			
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Morning Prayer with Holy Communion: Pentecost 11:00 a.m.		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.		Frakes/Iannino Rehearsal 5:00 p.m.	Pride Parade! Frakes/Iannino Wedding 3:00 p.m.
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
<i>Father's Day</i> Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer with Holy Communion 12:15 p.m.	Assistant Minister Search Committee Meeting 5:30 p.m.	<i>July Newsletter Deadline</i>	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
KING'S CHAPEL'S 328th BIRTHDAY Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. Special Guide Staff programming after Morning Prayer		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m. American Guild of Organists Concert at King's Chapel 4:00 p.m.	American Guild of Organists Concert at King's Chapel 4:00 p.m.		
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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. HarborFest Programming begins at Noon!		<i>FOURTH OF JULY</i>	

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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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