

# NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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### FROM SENIOR MINISTER JOY FALLON

In Church life, January and February this year have been “Epiphany Season” – when we hope to get some new insight, some new “Ah ha,” an epiphany.

“Oh, that’s who really God is...”

“That’s what Love is like...”

“That’s how I’d be if all the clutter in my life were cleared away...”

“That’s what life in a beloved community is supposed to feel like...”

How’s it gone? Have you been transformed, changed? Newly enlightened? Some of us may be able to say yes, in big ways or in small. Maybe a word here or there gave you a new vantage point on your life. Maybe you started thinking that our life together at King’s Chapel might feel a tad different than it did before. Perhaps the music lifted you again and stirred something you’d first learned long ago but forgotten for a time.

Or maybe you learned nothing at all new. Maybe you don’t really want to, or feel you need to.

Jesus probably felt this way, too, at some level. For Jesus right around now, he had to leave the familiar home terrain of Galilee and turn towards Jerusalem. He knew that journeys to a new place are not always fun vacation get-aways. Journeys can be hard, as all change is.

World myths based on a hero’s journey often include an initial stage when the hero resists the journey, or gets very lost. Moses declining God’s invitation to lead the Hebrew people out of Egypt: “I’m not equipped to do that – I can’t speak!” Jonah, who headed the opposite direction from Ninevah, where God asked him to go, and turned around only after the whale spat him out on shore. Jesus, irritated with his friend Peter, calling Peter “Satan” when poor Peter only expressed hope that God would protect Jesus from what lay ahead.

God loves us just the way we are, and loves us too much to let us stay that way. For each us, we’re invited into new ways of seeing and being, because life can be better. For each of us! If I didn’t believe that, why else would I do the work I do?

Lent is the time for the inner journey that makes growth possible. Who can explain it? Words can’t, though we’ll grope during Lent to find some words. Music goes far, but we need to steep ourselves in it, letting it soak in, over and over and over again – the music of melancholy as well as joy. Tactile things provide a modicum of evidence: the silk of ashes, made from oil and the burnt remains of last year’s Palms, spread on our forehead. Our liturgies in our amazing sanctuary give us a glimpse: the humility of knowing our little lives are only dust, and the unbelievable, glorious, trumpeted news that they continue eternally. Somehow! Somehow!

In Lent, we’ll keep treading our life journeys at King’s Chapel. Try the book we’ll read together – *Seasons of the Spirit* by Martin Smith. It’s accompanied me for several Lenten seasons, across my different decades. Try the Taize services on Wednesday evenings at the

## ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

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✘ **COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE:** We are actively looking for new CAC members to increase our ability to offer cheerful service, as well as financial support, to community programs which serve those in need in our city. Please contact Amy Meyer (Tel. 617 523-3780; amymeyerw@comcast.net) for more information.

✘ **COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE GRANTS IN FEBRUARY 2014:** Thanks to all who contributed to the CAC Fall 2013 fundraising campaign, making it possible for us to award nine grants totaling \$5000 to selected community organizations recently. In total we gave fifteen grants totaling \$10,400 in 2013, and we hope to exceed that amount this year.

✘ **COMMUNITY ACTION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH, 2014:** Thanks to all who attended our annual CAC lunch featuring the New England Center for Homeless Veterans (NECHV), and contributed to this important organization serving U.S. military veterans.

✘ **THE HEIFER PROJECT: PET BLESSING ON MAY 18, 2014:** The CAC will again contribute to The Heifer Project, when Heifer volunteers bring animals (giant bunny! Pygmy goats!) to the Parish House garden, to join us and our pets for KC's annual Pet Blessing. This is a delightful event for both children and adults, and a chance to learn about the important work of The Heifer Project in helping poor families around the world become self-reliant by raising animals.

✘ **BOSTON PRIDE PARADE: SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2014:** Mark your calendar! KC will field its sixth 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.

✘ **TAKE A STANCE ON STAND YOUR GROUND\*.** A The new year is hardly begun and we're saddened again by the slaughter of children due to gun violence – nine gun murders in Boston so far this year including a 9-year-old boy in Mattapan shot and killed tragically by his 14-year-old brother. Also, in February a Florida jury was unable to reach a verdict against the killer who shot Jordan Davis, a teenage son unarmed and listening to rap music in his car with other teenagers at a gas station. The killer's defense for firing ten shots into the car was Florida's Stand Your Ground law which allows individuals the use of lethal weapons instead of peaceful solutions if they feel threatened. Jordan Davis' mother, Lucia McBath, is now in the news as spokesperson for the campaign to repeal Stand Your Ground laws. Twenty states have such laws. But they've been proven not to deter violent crime while disproportionately affecting communities of color. Anyone so moved by common sense and passion to oppose Stand Your Ground laws can sign a petition online at a number of sites set up for this purpose. Just use Google Search to find "stand your ground repeal petitions."

Denton Crews (dentoncrews@rcn.com)

Carol Genovese (carol.m.genovese@gmail.com)

\*Gun violence prevention is a designated topic of concern by the Community Action Committee of the Society of King's Chapel.

✘ **UPCOMING IN LENT: WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION**

Six Wednesday Evenings, March 5– April 9: Come to all or part of the evenings. King's Chapel Parish House.

6-6:45 p.m.: Quiet Taizé service of Worship in the Little Chapel, 64 Beacon Street.

6:45-7:15 p.m.: Light Repast

7:15-8:45 p.m.: Book Group

Lenten Book Series—Read the daily Lenten Devotional, [A Season for the Spirit](#) by Martin Smith, Episcopal Monk, formerly Superior of the Society of St. John the Evangelist, the monastery in Cambridge on Memorial Drive. Come on the evenings you can for an informal discussion of the book, facilitated by Rev. Fallon.

Taizé Worship Services— Quiet, candle-lit, contemplative services for worship, with song provided by members of the King's Chapel choir. Taizé is a community in France, which is a gathering place for people from all over the world. An example of Taizé worship can be found at: [http://www.exultet-solutions.com/shop/pages-product\\_music\\_info/partner\\_id-10/category-68/product-4138/songs-joy-on-earth.html](http://www.exultet-solutions.com/shop/pages-product_music_info/partner_id-10/category-68/product-4138/songs-joy-on-earth.html)

“We are looking forward to the Taizé Services and reflection on the readings from “A Season for the Spirit”. We have actually written all the dates into our calendars (and rescheduled other engagements!) so that we can dedicate these six Wednesdays for our Lenten contemplation time, to open up our minds and hearts to an understanding of life and our place in it. We have experienced the simplicity and serenity of the Taizé service and found it to be moving and meaningful. We look forward to doing this together and with our friends at King's Chapel.” ~ Dick and Cynthia Perkins

✘ **ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—WINTER RETREAT:** Religion Fifteen people participated in the 2014 King's Chapel Winter Retreat at Glastonbury Abbey, Feb 14-16. This retreat offered an opportunity for rest and reflection, bible study, and exploration of ways to take time and make room for God and what is essential in our lives. There were simple worship services of chanting and prayer, and free time for walks at Nantasket Beach and around the Abbey Grounds, including visiting the goats and spending time in the bookstore. Saturday evening, we watched a movie called The Straight Story about the unusual cross-country trek by lawnmower of one brother to reconcile with his estranged brother several states away. A truly memorable journey taking time and making room for what is important.

There is an opportunity once or twice a year to participate in King's Chapel retreats. If you missed it this year, we hope that you will join us next year. Stay tuned.

✘ **ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—IDEAS FOR UPCOMING CLASSES:** Religion and the Arts: the expression of religious ideas in painting, architecture, and literature. We invite friends and members of King's Chapel to submit your ideas. We are looking into exploring Architecture of Sacred Spaces with Todd Lee and possibly beginning a study of Dante's Divine Comedy in May. Please speak to a member of the ARE committee if this is something you might be interested in

*SENIOR MINISTER'S LETTER,  
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Little Chapel, where we will be surrounded by music that grows to sing within our souls, amidst the simplicity of candles flickering. Try our 11 o'clock Morning Prayer, where members will try putting to words how they've been changed at King's Chapel – fellow members sharing stories you've never heard before...

Come. We're all invited.

—Joy

*FROM THE SENIOR WARDEN*

As we work our way through March towards April, looking forward to Holy Week, Easter, warmer weather, and baseball, we also will be approaching the date of our annual meeting which takes place on Sunday, April 6. At that time, in addition to approving our 2014 operating budget, we will be electing a new slate of officers and committee chairs.

Our current leadership has worked hard this past year alongside our minister as she and we begin to chart out our new course together. We owe a great deal of thanks to those individuals who will be stepping down. We also know that they will continue to support our church in whatever ways possible.

This year marks the end of my term as your Senior Warden. The past four years have been busy, exciting, at times frustrating, and in many ways, quite fulfilling. As a church we have come a long way from that place in which hurt, confusion, divisiveness, and mistrust, marked us as a congregation in desperate need of healing. Thanks to the efforts of our interim minister, Rev. Dianne Arakawa and also to our own willingness and efforts to move away from such a sad place to one of hope and a more positive future, we are beginning to set out on our journey with energy, with confidence, and with faith. And we now have a leader to guide us; a preacher and teacher, and a servant who with God's help has taken on the challenge and opportunity to help us to be better servants to one another and to our community. The Rev. Joy K. Fallon is that individual, and she will need our support and our talents as she and we move forward on this exciting Journey.

Please mark Sunday, April 6 in your calendars. The annual meeting will begin immediately following Morning Prayer. The annual meeting is an important part of our church life, and your attendance is crucial to its success.

Dean K. Denniston, Jr.

*KOLOZSVÁR GUEST DELIVERS STIR-  
RING HOMILY AT KING'S CHAPEL*

With heartfelt words delivered in eloquent English, Emöd Farkas spoke at midweek worship of the deep religious and cultural connections between his home church, the first Unitarian Church of Ko-

lozsvár (Cluj), and the first Unitarian Church in America, King's Chapel. His imagery of the villages in Transylvania with the ubiquitous white church steeples on hilltops evoked John Winthrop's colonial appeal to Boston as "a city upon a hill" watched by the world. Emöd told of the power of Unitarianism in 16th century Transylvania when ethnic and religious tolerance was proclaimed by the King. He told of persecution and oppression during the intolerant 17th and 18th centuries, the struggles of the 19th century, and the communist dictatorship in the 20th followed by liberation. Most of all, he told of how the church made a difference and does so today in a country where the economy is undeveloped, making a decent living is difficult, and life is not just. The church tries to answer these needs with gifts of food and clothes, scholarships for the young, and home care for the old and weak. Emöd said the partner church relationship with King's Chapel makes a difference as a source of inspiration, faith, energy, and vision. "Being a partner means to be there for the other, to share and to give, to be available."

Midweek worship on February 5th came in the midst of a snow storm that shut down most of Boston. Nevertheless, the Reverend Joy Fallon opened the church and Emöd Farkas spoke to the hearty few. His homily is available in print at the Parish House and the Church for interested persons.

Throughout the week, Emöd was hosted by Denton Crews, Peter Coccoluto, and Peter Sexton for tours of the city and surrounding areas, the UU Association (with the Reverend Eric Cherry), the First Church (with historian Leo Collins), Arlington Street Church (with intern minister Catie Scudera), and King's Chapel. He also met with the Minister and representatives of the Partner Church Committee. He returned to Kolozsvár to share his experience with their Minister, the Reverend Norbert Racz, and to collaborate with their Partner Church Committee on future activities between the churches. The specific plans and activities will be reported at the Annual Meeting of the Society of King's Chapel in the Report of the Denominational Affairs Committee. Additional information about Emöd Farkas was reported in the January issue of the King's Chapel newsletter.

*HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD  
KOLOZSVAR*

Registration is now open for the King's Chapel Habitat for Humanity build in Cluj, Romania (Kolozsvar, Transylvania) and partner church visits. 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 the, every effort will be made to establish contact and visits.

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. For full information contact Peter Sexton, email: petersexton@alum.mit.edu, phone 781-383-9028.

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD KOLOZSVAR

### AND VISIT TO PARTNER CHURCHES

**JULY 4-20, 2014**

Registration is now open for a Habitat for Humanity Global Village build in Kolozsvar (Romanian name-Cluj) and visits to partner churches in Transylvania. This build is open to members and friends of King's Chapel, First Church Boston, and other UU congregations. Minimum age for participation is 16 at the time of departure. This trip will depart provided there are a minimum of 8 participants by April 16.

**Dates:** July 4 to 20, 2014

**Where:** Cluj (Kolozsvar), Romania

**Who:** members and friends of King's Chapel and First Church, Boston and other UU congregations.

Details: King's Chapel and First Church, Boston are partnered with a church in Cluj (Kolozsvar). Cluj is a charming university city that has made a remarkable recovery from Communism. Habitat for Humanity has one of its strongest European activities located in this city. We shall be building with the local volunteers, including members of our partner churches, to build simple and decent housing in the community. Habitat for Humanity Romania was established in 1996 and has already served 1,600 families.

Our plan is for participants to arrive in Budapest on July 5. We'll drive to Cluj on July 6. The actual build dates will be Monday-Friday, July 7-11 and 14-18. We'll return to Budapest in time for participants to fly home on July 20.

During our free time there will be ample to socialize and worship with our partner church members. During the middle weekend we shall tour the pastoral Transylvanian countryside, including the ancient town of Torda, site of the 1568 Edict of Torda which established the principle of religious tolerance, and other nearby points of interest such as the lovely Ramit Monastery and gardens. 2

On the final weekend we shall tour Budapest including visiting First and Second (Bela Bartok) Unitarian churches. This event is patterned after the 2008 and 2011 Kolozsvar builds which had 30 participants combined and were considered a great success by all who participated.

Program costs: The fees per person will be approximately \$1,900 which includes:

Ground transportation.

Food and nonalcoholic beverages.

Lodging.

Laundry.

Cultural and social events.

Gratuities.

Medical and medivac insurance.

Contribution to HFH.

Travel costs: Round-trip air transportation to Budapest, Hungary, is a separate cost and the responsibility of the participant.

Stipends: Stipends may be available from the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Council to partially defray the cost of participation.

Details will be available shortly.

#### ***For more information:***

HFH Global Village builds <http://www.habitat.org/gv/default.aspx> ; HFH Romania <http://www.habitat.org/intl/eca/171.aspx> ; Photos of the King's Chapel 2008 build in Kolozsvar can be viewed at <http://picasaweb.google.com/CaptPete43> ; Peter Sexton 781 383-9028; [petersexton@alum.mit.edu](mailto:petersexton@alum.mit.edu)

# 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.*

### 2 Morning Prayer with Communion

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher  
Dean Denniston, Faith Statement  
Miguel Gomez-Ibanez, lay reader  
Allen Speight, lector  
*The lesson is Matthew 17:1-9*

### 9 Morning Prayer

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher  
Mindy Hinkel, Faith Statement  
Marie Wells, lay reader  
Gregg Sorensen, lector  
*The lesson is Matthew 4:1-11*

### 16 Morning Prayer

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher  
Anne Sexton, lay reader  
Cliff Allen, lector  
*The lesson is John 3:1-17*

### 23 Morning Prayer

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher  
Cynthia Perkins, lay reader  
Priya Vasa, lector  
*The lesson is John 4:5-42*

### 30 Morning Prayer with Great Litany

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher  
Carolyn Russ, lay reader  
Karen Dalton, lector  
*The lesson is John 9:1-41*

## WEDNESDAYS

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

### 5 Midweek Prayer

Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher  
Steve Aucella, lay reader  
Ray Lynds, Lector

### 12 Midweek Prayer

Steve Aucella, guest preacher  
Todd Lee, Lay Reader  
Judy Thomas, Lector

### 19 Holy Communion

Jake Bitner, guest preacher  
Amy Meyer, Lay Reader  
LaToya Andrews, Lector

### 26 Midweek Prayer

Julina Rundberg, guest preacher  
Todd Lee, Lay Reader  
Stephen Courtney, Lector

## SECOND SUNDAY

*March 2014 Second Sunday: Collection: Friendship Works (formerly Match-Up Interfaith Volunteers)*

Many of us remember Match-Up with special fondness from the days when our Senior Warden Dean Denniston's father (DKD Sr.) was the handsome senior portrayed on their promotional materials. Now known as Friendship Works, this organization continues to match volunteers with seniors and people with disabilities who may be isolated, need help with a medical appointment, or just enjoy some extra companionship.

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](mailto:admin@kings-chapel.org) for it to be included in next month's newsletter.

We'd love to hear from you!

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

4 Leonid Chindelevitch, guitar  
*Works by Tárrega, Albéniz, Mangoré*

11 Dorian Bandy, violin  
*Works by Biber, Vilsmaier, Westhoff*

18 Ahmran—The St. John's Prep Celtic Band & Singers  
*Traditional Irish Music*

25 Trio Notturmo: Kristen Kort, flute; Ken Allen, viola; & Molly McCaffrey, harp  
*Works by Debussy, Thomas, Epstein*

## CHANCEL FLOWERS

*If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Louise Perkins, Chancel Committee Co-chair: [lvperkins50@live.com](mailto: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.*

2 The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Linda and Palfrey Perkins with grateful hearts by their children and grandchildren. .

9 The flowers on the communion table are given in loving remembrance of my one and only favorite husband, Herbert L.Kahn ,with much love, Sally.

16 The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Nancy Bock by her godson, Charlie Tranter.

23 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.

30 The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Deirdre and Edward Barz their daughters Jennifer and Pamela.

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# MARCH 2014 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Family Service & Church School 9:45 a.m.  Morning Prayer with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.  Church School Pancake Sunday 12:15		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.  Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.  Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.  Lenten Taizé 6:00 p.m. Repast 6:45 p.m. Book Group 7:15 p.m.			
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Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.  Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.  Newcomers Reception 6:00 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.  Lenten Taizé 6:00 p.m. Repast 6:45 p.m. Book Group 7:15 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 & Church School 9:45 a.m.  Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.		Staff Meeting 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.  Lenten Taizé 6:00 p.m. Repast 6:45 p.m. Book Group 7:15 p.m.		<i>April                      Newsletter                      Deadline</i>	
<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.		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.  Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.  Lenten Taizé 6:00 p.m. Repast 6:45 p.m. Book Group 7:15 p.m.			
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<i>1</i>				
Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.  King's Chapel Congregational Hearing & Lunch 12:30 p.m.  Concert Series: Vivaldi Gloria & Bach Mass in A Major 5:00 p.m.		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m.  Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.  Vestry Meeting 6:00 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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