

NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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*King's Chapel Open
for prayer and meditation
Friday, September 11
from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.*

SAVE THESE DATES!

Sunday, October 4 – Partner Church Sunday, with Transylvanian Communion

Friday, October 30 – Transylvanian Dinner with Rev. Judit Gellert, sponsored by Partner Church Committee at the Parish House. More information to follow.

Tour the Parsonage

Few of us have ever seen the upper reaches of the Parsonage, and many have never even been inside 63 Beacon Street, a distinguished Beacon Hill residence. We have a one-day window of opportunity. There will be a tour after church and leaving from Punch on the Bricks on Sunday of Labor Day weekend, September 6.

The tour will be led by Ollie Eggleston, AIA, our Chair of Buildings and Grounds, who is full of good stories about the adventures of preparing the residence for our new tenants, and the eccentricities of living in a house on Beacon Hill (as he and Margaret do themselves).

KC is going GREEN!!

For those of you with email and/or Internet access, this copy of News from King's Chapel is the last you will receive by snail mail. Beginning in October, the newsletter will come to you by email, in our effort to communicate through email and avoid mailings. Therefore, we are requesting that you send your CORRECT email address to frontdesk@kings-chapel.org.

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It is an understatement to say that there have been a lot of changes at King's Chapel in recent months! Your former Senior Minister retired on June 30th, and he and his wife moved out of the parsonage on July 31st. On September 7th new tenants will be moving into #63. Your Church School Director left her position last year. One of our Church School teachers was promoted to become the new Director for this year, and has already taken hold. Your Parish Administrator completed her work on July 30th. The Personnel Committee met, and a Search Committee has already interviewed candidates to serve in this position. A former seminarian finished his stint as Parish House vergger. One of our guides and administrative assistants has just taken his place.

Beneath all of this major institutional flux and change in personnel, however, the identity, character, and substance of King's Chapel still remain. As the Covenant reminds us, "In the love of truth and in the spirit of Jesus Christ, we unite for the worship of God and the service of man." Members and friends with extraordinary gifts, dedication, and resilience come to worship. Music remains exceptional. Your officers, committee chairs and members, lay readers, lectors, ushers and staff - both at the Church and the Parish House - are pulling together for the sake of the whole. Mission, good works, and education continue through a variety of programs.

King's Chapel has adapted to change as well as created it for nearly 325 years, from its founding through this very summer. It has survived and thrived - by the grace of a loving God - and by its innate capacity to dig down deep, ask probing questions, wait it out, find its way, and eventually strike out on its own unique and remarkable religious course. I ask of our spiritual forbears: Who were they? What had God called them to do or be in their times? Who were their neighbors whom they were called to serve?

At the start of this new church year, I ask of us even more: Who are we today? What has God called us to do or be at this particular time in history? And, who are our neighbors, near and far, whom we can best serve? When we begin to answer these questions, I believe that we will also begin to re-connect, renew, and revitalize this church. We will emerge clearer, stronger, and more courageous. But we need each other's help this year. I need your help. Can we count on each other for abiding faith, continuing prayers, increased participation, generous contributions, and deep affection?

Grace and peace,
Dianne

Bible Study Begins!

There will be a meeting on September 17th at 10 am in the Interim Minister's study to discuss this year's curriculum and schedule for Bible study. Longtime members and newcomers are welcome! If interested but unable to attend this meeting, or if you have questions, please speak with the Rev. Arakawa.

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Sundays in September

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.

- SEPT. 6 Holy Communion**
The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher
co-officiant, TBA
Sylvia Soderberg, lector
- SEPT. 13 Morning Prayer**
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, preacher
The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, co-officiant
Todd Lee, lector
- SEPT. 20 Morning Prayer**
The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher
Rev. Joanne Giannino, co-officiant
William Park, lector
- SEPT. 27 Homecoming Sunday!!!**
The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, preacher
The Rev. Joanne Giannino, co-officiant
Peter Sexton, lector

Family Service

Sundays at 9:45 a.m. in the Little Chapel at the Parish House, 64 Beacon Street.

- SEPT. 20 Opening Day!**
Church School
The Rev. Dianne Arakawa, Interim Senior Minister
- SEPT. 27 Homecoming Sunday**
All Church Sunday: Everyone attends Morning Prayer; luncheon to follow at the Parish House

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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.

- SEPT. 1** Cassandra Extavour, soprano
Carol Lewis, viola da gamba
Heinrich Christensen, organ
Couperin: Tenebrae
Delalande: Miserere
- SEPT. 8** Josh Lawton plays the C.B. Fisk Organ
Works by Böhm, Distler, Hindemith
- SEPT. 15** John Tyson, recorders; Miyuki Tsurutani, harpsichord
Garden of Delights
Renaissance and Early Baroque Music featuring works of dalla Casa, Bassano, Caroso, Castello, Storace, and others.
- SEPT. 22** Peter Sulski, viola
Solo works by Bach & Telemann
- SEPT. 29** Yui Anzai, Soprano
Jackie Smith, Alto
Bryce Sady, Organ Works by Scarlatti, Puccini, Fauré

Special Concert

International Baroque Ensemble on Tour

One Boston Performance Only!

King's Chapel, **Thursday, September 10, 7:30 PM**

Haagsche Hofmuziek:

Daja Leevke Hinrichs, flute

Emily Thompson, violin

Mark Dupere, cello

Marcin Swiatkiewicz, harpsichord

Works by Bach, Handel, Purcell

Donation at Door

❖ SPECIAL THANK YOU

Dear King's Chapel friends,
Thank you so much for your beautiful cards, your good wishes, and prayers. And your thoughts. I am much better, and coming along well. I miss you all, and I hope we'll meet again soon!

With much love to all of you,

Helen Thompson.

Wednesday Services

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

- SEPT. 2** Midweek Prayer
The Rev. Stephen Kendrick,
Senior Minister, First Church in Boston
- SEPT. 9** Midweek Prayer
The Rev. Joanne Giannino,
Assistant Minister
- SEPT. 16** Holy Communion
The Rev. Dianne Arakawa,
Interim Senior Minister
- SEPT. 23** Midweek Prayer
The Rev. Arthur Judge, Member of KC and Chaplain at Brigham and Women's Hospital
- SEPT. 30** Midweek Prayer
Dean Denniston, Member of KC



September Flowers

The flowers in September have been given in loving memory of those we have lost, and in thanksgiving for all the love and joy in our lives.

Within the Parish

❖ **BEST WISHES** to Sarah Chapin and Michael Radz of Providence, RI, upon their marriage on June 26th on Cathedral Ledge in Jackson, NH. Sarah is the daughter of Walter & Beth Chapin, and the service was officiated by Sarah's sister, Moira.

❖ **CONGRATULATIONS** to Oliver and Margaret Egleston, who welcomed their first grandchild, Anne Woodlock Egleston, born on August 14th to Erik and Pam Egleston.

❖ **DEEPEST CONDOLENCES** to the family of Thaxter Spencer, devoted member, Warden, and Trustee, upon his death on July 11th in Boston; and to William & Mary Sears and their family upon the death of Bill's mother, Barbara Sears, on July 10th in Tucson, Arizona. A Memorial Service was held at King's Chapel on August 8th and conducted by the Rev. Arakawa.

from *THE ASSISTANT
MINISTER*

One of my favorite paintings is Paul Gauguin's "Where Do We Come From? What Are We? Where Are We Going?" (1897) I used to spend time sitting in front of the long horizontal canvas at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston in the old Impressionist Room. I wonder: Is it still there? Have you seen it? Do you know it?

The painting contains images that embody universal themes... I begin from the left: an old woman; a young woman; a sacred statue; a young child; a goat and two cats; another child reaching up; a man in thought, hand on head; two women wrapped in dark quiet talking in secret; two others curious, gazing toward us (the viewers); a woman looking back to the curious ones; an infant facing to the right and/or asleep; and, finally, a dog looking over it all. Some say that if you look from right to left, the painting is a commentary on the life cycle: beginning with the infant so close from the Source of All and ending with the elder woman close to the Source, yet again. All that lies between unfolds and we, the viewers, might imagine ourselves in the roles...

Not so long ago, I heard a chant, based on Gauguin's questions, sung in a three-part round:

1. Where do we come from? Who are we? Where are we going?
2. Where are we going?
3. Mystery, Mystery, Life is a riddle and a mystery.

I find myself humming this song and imagining this painting especially now as we begin a new church year with all its mystery...with all our wonderings about how it might begin and end...with all we bring with us from where we have been. The line hums: "...mystery, mystery, life is a riddle and a mystery."

We begin with traditions and forms we know: Church School Opening Sunday, September 20. Homecoming Sunday, September 27. Morning Prayer, Wednesday Midweek Prayer, Family Service. Governing, planning, and activity committee meetings. And what will be new? Who is and will be new? Who has moved on? What surprises will come? What new initiatives? What to let go of? What to keep? What

roles will we play? And where is the Source in it all? As we walk together this year, may where we come from enliven our steps. May where we are going unfold as we place our feet upon the ground and join our hands in the work of our congregation. May what and who we are play into, and with, the Mystery.

In peace and in faith, Joanne

✦ **NEW FACES AT THE PARSONAGE!**

We have been able to rent the now vacated Parsonage for the current year, with an option to renew for a second year, to coincide with the term of our Interim Minister. Our new fulltime Senior Minister will not be in place and potentially wanting to live there for at least a year, and possibly two. It would be both unsafe and costly to have the Parsonage unoccupied.

We are fortunate to have found Reverend Laurel Hallman, who left her UU parish in Dallas earlier this year and is well known to some of our King's Chapel community. She will move in on September 7, and be joined this fall by her fiancé, Larry Ladd, former Director of Finance for the UUA, and currently National Director of Higher Education Practice at Grant Thornton LLP in Boston. Please help us welcome them.

✦ **SMALL GROUP MINISTRY**

Beacon Hill Group (Charles Dietrick)
Thanks to the organizing efforts of Trish Brennan and Joanne Giannino and the generous hospitality of Elsie Herrmann and Betsy Peterson, a group of nine KC members gathered monthly from January through June. The occasion was the formation of a small group ministry.

We took turns as discussion leader, each providing a topic and strategy. In our lively conversations of poems, essays, and imagery we found we were becoming friends, or better friends. Honest sharing of concerns and feelings helped us to feel closer, to trust, to find solace, hope, and laughter and to begin ministering to one another. I hope we can continue our adventure in the fall.

Others hope so too. One person valued being comfortable to get acquainted with others in ways not possible during formal worship, to create friendship in a safe setting; another appreciated the connections we made with each other and enjoyed the new perspectives each brought to the table. Still another found it a way back into the KC community after a time apart. Our small group was the beginning of min-

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✦ **CONCERT SERIES PRESENTS
2009-2010 SEASON**

Heinrich Christensen has put together five Sunday afternoon concerts for the coming season that present choral and instrumental music from the 17th to the 21st century. Three feature the superb King's Chapel Choir and Soloists; the other two present a visit from the principal flutist of the Danish Royal Opera, and a performance by Heinrich of J.S. Bach's monumental "Clavierübung."

• **October 25:** Happy Anniversary! King's Chapel Choir & Soloists, Chamber Orchestra; music by Handel, Haydn, Purcell, and Mendelssohn

• **November 29:** Music for flute and organ. Eva Østergaard, Principal flutist of the Royal Danish Opera and Heinrich Christensen, organ; music ranging from J.S. Bach to Daniel Pinkham

• **January 24:** A Celebration of Psalms. King's Chapel Choir; a cappella Psalm settings by Schein, Gibbons, Distler, Poulenc, Gubanov, and Woodman, and a world premiere by Christopher Hoh

• **February 28:** Heinrich Christensen, organ; quartet from the King's Chapel Choir; Johann Sebastian Bach: Clavierübung, dritter Teil

• **March 28 (Palm Sunday):** Music from the Court of Christian IV of Denmark. King's Chapel Choir & Soloists; Carol Lewis, viola da gamba, and Olav Chris Henriksen, lute; music by Schütz, Dowland, Schattenberg, Pedersen, and more

All concerts begin at 5 p.m. at King's Chapel (doors open at 4:30) and last for about an hour. A donation of \$15 (\$10 for seniors and students) is requested at the door.

Parishioners are cordially invited to meet the performers at an informal reception at the Parish House after each concert.



Chris Kellogg, son of Carolyn Russ, is an intern this summer at the William J Clinton Foundation. In August the interns met with Clinton in the NYC office; he spoke to them and then took questions. Chris said it was really interesting and impressive.

**COMMITTEE UPDATES
& EVENTS**

❖ WARM THANKS FROM THE ANNUAL APPEAL COMMITTEE

In the June Newsletter we recognized those who had pledged by mid-May for the 2010 Annual Appeal, with the promise of errata and addenda in September as necessary. The good news is that no errors have come to my attention; on the downside, I am not aware of any additional pledges, either. So, a big and heartfelt thank-you to all who have pledged for next year... and apologies to anyone who may have slipped into a crack. If you had hoped to see your name here and don't, or have detected any error involving your pledge or contribution, please contact me so we can sort it out... nowhere has the KC transition been more keenly felt than in the departure of Lucy Sewall as expert keeper of the database.

Regrettably, last year's Annual Appeal... which closed on June 30, 2009... missed its goal by a substantial amount. We acknowledge the recession and uncertainties about KC as contributing factors. Thankfully, both situations seem to be improving, and FY10 is young. So, if you have waited, or made a small or cautious pledge for FY10 because you were concerned about finances, or KC's future, or whatever... please consider revising it upward now!

We can meet the FY10 goal only if everyone "steps up" to help; we currently need about \$60,000 more in pledges to do so. Please keep in mind that KC is a historic downtown church with high expenses and a small congregation. The Annual Appeal's contribution to the operating budget is based on an average annual contribution of more than \$1000 from each active member/family. Even if you can't pledge at this level, please do whatever you are able... to support our 100% participation goal, representing the shared responsibility of all who enjoy the blessings and benefits of membership in the KC community.

Hoping we will all begin the 2009-10 church year with open minds and loving hearts. ♥
—Amy Meyer, Annual Appeal Chair

❖ SEARCH COMMITTEE

A committee has been formed to search for a new Parish Administrator for King's Chapel. They are: Carolyn Russ, Chair, and Dean Denniston, Ray Hardin, and Anne Sexton.

The Personnel Committee, plus the Treas-

urer, the Wardens, and the Parish Council Chair met during the summer to refine the job description.

Interviews took place the week of August 17, and we hope to have a new Administrator in place by the time you read this. Please bear with us during this transition. Fervent thanks go to Theresa Cooney and Kristin Bezio for their gracious flexibility hard work during the summer.

❖ PARTNER CHURCH COMMITTEE AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

On Tuesday, June 30th, King's Chapel had the honor of hosting Rev. Ferenc Balint-Benczedi, Unitarian Bishop of Transylvania, and his daughter, Reka at a dinner at the Parish House. Rev. Balint-Benczedi spoke movingly of the central importance of their faith to Transylvanian Unitarians, and of the deep connection felt between our partner church, First Unitarian Kolozsvár, and King's Chapel. He brought a letter from their new minister (see below) which was read by Sylvia Soderberg.

Approximately 40 guests, including Unitarians from Concord, Belmont, Brookline and Milford, NH were treated to personal reflections on their Transylvania experiences by Rev. Earl Holt, and by Rev. Carl Scovel. All present, led by Rev. Holt, joined in harmony singing traditional Transylvanian hymns, accompanied by Walter Chapin on the piano.

This truly was a memorable evening!



Pictured, L to R: the Rev. Carl R. Scovel, the Rev. Ferenc Balint-Benczedi, the Rev. Earl K. Holt III

Excerpts from Letter to King's Chapel from the Rev. Norbert Rác Minister of First Unitarian Church of Kolozsvár
Dear Sisters and Brothers in faith!

We greet you on behalf of the members of the First Unitarian Church in Kolozsvár! We hope that this letter will find you in good health and that your congregation is thriving....

Since the minister of our congregation, Rev. Ferenc Bálint-Benczédi became the Bishop of the Unitarian Church of

❖ CHARITIES AND APPEALS

Ecclesia Ministries, Common Cathedral has sent to the members of King's Chapel "heartfelt gratitude for the support that the Charities and Appeals Committee has shown to Ecclesia Ministries throughout the years, as we continue our work with homeless people in Boston, and we move on too with our new work of supporting people moving from the streets to housing." Ecclesia included a highlight of this year's work, and its hopes that KC will continue to choose to partner with them. Their report has been left with the new chairperson of Charities and Appeals, Patricia Sharaf.

(Small group ministry contd.)

istering to each other. At King's Chapel this can happen in other ways as well: on committees, in classes, at Bible study, and on annual retreats. Which brings me to a question. Do we need this new venue or is it simply a distraction from the important business of surviving? If our survival as a church depends on our becoming friends and caring for one another, I would say yes, we do!

Jamaica Plain Group (Lee Glenn)

One of the small group ministries was comprised of about 16 people, and worked surprisingly well with that large a group. Usually about 12 or so came to any given meeting. We decided to regard the experience as a "great experiment," and so decided to meet once a month, at each other's homes, and that the hosts would choose the topic for discussion/reflection. We generally began with a simple supper, followed by the discussion/reflection, led by the hosts. Over the several months, our topics included our relationship to church, our thoughts about the UUA, our thoughts about serving the poor, and more than once we had a Bible study. We also had a communion service on one occasion.

In our reflection at our last meeting most people expressed the feeling that the primary purpose of the small group ministry, that is, to get to know each other in a deeper way than is possible at coffee hour and committee meetings, had been well achieved. The group had a high level of trust, friendship and very good humor.



Rev. Norbert Rác, Minister First Unitarian Church, Kolozsvár

✦ THAXTER PARKS SPENCER: IN MEMORIAM

With the passing of Thaxter Parks Spencer on Saturday, July 11, King's Chapel lost one of its most dedicated and constant servants.

A product of King's Chapel Sunday School, when the walk to the "big church" from 27 Marlborough Street was several blocks longer than it is now, Thaxter Spencer was raised in the best Unitarian Christian tradition. His mother, Hope, was Director of the Sunday School and, as such, responsible for the groundings and the formality of the Sunday School program prevailing at that time.

In 1941, Thaxter "signed the book," thereby formally joining the Society. By 1953, he commenced serving as Junior Warden of King's Chapel, a position he held for some 22 years before stepping down in 1975. Former Governor Robert Fiske Bradford was Senior Warden during this period, and, after he developed Parkinson's disease, Thaxter quietly assumed much of the ongoing responsibilities for the Society's operations so that the Senior Warden might continue in office.

Over the years, Thaxter served King's Chapel in many other capacities as well. He chaired both the Festival Committee and the Tercentenary Celebration Committee; he was a member of Buildings and Grounds before assuming the position of Chair after Stanley Estes stepped down; he served on the Membership Committee, the Personnel Committee, and Fiscal Affairs, just to name a few other involvements; and he routinely donned his Morning Coat to usher at Easter every spring. He rewrote the Society's By-Laws, helped edit the 1986 revised Prayer Book, and served as an unofficial legal advisor on many aspects of the Church's operations. In short, he was active in church life over a broad spectrum and volunteered his time freely.

In 1972, while still serving as Junior Warden, Thaxter became one of three Trustees under the Indenture of 1907. In this capacity, he formally extended his role as a steward of the King's Chapel properties while assuming the added responsibility of overseeing the Church's and the Society's endowments. With his death at age 88, Thaxter became the second-longest-serving of any Trustee under the Indenture, being surpassed in length of service by only one year by Francis Calley Gray, the Trustee he replaced.

For many years, he enthusiastically urged fellow Unitarians to visit Star Island, where, over the summer of 1946, he had directed the opening of the conference and run the operation during that summer. A genuine Christian, Thaxter also helped quietly and encouragingly in assisting several parishioners to find employment after they had lost their jobs.

In addition to taking an active interest in all aspects of King's Chapel, Thaxter accomplished much outside of the church. He graduated from Harvard College, Class of 1943, and from Harvard Law School, Class of 1949. He was a much decorated naval war hero as a result of serving in the Pacific during WWII on the USS Reno, which was torpedoed, though Thaxter subsequently saved all 120 men under his command. In the Korean conflict, as Deputy Superintendent of Operations, he directed the evacuation of over 300,000 troops and civilians from the port of Hungnam. His final military activation occurred after the 1962 Berlin Wall crisis when he commanded the USS Miller and its squadron of six destroyers.

Until his retirement, Thaxter was employed by New England Mutual Life Insurance, initially in the area of pension law, and ultimately as Secretary of the Company.

Thaxter served many years on the Board of Gore Place, the country house built in 1806 by Governor Christopher Gore, also a member of King's Chapel. As its President from 1996 to 2003, he obtained its museum accreditation from the American Association of Museums. Following this achievement, he was appointed an Honorary Governor for Life. He was a long-standing member of the St. Botolph Club, serving on its Program Committee, and was active at the New England Historic Genealogical Society. He was a former member of both the Somerset and Union Boat Clubs, rising early in the morning to row his single scull on the Charles River at the latter. He restored a house in Boston's South End as an early "pioneer" in the regentrification of this neighborhood and gave up sailing and his weekend residence in Newport to establish Broad Meadows, a bed-and-breakfast in Stockbridge. Thaxter ran this operation in his "retirement," often hosting friends from King's Chapel and preparing meals with fruit, vegetables, and even meats that he had raised on the premises.

King's Chapel has lost a true, steadfast, and dedicated friend. The Society and King's Chapel have benefited from his many years of service. May he now rest in peace from his long years of labor and with the appreciation of many for a job well done.

✦ FROM THE WARDENS

King's Chapel's long-time Trustee, Thaxter Spencer, passed away on July 11, 2009. Our loving thoughts, admiration and great appreciation go with him. He was emblematic of an age - a man of many parts, staunch and unabashedly opinionated, his wit acerbic, his generosity and complete devotion to what he believed in, boundless. His energy over fifty years as an adult member of King's Chapel was spent in actively promoting from a leadership position - Junior Warden and then Trustee - the well being of multiple facets of our church. His support was determined and steadfast for the Church School (many will remember the delightful Church School boat ride on the Charles which he sponsored in the Autumn of 2007) for decoration of the church at Easter (his boxwood cross on the pulpit) and Christmas (poinsettias on the Communion Table) for the physical condition of the buildings, and above all for maintaining our underlying fiscal soundness. He leaves us poorer by his absence, but far richer for his service, influence and uncompromising standards.

At Morning Prayer on July 19th, Hugh Scott, also a long-time pillar of the Church, spoke eloquently of him. Here are Hugh's words.

A Remembrance of Thaxter Spencer

We note with deep sorrow the passing of Thaxter Spencer.

During the Korean War, Thaxter was a United States Navy destroyer captain. He went on to become for many years a respected leader in Boston's financial community. But he was most of all a pillar of King's Chapel. Thaxter quite literally grew up in King's Chapel. He was an active member of the church beginning in the middle of the last century. He served as a Trustee of King's Chapel for longer than most of us have been members. Thaxter was a man of spare words, strong conviction, and much insight and wisdom. Most of all, he loved King's Chapel. We owe him a great debt of gratitude for his guidance and care over many years.

We will miss him dearly. God rest his soul. Thaxter did not want a formal service - memorial or funeral - of any kind, as he expressly stated in his will. We will honor his wishes, only remembering him within our community at Morning Prayer on Sunday, October 25th. After the service, we will hold a special reception in the vestibule in his honor. We believe that it is fitting to hold this remembrance on All-Church Sunday, when the Church School, to which he was so devoted, will be present and participating in the service.

Dear Families,

The dog days of summer will soon be coming to a close, even if it feels as if they're just beginning now that the summer heat has finally kicked in. With fall quickly approaching, I'm looking forward to welcoming you and your children back to Church School in September, and I'll be doing so in my new role as Church School Director.

I want to thank you all for the words of encouragement that I received as I contemplated applying for and then actually went through the application process for my new position. With your continued support as well as the guidance of our ministers and the Church School Committee, I'm confident that we're going to have a strong year – educationally and socially – at the King's Chapel Church School.

See you in September.

- Shannon M. Lee, Church School Director

Shannon Lee, last year's 4th and 5th grade teacher will return to the Church School as our Director. Shannon graduated from Clark University in 2000 and has a Master of Education (Harvard) and Master of Social Work (Simmons). She lives in the North End and is the Assistant Director of Quality Management and Risk Prevention at The Home for Little Wanderers. We are really fortunate to find someone with Shannon's strong administrative talents and upbeat personality and once she settles into her expanded role, she will write this monthly column. Shannon is a great fit for the position.

This year we begin our new schedule of Family Service and instruction on two Sundays per month with the remaining Sundays either Family Service only or All Church worship. School opens on Sept. 20th with worship in the Little Chapel at 9:45 followed by social time and classroom instruction. As we go to print, our 2009/10 calendar for Family Service and Church School instruction is as follows:

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| •September 20 | •March 7 & 21 |
| •October 4 & 18 | •April 11 & 25 |
| •November 1 & 15 | •May 9 & 23 |
| •December 6 & 20 | Dec. 24 Christmas Pageant |
| •January 10 & 24 | May 23 Pet Blessing Service |
| •February 7 & 21 | June 6 Children's Sunday. |

This is the time of year we recruit our Sunday School teachers and if you have considered volunteering, this is a great year to give it a try. Our shortened schedule brings the total commitment to 17 Sundays but we can accommodate a Sept. – Dec. commitment (7 Sundays) or Jan. – May commitment (10 Sundays). The school is budgeted to hire teachers but we prefer volunteers from the community. All teachers will be asked to complete a CORI background check. If you are interested, please contact Shannon at slee@kings-chapel.org.

Committees, contd.

Transylvania, our congregation had to fill his place. I wish to introduce myself, and...express my hope that we will soon meet in person. My wife, Mária, also a minister, and I have two twin boys, Mózes and Gábor, who are one and a half years old. I graduated [from] divinity school in 2006, and have served as a youth minister in Transylvania, working together with our youth organization, the Dávid Ferenc Unitarian Youth Association. ...My wife and I are very young, and we lack the experience that is needed to work in such a large congregation. Our hope is that the members and the leaders of the church in Kolozsvár will help us in learning all that is needed to work in this congregation.

I would like to express my hope...that the sister church partnership between the two congregations...will continue to grow and

CHURCHSCHOOL MILESTONES

Like many of you in August I received an email which linked me to the obituary in the Globe for Thaxter Spencer. When I read it, it got me thinking of the one meeting I had with him. Shortly after Rali became the Church School director, Cynthia Mutti invited Rali and me to join the two of them for mid-week lunch at the St. Botolph Club. At the time, I was co-chair of the Church School committee and relatively new to King's Chapel. All I knew of Thaxter was he served as a trustee for King's Chapel, he donated the boxwood star that decorates the pulpit for the Christmas pageant and that he had a long tenure with King's Chapel. I have to admit, I was a bit nervous meeting a fellow whose association with the church reached back to before my birth, but my concern was not warranted. Thaxter met me at the door with a warm handshake and asked if I would join him in a cocktail and raw oysters. This was not what I expected from a former warden of the church and I had an enjoyable afternoon listening to him reminisce about his participation in the Church School. Back then, the curriculum was formal, the children wore robes and walked from the Little Chapel on Marlborough Street to the Main Church for Sunday service. You could tell from his comments that the Church School was an important part of his childhood.

Recently, Cynthia Mutti reminded me that "a few years ago Thaxter spoke to the children at the Little Chapel. He referred to his days with the school as the age of the dinosaurs. No doubt some of the youngsters who may have never seen a man his age believed he had seen those ancient beasts." Much has changed at the school since Thaxter's day, but our mission has not. If you read Thaxter's obituary, it makes special note of his long service in the Navy and the esteem many of his crewmates had for him. One young man cited the positive influence and number of lessons he learned from Thaxter including "always conduct your life in an ethical way." I can't think of a better way to describe the overall mission we have for our Church School "Always conduct your life in an ethical way."

-- Alecia Manning

we will be able to work together on building a better world.

May God be with you all, and may we meet soon to continue the good relation that has been established between our congregations! Best wishes from Kolozsvár!

June 22, 2009

✘ SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

Our first meeting of the new church year will not occur until September 30. At that time we will welcome new member Charles Dietrick, who we trust will bring new energy and ideas. The committee is always welcoming of anyone who would like to join us. If you are interested please contact the chair or anyone on the committee. Information is available in the KC Yearbook or the KC website.

—Art Judge, Chair

September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 12:15 pm Noon Hour Recital	2 12:15 pm Midweek Prayer	3	4 MacDonald/Drysd ale Wedding Rehearsal 6pm	5
6 11:00 Holy Communion 4:30- MacDonald/Drysd ale Wedding	7 Labor Day-Office Closed	8 12:15 pm Noon Hour Recital	9 12:15 pm Midweek Prayer <i>5-8:30 BHS Kick off</i>	10 <i>5:30 Yoga</i> International Baroque Ensemble Concert, 7:30	11	12
13 11:00 Morning Prayer	14 <i>10:30 Job Search</i> <i>5:45 Vestry</i> <i>5:30 Yoga</i>	15 <i>10-2 Matchup</i> <i>Interfaith</i> <i>volunteers</i> 12:15 pm Noon Hour Recital NEWSLETTER DUE	16 12:15 pm Holy Communion <i>5:30 BHV</i>	17 <i>5:30 Yoga</i>	18 6 Shopperle/Morgan Wedding rehearsal	19 5 Shopperle/Morgan Wedding
20 <i>9:45 FS & Church</i> <i>School opens</i> 11:00 Morning Prayer	21 <i>10:30 Job Search</i> <i>5:30 BHV</i> <i>5:30 Yoga</i>	22 12:15 pm Noon Hour Recital <i>6:00 Parish Council</i>	23 12:15 pm Midweek Prayer	24 <i>5:30 Yoga</i>	25	26 Vestry Retreat
27 <i>Homecoming-All</i> <i>Church Sunday</i> 11:00 Morning Prayer	28 <i>10:30 Job Search</i> <i>5:30 Yoga</i>	29 12:15 pm Noon Hour Recital	30 12:15 pm Midweek Prayer <i>6:00 Social Act. Comm</i>			

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Special Interest

❖ POSSIBLE NEW PARISH HOUSE?

THE KIRSTEIN LIBRARY

Would it not be great to be able to walk from Morning Prayer to the Parish House in two minutes without crossing the street – especially if you were a Church School class? The Kirstein (Business) Library – just down the walkway from the School Street Starbucks – is being de-accessioned (sold) by the Boston Public Library. The first step for us was to do some quick sketch plans to confirm that the building could house our Parish House functions elegantly. It can.

As a second step, the Wardens have forwarded a Letter of Interest to the BPL, which was warmly received. There are many more steps before such a move could be brought to the Society for a decision. It could take years. But the move could be a remarkable opportunity, so the process has been started.



(Photo courtesy Bill Sears)

Bells & Bones – Tour of the Crypt and Tower

A remarkable add-on (read Special Tariff) tour has been added by our King's Chapel Guides. Kristin Bezio, Head Guide, and her colleagues have organized a special tour to see and hear stories about our crypt (do you know about the ghost of Pierre?) and choir loft with bell tower and the Paul Revere bell itself.

The guided, closely monitored, tour is available on the hour every Saturday. It was made possible by clearance from our insurance company, and with the permission of the Trustees and Vestry, both of which had to be satisfied about limits to our liability. You and your family (over age 10) can now brave the uneven floor and very low headroom in parts of the crypt, as well as climb the steep, worn, small winding stairs to the belfry. It's a great experience!

❖ HONORING LUCY SEWALL

As we announced in the Summer Newsletter, our excellent Parish Administrator, Lucy Sewall, has left to pursue other interests. If you would like to recognize Lucy's contributions to King's Chapel, you may write to her c/o King's Chapel House. Mail will be forwarded to her. A more tangible appreciation would be a contribution to the capital campaign for renovations at Lucy's home church, the Society of St. John the Evangelist. Address Stone and Light, Attn.: Jamie Coats, director, Society of St. John the Evangelist, 980 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02138. Write In honor of Lucy Sewall on the memo line, and they will inform her of your gift.