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NEWS FROM KING'S ✠ CHAPEL

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TO EVERYTHING THERE IS A SEASON

It has been an eventful summer, with more-than-usual activity in and around King's Chapel. You can't have missed, for example, the ongoing repairs on the School Street side of the building, which is only the most evident example of the recent maintenance work ongoing under the watchful eye and careful stewardship of Ollie Egleston. (See page 4.)

Our Habitat for Humanity Build in Transylvania in late June and early July was an unqualified success in every aspect, with 21 members and friends of King's Chapel, joined on-site by other local Unitarians and the future home owners who contribute "sweat equity" as part of the Habitat program. (See the centerfold.)

Two beloved members died in late June, Evie on June 21 and Ed on June 25. Evie had requested no service, but we will remember her during Morning Prayer on Homecoming Sunday, September 14. The Rev. Dr. Arthur Judge led services for Ed on July 8, and we are also dedicating the Midweek Service on September 17 to him. (See Joanne Giannino's column on page 3.)

Our Midweek Verger, Kate, has taken a new position on the faculty of Wheelock College, which necessitates her leaving her position with us, after more than a decade of faithful service. Quietly, carefully, and efficiently Kate has facilitated the details over the years of weekday services, concerts, weddings, funerals, and other events. We will miss her, but wish Kate well in her new endeavors.

And we have been missing the services of Bob Goodwin this summer too, after he suffered a badly broken leg in an accident in July. He has had a long recuperation, but may be back with us by mid-September.

On a happier "note," Wednesday September 3 marks the tenth anniversary of Heinrich Christensen's first time at the organ for the Mid-week Service, and we shall have a small but festive celebration of this milestone following the service that day. (See page 8.)

Behind the scenes over the summer two groups have been hard at work, one working on revisions and additions to our Church School Curriculum for this fall and the other preparing a skills and interests survey of the congregation. Lucy Sewall has, as always, helped support all these varied activities and efforts with her customary grace and efficiency, while also preparing the new Church Directory which will be available in September.

With all this busy-ness, the summer has seemed to fly by. We certainly have a lot of momentum as we now look forward to the "new year," which commences with the first day of Church School year on September 7, followed by Homecoming Sunday on September 14. I am looking forward with great anticipation to the year ahead and to seeing you at church soon.



SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Fellowship Groups are forming this month and will begin in October.

(See page 3 for more details)



Returned mail costs King's Chapel 75 cents for each piece. Please notify us of address changes, new phone numbers, and email addresses.

*Thank you,
The Editor*

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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. 7 Holy Communion**
The Rev. Anne Robertson,
Executive Director of the
Massachusetts Bible Society,
will preach.
*The lessons are Exodus 19:16-24
and Matthew 18:15-20.*
- SEPT. 14 Morning Prayer
Homecoming Sunday
Remembrance of Evie Farnum**
The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
*The lessons are Exodus 20:1-20
and Luke 15:11-32.*
- SEPT. 21 Morning Prayer**
The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
*The lessons are Exodus 32:1-4
and Matthew 20:1-16.*
- SEPT. 28 Morning Prayer**
The Rev. Joanne Giannino,
Assistant Minister, will preach.
*The lessons are Exodus 33:12-23
and Matthew 21:28-32.*

Family Service

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

- SEPT. 7** The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.
- SEPT. 14 All Church Sunday
(see page 6)**
- SEPT. 21** The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
- SEPT. 28** The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.

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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. 2** Maria Tsafouilous, soprano
Chris O'Hara, trumpet
Works by Bach & Scarlatti
- SEPT. 9** Thomas Jones, baritone
Arias by Purcell, Bach, Handel
- SEPT. 16** The Quilisma Consort
¡O dulce suspiro mío!
16th Century Portuguese and
Spanish music
- SEPT. 23** Peter Sulski, viola
Works by Bach & Telemann
- SEPT. 30** G. Fredrick Guzasky, organ
Works by Glazunov &
Rheinberger

KNOXVILLE CHURCH SHOOTINGS

In response to the tragic events in July at the UU Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, the Unitarian Universalist Association has established a relief fund to provide spiritual care and practical financial assistance to the two Knoxville churches and their members. The offering from Morning Prayer on August 3 was dedicated to this purpose. Checks payable to "Knoxville Relief Fund" c/o Tom Klein may be sent to the UUA Stewardship Office, 25 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108. Further information is available on the Association website, UUA.org

COLLECTION FOR MYANMAR & CHINA

On May 18th, Children's Sunday, it was announced that the morning's collection would be given to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee to assist in their relief work in Myanmar (formerly Burma) and Save the Children, to support their relief work in China. If you were not there that Sunday and would like to contribute via King's Chapel to these efforts, please send your check to the Parish House, marked for this purpose, and it will be forwarded. Thank you.

Wednesday Services

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

- SEPT. 3** Midweek Prayer
The Rev. Patricia Reinertson will preach.
- SEPT. 10** Midweek Prayer
The Rev. Joanne Giannino will preach.
- SEPT. 17** Holy Communion
The Rev. Earl Holt will preach.
Remembrance of Ed Nichols.
- SEPT. 24** Midweek Prayer
The Rev. Arthur Judge will preach.



SEPTEMBER Flowers

The communion table flowers are given in loving memory of those who have already been gathered.

*from THE ASSISTANT
MINISTER*

Dear friends,

It will be good to see all of you at Homecoming on Sunday, September 14. Plans are underway for a wonderful service that includes our entire intergenerational church community. If you have been away this summer, I hope you return refreshed and ready to share some of where you have been and what you have been up to. If you have been close to home and to services, I hope you also will share what you have been up to and what these days have meant to you.

There have been some losses this summer. Evie and Ed passed away in June. We remember them both in September. (*See page 1.*)

Ed's passing has left a particular hole in our ministry. He was for many years "the minister of hospitality" at our Wednesday mid-week service. We have missed his steady hand and friendship in these weeks since his death. I am hoping that someone might like to take up a ministry of hospitality in his stead. If you have any interest in being one to welcome and provide some nourishment to the Wednesday congregation, please see me. Your ministry may look different from Ed's. His was a simple and beautiful offering: tea, ham and cheese or peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chips and usually something sweet. What might you imagine for Wednesdays?

In this newsletter you will find some exciting new beginnings:
the ALL Church Retreat (*page 3*)
the beginning of our Small Group Ministry Fellowship Groups (*page 8*)

This year, I would also like to offer a class in American Unitarian Universalist History and a discussion on our Theological Diversity. Look for more on both of these next month.

So much to do and to share. I look forward with you to it all.

Blessings, *Joanne*

from the WARDENS

At a **special meeting of the Society on November 2nd**, a recommendation from the Vestry will be made to amend the bylaws of the Society to include a new standing committee on **Personnel and Ministerial Affairs**. A vote will be taken.

The membership will also hear and discuss plans for increasing our attendance and membership, as the Society charged the Wardens and Vestry at the Annual Meeting in April.

More information will be forthcoming closer to meeting time.

Please put this very important date in your calendars. More information will be provided in the October Newsletter.

NEW BIBLE STUDY SERIES:

An 8-week series begins on October 2 and continues as usual at 8:45 a.m. each Thursday through November 20, in the Minister's Office. We will use the extensive background materials from the Bible Workbench series which will be available in the Parish office after September 15 for \$20 per copy. Newcomers especially welcome. Contact either of the ministers for further information.

SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

Fellowship Groups are forming this month and will begin in October. If you would like to be part of a group that will meet during the church year to deepen your own spiritual growth and to get to know others, please indicate your interest on the flyer that was included in your July/August newsletter. Groups will be formed to around the day of the week members are available and according to location requested, i.e. Beacon Hill, south of city, etc. Additional flyers can be found at the King's Chapel vestibule and at the Parish House on the first floor bulletin board. Lucy or Joanne can also send you a flyer by email or regular mail. Please return flyers to Joanne. All are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

ALL PARISH RETREAT-OCTOBER 24-26

Ferry Beach Conference Center-Saco, Maine. Plans are shaping up for this exciting weekend! We will have programs for the children and Earl will share his thoughts from his Sabbatical with the adults. There will be inter-generational fun on the Beach for all. Sunday will include a KC Service of Morning Prayer in the outdoor chapel in the pine grove. Food will be simple and plentiful, catered by Rich O'Brien of Pangea Foods in Saco. Accommodations are dormitory style with bathrooms down the hall. The cost for everything is \$140 per person. Hardier retreaters may want to camp in the grove. A flyer with the sign-up form and a list of what to bring will be available at the Church and the Parish House on Homecoming Sunday, September 14. If you have questions, contact the Planning committee, Ruth (Chair), Julie, or Carolyn. Hope you can join us! Bill is exploring options for train travel from North Station to Saco. Stay tuned and see you at the Beach!

2008-9 CONCERT SERIES

Join us for our 51st Season! Five enticing concerts in our beautiful 18th-century sanctuary: large works for chorus and chamber orchestra, works for solo voices and solo instruments and organ, newly commissioned music, and a celebration of Johann Sebastian Bach. All concerts are at 5 p.m.

October 26, 2008. In praise of Music
Choir and chamber orchestra

November 30, 2008. Songs for Voice and Organ by Daniel Pinkham
Tenor and Baritone soloists, with organ.

January 25, 2009. A Night of Snow
A cappella works for choir by Poulenc

February 22, 2009. Antonio Vivaldi: The Four Seasons
Violin and organ

March 29, 2009. J.S. Bach Extravaganza
Choir and chamber orchestra
Details coming in October.

COMMITTEE UPDATES & EVENTS

❖ ANNUAL APPEAL COMMITTEE MORE THANKS FOR FY09 PLEDGES! ♥

In June we recognized those who had pledged for 2009 by “press time” (mid-May). Below, with further warm thanks, we recognize those who have pledged since then. The generosity of ALL who have pledged has taken us much of the way to our 2009 Annual Appeal goal. If you haven’t yet pledged, it isn’t too late! We ask for 100% participation as evidence of our shared commitment to King’s Chapel. Thank you all for the 140 households who pledged so far, this year.

NOTE: Many thanks to Lucy Sewall for careful recording and checking of pledges. Any errors or omissions are the responsibility of the AAC, and we ask your forgiveness. We will make any necessary corrections promptly if you will kindly contact Lucy, or Amy, AAC chair (617 523-3780).

—Amy, Annual Appeal Chair

❖ BUILDING & GROUNDS

Contractors have been busily restoring the School Street side of King’s Chapel this summer. Scaffolding went up in late June and was removed at the end of July. While it was up, masons cut back the old mortar and re-pointed the masonry joints on the School Street (south) side. The work addressed the general need to re-point the wall as well as the urgent need to repair mortar joints that were badly damaged by a steam leak near the Tremont Street corner in 2002. By using mortar similar to the original, the project replaced the hard mortar that was used to point in previous repairs and that was beginning to damage the stone. You will notice that the new mortar is lighter than the old, but it will darken with time. The masons also re-pointed the Vestry chimney, which was suspected to be the source of a leak, as well as the east wall over the Vestry roof where the mortar was badly deteriorated. With the scaffolding up, we also painted the wood trim and the windows on the south side and replaced the sealant around

the windows. While the storm windows were off, the painters washed the interstitial glass surfaces that are not accessible normally. Inside the Church, we re-set two marble treads at the chancel steps and two floor tiles, all of which were loose.

The masons from Phoenix Bay State and the painters from Wilson Painters did excellent work with minimal disruption to activities at the church including the very active visitors’ program. This summer’s project will ensure the weather resistance of the south wall, windows and wood trim for many years to come, and its completion allows us to check off another item on the list described in the Master Plan.

*—Oliver,
Building & Grounds Chair*

❖ HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE HOMECOMING LUNCH AT THE PARISH HOUSE

Sunday, September 14, 2008



GO GREEN, KC! GO LOCAL TOO!

Homecoming lunch will feature vegetables, produce and bread from local farms and wine from local vineyards. The cooks have planned a variety of delicious, nutritious non-meat dishes. A seven layer universe pie will be prepared to honor the sustainability of our wonderful planet. Each ingredient will represent a layer of the planet. (Skipping a meat course even once a week saves lots of energy.)

Please join us after morning worship for this celebration in welcoming each other back to the church.

Helping hands are needed for serving and clean-up. Please let Vicky, Barbara, or Betty know if you can help.

—Barbara, Chair



❖ NOMINATING COMMITTEE ALREADY ACTIVE!

The Nominating Committee for the 2008-2009 Church Year is made up of Julie, Chair, Peter, and Ruth. We have already met with Alecia, the outgoing Nominating Committee Chair, who gave us excellent input to help us get started. This year, we hope that Members of the Society will take an active role in the nominating process by volunteering for positions and by suggesting others for various roles. We need to have a full slate in plenty of time for the Annual meeting. Watch for the 2008-09 Nomination Form, which will be available at the Church and at the Parish House in early September. If you have questions, contact Julie, Peter, or Ruth. Our numbers are in the Directory. Remember, King’s Chapel needs you!

❖ SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

The committee has not met over the summer. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sept 23. Amy, Peter and Vicky, and this writer attended the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry Peace Fair on August 13. The young people who participated in the summer youth program had displays of peace actions. Amy was a very active volunteer in this program. It was a good time to network with the UUUM leadership. The UUUM is planning on offering opportunities for limited commitment volunteer service, e.g., one time or occasional service. This may be an exciting opportunity for King’s Chapel members to become involved with this important out-reach ministry. The programs are at the UUUM facility at First Church Roxbury. The venue is very accessible via the “T” or via car – there is ample parking. The area is safe.

The chair has been in contact with the Church School concerning possible projects

in collaboration with the Church School. More to follow. Suggestions or comments from the King's Chapel members welcomed. Respectfully,

– Art, Chair

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

✳ **PARTNER CHURCH COMMITTEE
WORK, PLAY AND WORSHIP IN
KOLOZSVAR, TRANSYLVANIA**

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find photographs and recollections from participants in the memorable King's Chapel/Habitat for Humanity Build, led by Peter, which took place June 28 – July 13, 2008 in the city of our partner Unitarian church. Twenty-one hardy workers (16 from King's Chapel, including Ministers Earl and Tricia) meticulously measured and applied wall-board, spackled over seams and screw heads, dug ditches with pick-axes, pulled ancient nails out of scrap board, endlessly moved, piled, and counted elements of scaffolding, etc. Their efforts, along with that of many other Habitat groups, will produce modest new housing for dozens of working families who are presently living in group shelters because that's the only choice available for them.

Our partner church minister, the Rev. Ferenc Balint-Benczedi, led a morning devotion at the worksite; his daughter Reka, and two of her university friends, plus the Rev. Tibor Rűsz-Fogorasi, Minister of the 3rd Unitarian Church of Kolozsvar, and his son Thomas worked for several days alongside the KC/Habitat volunteers.

The energizing outcome of this work project was not limited just to its charitable purpose. The group enjoyed a welcome at the Parish House, where the Rev. Balint-Benczedi read aloud greetings from King's Chapel (immediately translated into Hungarian by Emod Farkas, member of their Partner Church Committee) from Sylvia, Senior Warden; Cornelia and Bill; and the Rev. B-B, in turn, gave a tribute to the unique and historic relationship between our two churches.

On a Monday evening, all were treated to an organ concert and worship service, assisted by Earl Holt, at the Unitarian Church in honor of King's Chapel. KC visitors then toured the top floor of the Parish House, site of the proposed Attic Project, which

was followed by a splendid buffet dinner for all in the Parish House parlor rooms. On this occasion, the Rev B-B produced a large framed banner with "F. DAVID" (founder of Transylvanian Unitarianism) in gold embroidery on cream background—this was a gift in the year 1900 from the American Unitarian Association to an annual gathering (like GA) of Hungarian Unitarians in Budapest that year. Transylvanians never forget their gifts!

Worship on Sunday, July 6, featured confirmation of 12 young boys and girls who, in a two-hour service, were asked to answer in front of the congregation, many questions concerning their faith beliefs. While those of a liberal religious bent might have reservations about such requirements, one could not help being impressed by the extensive preparation and earnestness of the confirmands and by the careful and loving guidance provided by their ministers in this important coming-of-age ritual. King's Chapel attendees were given the privilege of escorting, one by one, the confirmands to their places at the front of the sanctuary to begin the service.

DON'T MISS Partner Church Sunday at King's Chapel on **Sunday, October 5** which will feature Communion in the Transylvanian manner, followed by a gathering at the Parish House to share pictures, stories, and hopes garnered from the KC/Habitat adventure in Kolozsvar.

—Vicky, Partner Church Committee Co-Chair

DID YOU KNOW?

There are Iyengar Yoga classes at King's Chapel's Parish House at 5:30 p.m. twice a week. If you are interested contact bsantora@verizon.net.

☒ THE CHURCH SCHOOL

“The great end in religious education is not to stamp our minds irresistibly on the young but to stir up their own; not to make them see with our eyes but to look inquiringly and steadily with their own; not to give them a definite amount of knowledge but to inspire a fervent love of truth; not to form an outward regularity but to touch inward springs...”

The Reverend William Ellery Channing

Hello and Welcome Back!

We are all thrilled as we prepare for our new Church School Year, full of innovative and dynamic changes to our curriculum and youth group! After much consider and research, our committee has discovered spectacular new resources and materials appropriate to the developmental stage of each child. There are stories from a variety of religious and secular traditions. There are activities and projects to make the learning come alive: from arts and crafts to music, drama, and dance. Your children will be encouraged to ask questions and develop their own beliefs and viewpoints. All will be celebrated!

In an effort to engage and retain more of our young people at King’s Chapel, we have been in cahoots with Andy, our beloved Church School teacher, who has graciously informed us that we may be behind the times...I was only mildly insulted. He has learned through his studies at Andover Newton, and probably through some personal experience, that the video age and church life can collide with positive results. Therefore, on a monthly basis we will offer a place for the youth in the area to come and socialize through conversation, food and the ever popular Guitar Hero (Google if you’ve never heard of this). Andy has assured me religion, music, faith, and video can all connect to create some wonderful opportunities for friendship and fellowship and I agree! It sounds like fun!

Please come to our **Parent’s Meeting on September 21** during class time at the Parish House for more information on this progressive approach that is now being used across the country.

Important dates:

September 7: Church School Opening Day! 9:45 a.m. at the Parish House (Early Service and classes)

September 14: Homecoming at 11:00 a.m! ALL CHURCH

Begin at church at 11:00a.m.

Children will participate in the beginning of the service. Then 20-30 minutes into service children and teachers will be dismissed. Rest of congregation will continue to worship

Children and teachers do brief get-to-know-you at Parish House All have lunch together at 12:30!

Hope to see you there! *Jan*



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The Rev. Joanne Giannino, Assistant Minister
The Rev. Carl R. Scovel, Minister Emeritus
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OF SPECIAL INTEREST

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Morning Prayer affords us the joy of fellowship with one another while at worship. Just as rewarding is the fellowship we share with one another when we volunteer for the Society. This fall, look for a "skills and interests" survey that will be mailed to all active parishioners of King's Chapel. We look forward to hearing from everyone.

The survey committee: Beth, Vicky, Alecia, Betsy, Lucy, Sylvia

Heinrich's 10th anniversary playing at Midweek Service

Please join us on Wednesday, September 3 for midweek worship at 12:15 p.m. and a celebration of 10 years of gorgeous organ music from our music director. There will be cake!

Remembering September 11
(See page 5)