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Dear Friends,

A year ago at this time, during late December and early January, the possibility of my joining King's Chapel was just starting to take shape: long talks with the wardens on the fifth floor of the Parish House, long solitary car drives that became times of prayer for me, long conversations with my husband Bob about how our lives might change were I to become your minister.

The missing piece for me was knowing all of you better, the congregation. I wanted to spend time with you, understand your dreams and hopes, consider alongside you whether our partnership was part of God's plan, as best we could discern.

So January 2013 was pivotal for me. In January, in a whirlwind of activity, I was able to worship with you; read aloud from your beautiful prayerbook; kneel in the chancel; sup and drink with you in the Parish House living room; gather around a table and share ideas about who God is or might be. You held coffees for me, hosted dinners, questioned me in meetings, and on a Sunday morning when a gas leak made us wonder if the church might explode, you voted for me to come as your pastor and teacher. I continue to rejoice and be thankful.

And I continue to want to spend time with you all: listening, learning, and laughing. January and February 2014 will be months for more of this: more time for us all to gather, in different ways, building our community.

Dr. Martin Luther King spoke often of "Building the Beloved Community," and that will be our theme during January and February. We'll come together as often as we can, in different ways, as a community.

Watch the calendar for chances to participate in building, dreaming, and communing together: at an all-church potluck dinner following the Sunday evening January 26 concert by our Choir (a capella Americana); during a book group that digs into the Bible more deeply; sharing Communion in the style of our partner church in Transylvania at our morning prayer service; over lunch, learning about our new partnership with the New England Veterans Shelter; at the all-church parish retreat at Glastonbury Abbey in February; and celebrating Mardi Gras just before we enter into Lent. We also hope to offer more about our history, including opportunities for you to take our new "Bells and Bones" tour offered by our guides, exploring the crypt and bell tower.

I am encouraged by those of you who are coming to worship more often, after some time away; supported by those of you who participate and offer me ideas; intrigued by all I continue to learn when we gather. So come, when you can – I rejoice in getting to know each person at King's Chapel better.

With warm wishes in this New Year,

—Joy

*MANY SHEPHERDS, MANY ANGELS, MANY
KINGS: THANK YOU!!*

What a blessed Christmas Season we have had at King's Chapel. I am astonished by all the hard work, by so many, that results in a remarkable offering for the wider community throughout Advent, on Christmas Eve, in Communion on Christmas Day, and during New Year's Eve.

Behind the scenes, it takes many of you to host: shepherding along ideas and volunteers, angelically and patiently executing the many steps required to bring ideas to fruition, and like the three kings, from far and near, offering your gifts to support our church. Thank you!

The annual Milk Punch extravaganza results from angels who write ditties, organize all the activities, lead the singing, bake the treats, decorate the parish house, and clean the dishes. Special thanks this year to Anne Sexton, our large Hospitality Committee and volunteers, and the many others who made this possible.

The Children's Advent Crafts Sunday, which has delighted many for years, brings together all the adults who help kids make candles, build fragrant orange pomanders, create mosaic ornaments, prepare cookies, and build fresh wreaths and centerpieces. Special thanks to Carol Genovese who coordinated this year.

The Church is decorated beautifully thanks to our chancel committee and helpers – climbing to dizzying heights to hang the wreaths, leaning over balconies to wire together the swags, placing out the candles and special cloths. Special thanks to Louise Perkins, Mark and Paula Tranter, our vergers, and the donors who give our flowers in all seasons. Special thanks also to Sam Perry and John Bowman, who make sure our bell will ring, stairs will be safe, and heat stays on.

The Christmas Eve Children's Pageant was new this year, and resulted from many hours of planning: rehearsing, singing, choosing costumes, finding the new star, building a new stable, blocking out the roles. Special thanks to all the children; the Church School Committee members Hallie Speight, Tamara Hammer, Carol Genovese, and Mark Tranter.

The Lessons and Carols Service, led by our remarkable Choir, is the culmination of many remarkable offerings provided, week after week, by the choir, our lay readers and lectors, and the ushers. The quality of our worship at King's Chapel is remarkable, due to excellent leadership of all these: you welcome people in to our space, read the word with power and clarity, and through music bring us to a sense of the Holy possible only through your art.

Your lay leaders – the Wardens, Treasurer, Council Members and Vestry – continue to make all of this possible, by leading us wisely, day in and day out, grappling with untold issues, from building challenges to budget planning.

And finally to the staff: I could not be more grateful for the huge efforts you all undertake, working many extra hours in this season, in order to support these blessed celebrations. We have a strong team. I am proud to be your colleague.

—Joy

SPEAKING OF RELIGIOUS VALUES...

As we celebrate the Christ child who despite Herod's slaughter of children grew up to change the world, we're reminded of some who didn't grow up and for whom we prayed in the chapel just a year ago – the twenty children and six adults killed by gun violence on December 14th at the Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. We were galvanized by that event as by other shootings so horrendous and so incessantly frequent. This past year, we participated in a rally for gun control sponsored by First Church in the Back Bay, we hosted a forum at the Parish House, we enlisted in Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, we sought and received endorsement by the King's Chapel Community Action Committee, and we invited other parishioners to join the cause. Some did.

But sadly, gun violence continues to prevail over gun sense. There have been nearly 12,000 gun deaths since the Newtown massacre. The bill that would have made background checks mandatory for anyone who wanted to purchase a gun failed to pass in the U.S. Senate. Of the various gun bills enacted this year in the states, 66 were gun-control oriented but 74 were pro-gun. And two legislators in Colorado were recalled by voters for supporting gun-control bills. All of this in a country where, according to Reuters, over 90% of the voters support universal background checks and a majority support tighter gun control laws.

Given the realities, it is hard to be optimistic. But it's important not to give up. Chris Murphy, the freshman senator from Connecticut, heard the news about Sandy Hook while standing on the train platform in Bridgeport planning to take his family to see the Christmas tree in Rockefeller Center. Instead, he went to Newtown and was there when the parents were informed that their children were dead. "I wish I'd never had to see that," he said. And ever since, on most Monday afternoons, he stands up in the Senate to tell the story of victims of gun violence. Displaying photographs, he says "This child loved to play outside" or "That child was happiest when he was singing." And the reason? "I want to gently but consistently jog the conscience of colleagues."

If your conscience is jogged and you want to take action as an expression of our religious values, please let us know. We will provide you with email updates and opportunities to write, call, and advocate for the right to life and safety for children and adults by preventing gun violence.

Denton Crews (dentoncrews@rcn.com)

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

FROM THE MUSIC DIRECTOR

Our next Sunday concert takes place on Sunday, January 26 at 5 PM, when the King's Chapel Choir will take you on a guided tour of *Americana*, i.e. American choral music ranging from Colonial to Contemporary times.

You will hear William Billings' *Lamentation over Boston*, a take on Psalm 137 that starts with the lines "By the rivers of Watertown". Along our journey we will visit with examples of traditional hymnody such as *Wondrous Love*, *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* (in an arrangement by short-term King's Chapel music director Virgil Thomson), as well as folksong and spirituals. The 20th century will be represented by another friend of King's Chapel, Randall Thompson, and Samuel Barber's *Reincarnations*, Aaron Copland's *Four Motets*, and *Three Songs* by famed minimalist Philip Glass, set to a pretty diverse array of texts by the likes of Octavio Paz and Leonard Cohen.

OUR 2014 BUDGET: AN UPDATE

Steps So Far

We continue to work on our "Narrative Budget" for 2014. As a first step in this process, during the Fall of 2013, all members of the church were invited to offer ideas and suggestions for the 2014 budget. The second step was a document emailed to all members on November 12th and discussed at a Open Meeting after church on November 17. At that time, Cliff Allen, Chair of Fiscal Affairs, walked us through the document (you can find it on our website: http://www.kings-chapel.org/uploads/1/2/3/9/12399624/2013_narrative_budget_final_email_version.pdf). He discussed the charts that illustrate how much of our annual budget we currently receive from the endowment (54 %), from visitors of the Freedom Trail (19 %) and from members through annual appeal gifts. (18 %). Cliff also shared that the number of people giving has been declining since 1998, from 278 in 1998 to 90 this year.

In response, members discussed a number of ideas for church growth, including what drew them to King's Chapel; what has kept them as members; and what others might seek in a church. Our minister also has proposed several ideas for "sharing our gifts," highlighted at the back of the document.

Moving Forward – Next Steps

Dec. 2013 - Feb. 2103: Fiscal Affairs will continue to gather congregational and staff input, and draft a budget for 2014, reflecting our priorities. Share your ideas!

Feb-Mar. 2014: A draft budget for 2014 will be shared with leadership, including the Vestry, Church Council, and Trustees.

Feb-Mar 2104: All members of the congregation will receive the draft 2014 budget and a pledge card, and be asked to pledge how much they plan to contribute to the Church over the whole course of 2014. (This is a best estimate from members, for the church's planning process; if circumstances change for a member, the actual amount given may be more or less than that pledged in February-March).

ANNOUNCEMENTS, UPDATES, & EVENTS

✂ **THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE – ALLEN SPEIGHT, CAROL GENOVESE, AND BETH CHAPIN – REQUESTS YOUR HELP. WE ARE BEGINNING OUR WORK AND WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU.** The Committee, which is responsible for presenting to the Society at the Annual Meeting a slate of candidates for officers, vestry, and chairs of committees, asks for your recommendations for persons to fill these important roles. In accordance with the Society's By-Laws, nominees must be members of the Society; however, the opportunity to serve on a committee is open to Friends as well as to members. Please share your ideas with any one of us, either by telephone or email at the number or address printed in the Directory. Self-nominations are also welcome. We will hold all comments and suggestions in strictest confidence. Let us hear from you by January 31, 2014. Many thanks.

The 2013-2014 Nominating Committee

✂ **HOLIDAY BAKE SALE FOR MASSACHUSETTS COALITION FOR THE HOMELESS:** Thanks to the exceptional efforts of CAC champion Cliff Allen, King's Chapel contributed about \$1100 to the MA Coalition for the Homeless through sales of holiday baked goods. This entire amount will go to the Coalition's "A Bed for Every Child" project, which provides beds and bedding for children who otherwise have to sleep on the floor or share a bed. Every child who gets his/her own bed not only sleeps better, but is healthier and better able to learn and succeed in school. Thank you to everyone who purchased delicious holiday cakes and cookies for this important cause.

✂ **MARK YOUR CALENDAR: COMMUNITY ACTION SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2014:** Everyone is cordially invited to attend our annual Community Action Committee lunch at the Parish House following Morning Prayer on Sunday, February 9. We will offer a simple lunch followed by a guest speaker from CAC's newest community partner, the New England Center for Homeless Veterans (NECHV), or "Court Street," as it is known. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Center, which provides temporary shelter, transitional housing, career assistance, and other services to those who have served in the U.S. military, and learn how we can get involved. One of our own KC members, Grady Jones, is a former client of the Center who now works there as operations manager. For more info or to volunteer to help with the CAC lunch, please contact: CAC champion Amy Meyer (amymeyerw@comcast.net; 617 523-3780).

✂ **FROM THE MUSIC COMMITTEE**

It has been a busy season for the Kings Chapel Concert Series so far, with Spirituals in September, the Alto Extravaganza and Benjamin Britten concert in October, and Bach's Goldberg Variations in December. Many thanks to all of you who have listened, volunteered and donated to the Concert Series! We are very grateful for your support.

Please join us for our *a capella* Americana program at **5pm on January 26**, which will be followed by a potluck dinner at the Parish House. More details will appear in Between Sundays.

Save the dates for our next concerts: "Fisk at 50: Music for Organ and Strings" on February 23, and our season finale on March 30, 2014, Vivaldi Gloria and Bach Mass in A Major.

✂ **JOIN US FOR KING'S CHAPEL'S WINTER RETREAT AT GLASTONBURY ABBEY PRESIDENTS' DAY WEEKEND FEBRUARY 14-16, 2014.**

"It is the time you have wasted for your rose that makes your rose so important." *Antoine de Saint-Exupéry*

"Life is not what one lived, but what one remembers." *Gabriel Garcia Marquez*

How do you create time and space for the most essential things in life?

Ciael Hills, a longstanding member of King's Chapel and a trained Minister and Chaplain (M. Div. Andover-Newton Theological School), will lead us in this year's program, called "Taking Time and Making Room," exploring ways to access the spirit within and discover what is meaningful to each participant and also what needs attention. The program will offer relevant biblical passages, reflective exercises, conversational sharing, and writing in the comfort of each person's own private room at the abbey. (Double rooms are also available). Glastonbury Abbey offers simple services of prayer and chanting—which all may enjoy. Participants may also explore the abbey grounds, a labyrinth, and nearby World's End beach. Rides and scholarships are available. The full cost for the program, including room and board for the weekend, is \$130. Please join us!

For more information, or to register for the retreat, please call the Parish Administrator at King's Chapel House at 617-227-2155 or Ciael Hills, Chair of the Adult Religious Education Committee at 781-647-0719.

Brochures and Registration Forms will be available in January at Coffee Hour after church services and in the Parish House in the Reception Area. We hope you will take time and make room for this in your busy schedule. Happy New Year!

✂ **TRANSYLVANIAN COMMUNION SERVICE FEBRUARY 2ND**

On Sunday, February 2nd, during Morning Prayer the communion service will be celebrated in the tradition of the Unitarian churches of Transylvania. Transylvanian Unitarians believe that Jesus was human and a prophet of God. The Lord's Supper is the liturgy through which Jesus' life, work, and death are remembered. It is celebrated with bread and wine four times a year: at Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving Day (the last Sunday of September), and on Christmas Sunday. Emphasis is on remembering Jesus' words to his community and on following his example by creating a compassionate human community. The Partner Church Committee will host an exhibit in the foyer on February 2 celebrating the long relationship between King's Chapel and the First Unitarian Church of Kolozsvár.

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.

- 5 Holy Communion**
Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Todd Lee, lay reader
Carol Genovese, lector
The lesson is John 1:1-18
- 12 Morning Prayer**
Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Marie Wells, lay reader
Sylvia Soderberg, lector
The lesson is Matthew 3:13-17
- 19 Morning Prayer**
Guest Preacher
Paul Luca, lay reader
Judy Luca, lector
The lesson is John 1:29-42
- 26 Morning Prayer with Great Litany**
Rev. Joy Fallon, preacher
Amy Meyer, lay reader
Carol Genovese, lector
The lesson is Matthew 4:12-23

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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WEDNESDAYS

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

- 8 Midweek Prayer**
Amy Meyers, lay reader
Ray Lynds, lector
- 15 Midweek Prayer**
Charles Dimino, lay reader
Steven Aucella, lector
- 22 Holy Communion**
Amy Meyer, lay reader
Judy Thomas, lector
- 29 Midweek Prayer**
Steven Aucella, lay reader
Ray Lynds, lector

SECOND SUNDAY

January 2014 Second Sunday Collection Recipient:
Habitat for Humanity of Greater Boston

All contributions to the January 12 collection--unless otherwise specified--will go to Habitat for Humanity of Greater Boston, which builds housing both in Boston and around the world, for people in need of safe and affordable homes. KC has been active with HFH for many years through the efforts of champion Peter Sexton, building both in Boston neighborhoods, and in association with KC's sister church in Koloszvar, Romania. Many will remember that last year's CAC Sunday featured an excellent presentation by our own KC member Lark Palermo, President of HFH of Greater Boston. Please give generously to the "Second Sunday" collection to support HFH's work.

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

TUESDAY RECITALS

Tuesday Recitals at King's Chapel present a variety of programs, featuring local and visiting musicians. Admission is by suggested donation of \$3; the donations are given to the performers. Programs begin at 12:15 pm and last approximately 35 minutes. For more information, please call 617-227-2155, or visit www.kings-chapel.org.

- 7 Timothy Macri, flute**
Works by J.S. Bach
- 14 Ensemble Marionas**
Works by Monteverdi, Steffani, Peri
- 21 New England Chamber Players**
Works by Mozart and Beethoven
- 28 Carson Cooman plays the C.B. Fisk Organ**
Works by Peeters, Rubin, Carey, Kidwell

CHANCEL FLOWERS

If you wish to donate flowers, please contact Louise Perkins, Chancel Committee Co-chair: lnperkins50@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.

- 5 We do not have a donation this day!**
If you would like to donate flowers, please contact Louise Perkins.
- 12** The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Clyde Christie Russ by Carolyn Russ and Christie Russ Kellogg .
- 19** The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Ralph Gordon Soderberg by Sylvia Soderberg and Amy and Mark Nichols .
- 26** The flowers on the communion table are given in loving memory of Felicia Reed Clark by Todd Lee.

JANUARY 2014 EVENTS

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>31</i>	1	2	3	4
		New Year's Evensong Parish House 5:30 p.m. Potluck 6:15 p.m. First Night Concert 9:00 p.m.	Parish House Closed for New Year's Day Lay-led Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Family Service & Church School 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer with Holy Communion 11:00 a.m.		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m. Vestry Meeting 6:00 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer with Holy Com- munion 12:15 p.m.		<i>February Newsletter Deadline</i>	
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Family Service & Church School 9:45 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m.	<i>Parish House Closed in Observance of Martin Lu- ther King Jr.'s Day</i>	Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m. Parish Council Meeting 5:45 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Morning Prayer with Great Litany 11:00 a.m. Sunday Concert Series 5:00 p.m. Potluck at the Parish House to follow		Staff Meeting 10:00 a.m. Tuesday Recital 12:15 p.m.	Midweek Prayer 12:15 p.m.			

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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

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PLEASE DELIVER PROMPTLY.**