



Shelter Sunday

**FIRST CHURCH
IN CAMBRIDGE**

Congregational 1633-1636
United Church of Christ
Garden and Mason Streets
Cambridge, Massachusetts

FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC
October 21, 2012
SHELTER SUNDAY

VOLUNTARY *Sonata in D minor* Felix Mendelssohn

*HYMN C-20 *The Household of God*

*GREETING Davis Dyer

L: Welcome, sisters and brothers! In this hour we gather together in praise.

C: We gather together in prayer.

L: We gather together in longing.

C: We gather together in love.

L: Then let us welcome one another

C: in the name of the One who welcomes us.

WORDS OF WELCOME Sarah Higginbotham

TESTIMONY Ellen Rohan Ball

CALL TO CONGREGATIONAL MEETING James Greaney

ANTHEM *Of Hospitality* Jane Marshall

*I saw a stranger yestreen:
I put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place,
music in the listening place...
And in the sacred name of the Triune,
He blessed myself, he blessed my house,
He blessed my cattle and my dear ones,
And the lark said in her song,
Often, often, often goes Love in the stranger's guise.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

**You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" may be found in the beginning section of the hymnal. The C (Cambridge) - section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us pray for pardon, healing, and peace.

**C: God of love, we have moved busily through our days
and ignored those you love.
Forgive us and open our hearts
to see your image in all we meet.
God of compassion, we have looked to our own wants
without seeing others' needs.
Forgive us and inspire generosity in us.
God of creativity, in moments of fatigue,
we have stopped imagining a better world.
Forgive us and renew our hope. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

Children from PreK to 7th grade are now invited to leave for church school. Teachers will meet children at the side door to accompany them to their classrooms. Parents can meet their children in Lindsay Chapel (through Margaret Jewett Hall and to the left) after worship.

*HYMN C-28

God's Forgiveness Waits

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

Jim Stewart

RESPONSIVE READING – A LITANY OF HOPE BASED ON ISAIAH 25

Left = Choir section Center = Center section Right = Transept

*One: On this mountain the God of hosts will make for all peoples a feast
of rich food filled with marrow, or well aged wines strained clear.*

Left: Enough to eat, and a home that's safe and warm.

Center: All the medical care my family and I need.

Right: A job that pays a living wage and gives me time with friends and family.

All: Surely this is what the mountain of God will be like!

*One: Then God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of God's people will be taken away from all the earth,
for God has spoken.*

Left: Children throughout the world will have good food and safe water.
Mothers and fathers will no longer send their children to war.

Center: The old and sick will be cared for, and prisoners will have hope.

Right: People will be able to love and live as they choose, without fear.

One: No one will sleep on the streets or go hungry again.

All: Surely this is what the mountain of God will be like!

One: It will be said on that day, Lo: this is our God; we have waited for God, so that God might save us. Let us rejoice and be glad in God's salvation.

Left: Why do we have to wait?

Center: God is with us, here and now.

Right: God's power is ours if we choose to claim it.

All: We are God's strong back and calloused hands.

We are God's muscled legs and tender heart.

One: We will usher in the realm of God by sharing our power in God's name.

All: Let us birth the mountain of God.

Let the realm of God begin here and now. Amen!

READING

Mark 10: 35-45

SERMON

Reebee Girash

*HYMN 503

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND WORLD

L: God be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

L: Let us pray...(silence, intercessions, Lord's Prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Please pray this prayer and address God in words most meaningful to your heart.)

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Mercy's Free

Lionel Breedlove

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Praise God, the source of life and birth,
Praise God, the Word, who came to earth,
Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame,
All glory, honor, to God's name. Amen.**

*HYMN 500

O For a World

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE *Send me, Jesus (Thuma Mina)*

The congregation is invited to join in the singing of this response.

*Send me/Lead me/Fill me
Thuma mina somandla*

VOLUNTARY

Sonata in D minor

Mendelssohn

The bulletin cover art series was designed by Perry Neubauer and constructed by many hands, large and small. Today's bulletin cover was created by Jack Dyer, Martha Dyer, and Craig Williams.

WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and we hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. First Church is an open and affirming, just peace congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you'd like to know more about us, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers after church and explore our website at **www.firstchurchcambridge.org**.

Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.

Please ask a greeter for assistance.

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship. Picture books, children's Bibles and activity packets can be found in the Children's Book Corner located by the door to the parish building (to the right of the chancel). Children may visit the Book Corner at any point during worship.

Nursery care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is located through that door and down the hallway (up four stairs to the door on the right). Fussy babies and their caregivers are invited to the Hastings Room, just across the hall from that same door, where the service is broadcast through speakers.

PREACHING TODAY IS Reebee Girash, Sabbatical Interim Minister. Assisting with worship are Sarah Higginbotham, Director of Creative Worship & Arts and Jim Stewart, Shelter Director. Our liturgist is First Church member Davis Dyer. Giving the testimony and prayers is Ministry & Discernment student Ellen Rohan Ball. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir. The Responsive Reading is based on one by Rev. Fran Bogle.

The **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** section of the bulletin is omitted from this online version to preserve the privacy of those mentioned. If you'd like more information on the people we're praying for this week, please contact the church office at parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org or 617-547-2724 and we'll get the information to you.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

FAMILY CHOIR Today at 10:00 a.m., Choir Room The First Church Family Choir is getting back together to prepare a musical offering for All Saints Sunday. We'll rehearse at 10:00 am today, October 21, and on the following two Sundays before singing in morning worship on November 4. People of all ages and musical backgrounds are welcome. Bringing other family members is a bonus, but certainly not required; all we look for is people who love to sing! We'll learn a simple 4-part song from South Africa. The music will be taught by ear, but notes on paper will be available for those who wish. Questions? Contact Sarah Higginbotham (shigginb@firstchurchcambridge.org).

SHELTER LECTURE AND LUNCHEON Today at 12:30 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall Immediately following worship on October 21, the 2012 Doris Beauvais luncheon and lecture will be held in Margaret Jewett Hall. This year the lecture will be presented by Amanda Ashcraft, Director of Outreach Ministries at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City. There is no charge for either the luncheon or lecture but donations to support the work of the First Church Shelter will be accepted.

MONTHLY NEWCOMER SESSIONS Today at 12:15 p.m., Hastings Room We are blessed to be graced by many visitors and newcomers to our church community. While we have always held newcomer sessions around a joining Sunday, we will now be offering monthly gatherings with a topical focus. Hopefully this will allow newcomers to get to know one another and to enter into engaging dialogue around topics ranging from our faith journeys to basic tenets of the Christian journey. We will also continue to share information about First Church and the UCC. Current members are also encouraged to attend to get to know people and share in the dialogue. Please fill a plate with lunch in Margaret Jewett Hall, and bring it with you to the Hastings Room. **The next Joining Sunday is October 28.**

YOUTH GROUP HIKE TO CASTLE ISLAND Today at 1:00 p.m., Meet at First Church All youth (grades 8-12) are invited to join us on a hike around Castle Island today. Laurie Burt (First Church member and hiking-leader-extraordinaire) will lead us on an urban hike around Castle Island where we'll explore, hang out, and learn a bit about the island's social and ecological history. We'll meet at First Church at 1 p.m. to begin the hike and will return by 5:45 p.m. Next up: Sunday, November 4th, Amy Click will be introducing us to the world of comedy improv from 4 - 5:30 p.m. right here at First Church! Please email Julie Rogers at JRogers@firstchurchcambridge.org to join the email list and to learn more!

THIRD-SUNDAY JAZZ WORSHIP Today at 5:00 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall We are thrilled that Carolyn Wilkins and friends will continue to bring us vibrant and eclectic Jazz, Gospel, and African-American spirituals on the third Sunday of each month. Nancy Weil will continue to work with our staff to resource this service. Whether you are a Jazz regular or a curious newcomer to our afternoon worship, join us for communal prayer and Holy Communion. The service will be followed by a time of fellowship.

NO ORDINARY TIME: *Fall Adult Formation Opportunities*

With Dan on Sabbatical through January, Reebee Girash serving as Sabbatical Interim Minister, Terry now serving as half-time Minister of Mental Health & Healing, Julie Rogers among us as our Affiliate Minister of Youth & Young Adults, and Brent Coffin as Scholar-in-Residence, this fall and winter will be no ordinary time.

While there are seasons for proclamation, there are also seasons for deep listening. With so much new and changing, we have the chance to shift our awareness to listening deeply for how God is moving in our midst: sometimes stirring us, sometimes asking us to be still, meditating on where God is moving in our lives, the lives of others, and our congregation's future.

To reflect that, the theme of our adult formation activities during this season will be *No Ordinary Time: An Invitation to Listen and Learn*. Our 10 O'clock Hours will offer several opportunities to participate in this theme of listening and learning during a time of change. Starting on September 16th, our offerings will include:

- ◆ *Praying the Psalms*, in the Hastings Room, led by Terry McKinney and others: a six-week gathering to enter the Psalms more deeply, meditating on them, partnering in dialogue about their meaning to us, and praying about how they can and have shaped our lives. If you would like to follow along with the psalms, here they are in the order in which we will be reading them: #16, #42, #51, #116, #103, 46.
- ◆ *Week Six (10/28) – A Church in Common* Questions for small group discussion: What does it mean to be responsible to each other? What is the blessing of sharing our resources in community? What does a church that holds things in common look like?
Scripture: 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. - Acts 2

MENTAL HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY GROUP Today at 2:00 p.m., Tower Room How do emotional struggles and mental health difficulties affect your relationship with God? Does your faith change your experience of mental health issues? Join us in the Tower Room each Sunday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. as we hold these questions and our experiences in the healing light of Christ. The group is open: you may attend as often or as little as you like, and newcomers are always welcome. Talk to or e-mail Terry McKinney (tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org) or Carter West (stbosal@arczip.com).

NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Sundays in September and October at 8:30 p.m. Sanctuary. Night Song will continue its 8:30 p.m. Compline service through the end of October. The setting is simple, with no icons, very few candles and no incense. And there is no jazz

instrumental component, making it 30 minutes in length and more traditional in nature. The music will be Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony. Night Song is based on Compline, the last daily service of Christian worship, dating back to monastic life in the Middle Ages. Offered in the quietness of the evening, Night Song invokes a sense of protection and peace for the night that is to come.

FUTURE HAPPENINGS

VIGIL TO END CLIMATE SILENCE One and all are invited to participate for whatever time you can spare in the Vigil to End Climate Silence, starting Tuesday, October 23rd and running through Tuesday, October 30th at Government Center, Boston. The Vigil is led by Massachusetts 350.org. Sign up for a time at www.350MA.org. If you'd like to go as a group together Friday morning October 26, or after church on Sunday October 28, contact Reebee or Susan Redlich (617-661-6462). The Vigil asks that candidates for federal office in Massachusetts spell out their positions on climate change between now and the election, particularly at the October 30th debate—even if the debate moderator or other journalists do not ask them about it. We need to know whether the candidates acknowledge the climate crisis as the biggest issue of our time, and whether they will make climate change a top policy priority—beginning with a vote to repeal the billions of dollars in federal subsidies and giveaways to the fossil fuel industry, the very industry that is destroying our climate and our future. Unless people across the country stand up and provide a moral counter-weight to the money and power of the fossil fuel industry, climate change will not be a top priority for elected officials or a central issue in political campaigns. Right now, there's no better place to take this stand than in Massachusetts, where the US Senate race is in the national spotlight.

MASS INTERFAITH POWER & LIGHT 10TH ANNIVERSARY

CELEBRATION: BUILDING A MOVEMENT WITH HOPE Sunday October 28, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., First Church in Jamaica Plain, UU (6 Eliot Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02131) You're invited to help us celebrate our 10th Anniversary! Be inspired by climate change activist and author Bill McKibben who will speak on: *Building a Movement with Hope*. Be stimulated by Bill's discussion with faith leaders Rabbi Katy Allen, Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, Bishop Bud Cederholm and Sr. Alice Laffey. Share successes and challenges at concurrent workshops on:

- How to Become a Builder of the Movement,
- Energizing Congregations to be Climate Change Leaders; &
- How to Shrink the Energy Bill and Carbon Footprint at Your Home and House of Worship.

Meet advocacy organizations and learn how energy efficiency and solar companies can help you, at the Sustainability Fair.

YOUNG ADULT LUNCH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE GATHERING ON SUNDAY,

NOVEMBER 4TH! First Church Young Adults are invited to gather for lunch and to attend the Boston New Sanctuary Movement's twice-yearly vigil for immigrant detainees at the Suffolk County House of Corrections on Sunday, November 4th. We'll meet outside First Church at 12:30 p.m. and drive to the House of Corrections for a short conversation and pizza before the vigil begins at 2 p.m. Please email Julie Rogers at JRogers@firstchurchcambridge.org to join the email list and to learn more.

METROPOLITAN BOSTON ASSOCIATION (MBA) FALL MEETING - STORIES FROM THE CROSSROADS Come hear stories from UCC churches engaging the power of assessment and reaching into their communities in new ways. You will hear testimony from church leaders engaged in the process of assessing towards the goal of a bold mission for the future. Join us on November 4 at 2:30 p.m. at the MBA Fall Meeting at Newton Highlands Congregational Church. Get details from Dick Harter, Joanne Paul (rides available from Joanne), or Reebee Girash. All FCC members invited and encouraged to attend! Register at macucc.org or at the door.

FIRST CHURCH IS GOING ON THE ROAD! Friday November 9, 8-10 p.m., Hispanic Baptist Church of Boston Save the date for a special worship experience. We are responding to an invitation from the Hispanic Baptist Church of Boston (www.iglesiabautistaboston.com) to provide an FCC-style worship experience for them in their fall season of worship exchange. Reebee Girash, Peter Sykes, Ellen Rohan Ball and others, in collaboration with the Building the Beloved Community, are beginning to plan this. The HBCB is a Spanish-speaking immigrant church that meets in the basement of Tremont Temple in downtown Boston. This is a wonderful opportunity to worship with brothers and sisters of different backgrounds and cultures, to learn a little about them and show how we worship as well. You will hear more about this event; for questions speak to Ellen or Reebee. Please email Ellen (erohanball@aol.com) if you plan to attend as the Baptist church will host a light supper after worship. The music for this event will be important, and WE INVITE YOU to speak with Peter Sykes if you'd like to participate in the choir for this event! Hasta luego, amados!

ALL-CHURCH DANCE & POTLUCK, NOVEMBER 11, 4:00 P.M. Make sure to mark your calendars for the All-Church Dance & Potluck on Sunday, November 11, at 4:00 p.m. This will be a joyful all-ages event that should not be missed! Learn simple dances taught by a skillful dance caller and accompanied by live music. Bring your friends to meet and dance with your church family! A potluck dinner will follow, and we'll get cleaned up and ready to head home or to Night Song by 7:00 p.m.

GET INVOLVED

COVENANT DINNERS ARE ON! We have 8 terrific hosts for dinners between this month and Christmas. Now we need guests. Here are the dinners we have so far:

- ◆ Cambridge: Sunday, October 28 at 6:00 p.m. pot luck, max 5 persons, kids welcome
- ◆ Cambridge: Friday, November 2 at 6:30 p.m. -- pot luck, accessible, max 10 persons, kids welcome
- ◆ Lexington: Saturday, November 10 at 6:00 p.m. -- pot luck (side dishes, dessert), stairs, max 10 adults, no young children
- ◆ Woburn: Thursday, November 22 (Thanksgiving) at 4:00 p.m. -- pot luck (appetizers and dessert), accessible, max 8-10 guests
- ◆ Cambridge: Sunday, December 2 at 4:30 p.m. -- pot luck, max 7 persons, kids welcome
- ◆ Somerville: Friday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. -- pot luck, max 7 persons, no young kids
- ◆ Arlington: Saturday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. -- pot luck, stairs, max 9 guests, young kids welcome
- ◆ Arlington: Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas) at 5:00 p.m. -- pot luck (side dishes, desserts), condo with stairs, max 6 adults/4 children

Please sign up with us via email or phone, or see us in coffee hour on Sunday. (Dave Kidder; flintkiddr@aol.com; 617-924-7236; Beth Loomis; haas.d@comcast.net; 617-851-2502). Also, if you'd like to host a dinner, we're scheduling for January and February of next year. Thanks!

SABBATICAL UPDATE Senior Minister Dan Smith is on sabbatical through January 31, 2013. Our Sabbatical Interim Minister is Reebee Girash. She can be reached at church or by email or phone, and she invites you into thoughtful conversation during this season. Reebee and Terry McKinney will be jointly working to coordinate pastoral care. For pastoral emergencies please note that an on-call number is listed in Reebee's outgoing voicemail. For further details on Dan's sabbatical, see the brochure and recent Event Newsletters.

MEMBERS' AREA SECTION OF CHURCH WEBSITE The members' area section of the website is up and running! Please visit the First Church's homepage and click the link that says *Members Area* to login and try it out. Whether you have been a part of our congregation for a few weeks or for a lifetime, as an official member or a friend, you are welcome to sign on for access to our church directory, prayer requests, a First Church blog, small group announcements, board minutes, budgets, and more. Update contact information, post photos and also email each other through our site (note: actual email addresses remain hidden). Your information will not be accessible to anyone but members and friends of our community. Please login and check it out!

LETTER TO CONGRESS The Palestine Israel Task Team urges you to sign onto a letter to your Congressperson asking Congress to investigate possible violations by Israel of the acts prohibiting foreign aid and military assistance to any country that engages in a consistent pattern of human rights violations. Our Minister and President, The Rev. Geoffrey Black has signed this letter and we need to support his prophetic action. Copies will be available at the coffee hour today and next Sunday or you can find a web sign on at www.kairosusa.org.

GOT GIFTS?!!!! FIRST CHURCH COMMITTEE OPEN HOUSE Meetings

Curious and interested about what First Church committees actually do? Wondering whether one of them is for you? You are invited to attend one or several OPEN HOUSE committee meetings listed below. Each group will be holding a regular meeting, working as it usually does to carry out a First Church ministry. So drop in, observe and participate. All are welcome!!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION for CHILDREN & YOUTH Sunday, November 4, 12:30 p.m. First Church

Discuss future programs such as Advent workshop; discuss updating safe-church policy to address social media

STEWARDSHIP Wednesday, Nov. 14, 7:30 p.m. Reebee's/Dan's Office

Marian Smith and Beth Loomis Haas, Co-Chairs

Plan for completion of stewardship campaign, look ahead to spring projects.

Please let the committee chairs or any member of the Gifts Discernment Committee know if you have any questions, suggestions and feedback.

Ann McCann and Jenny Stuart, Co-Chairs; Audrey Bellinger, Devin Hansen, Pauline Fennel and Stephen Weller, Gifts Discernment/Nominating Committee

GRIEF GROUPS First Church member and Chaplain at Mount Auburn Hospital Beth Loomis, will be facilitating a grief group at Mount Auburn. The eight week long group for those who have recently lost someone significant will begin on October 22 from 6:00pm-7:30pm at Mount Auburn Hospital. You may contact Beth at her Mount Auburn email (eloomis@mah.harvard.edu) to sign up for this group in advance. New attendees will be accepted through October 29. *Additionally, a grief group specifically for First Church members may be forming in December or January depending on interest. Please speak to Reebee Girash, Poppy Coffin or Beth Loomis to indicate interest.*

TREE OF LIFE CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT FIRST CHURCH NOVEMBER 2 AND 3

Organized by Harvard students, this year's conference is entitled "Education: How Can We Embrace our Common Humanity." In both Israel and the occupied territories increasing numbers of Jews, Muslims and Christians have reached the conclusion that the Land of Promise will be truly promising when those who live there learn to embrace their common humanity and share that sacred and fragile land. Come to hear Palestinian, Israeli and American voices of conscience on this theme. Nov. 2, 6 to 9 p.m. Nov. 3 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.. Free. Sponsored by the Palestine Israel Task Team of First Church. More info at: www.tolef.org or www.fosna.org.

Call to October Congregational Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the October Congregational Meeting of First Church in Cambridge, Congregational, United Church of Christ will be held in its 376th year at 12:30 P.M. Sunday the 28th of October 2012, in the Margaret Jewett Hall on Garden Street in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for the following purposes.

1. To review and vote on the proposed 2013 annual budget of the Congregation as prepared by the Treasurers and Stewardship Committee and reviewed by Executive Council.
2. To hear a report from the Archives Group of the Arts & Communications Committee regarding the current status and future disposition of the First Church Archives.
3. No other business may legally come before the meeting.

By direction of Executive Council,

James Greaney, Clerk
Cambridge, Massachusetts
26 September 2012

REPORT OF MISSION AND SOCIAL JUSTICE UPCOMING EVENTS

The Mission and Social Justice Committee offers First Church members and friends an opportunity to live out our Christian witness in learning, spirituality, acting for peace and justice, sharing God's bounty with others, loving our neighbor as ourselves. Please pray about how you can participate in these vital programs.

Sunday, October 28, 2012 After the Congregational Meeting

Vigil to End Climate Silence Join Susan Redlich (susan.redlich@gmail.com) and others from the Earth Stewardship team in a vigil at Government Center. We will be part of a weeklong vigil, starting October 23, to bring climate change to the forefront of political awareness. Our own Interim Sabbatical Minister Reebee Girash is an enthusiastic participant. Also, during the service, you will have an opportunity to donate to **Neighbors in Need**, a United Church of Christ nationwide appeal for support of pressing domestic programs. For information, contact Robert Kelley, (rkelly@gmail.com)

Sunday, November 4, 2012, Suffolk County House of Corrections, 2 p.m.

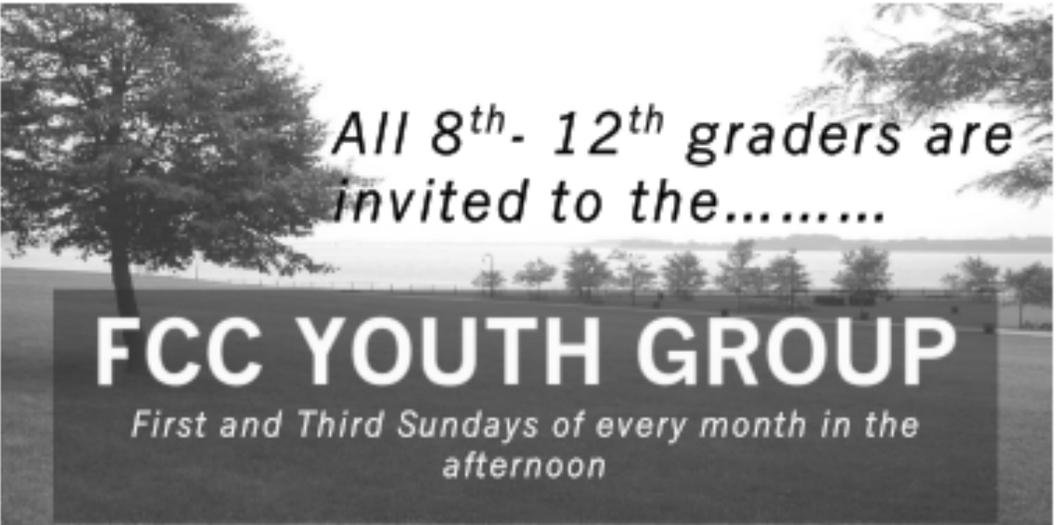
Vigil for Immigrant Detainees Contact Jean Miller (jeanmiller.miller37@gmail.com) For information on how you can give moral support to detainees by standing in solidarity outside the House of Corrections.

Sunday, November 4, 2012, in First Church Sanctuary, 3:30 p.m.

Celebration of Rumi The RUAH Spirituality Program of Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries will be offering a very special celebration of Rumi, with dervishes turning, special music, and inspiring readings from Rumi in English and Farsi. Tickets at the door: \$15 general admission; \$7 for seniors and students

Friday, November 16, 2012, All Saints Church, Brookline, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Spirituality and Healing Conference Explore the role of faith in healing, in approaching life fully despite chronic health issues, spirituality in dealing with youth violence, freedom from addictions, and other workshops. Hear keynote speakers Margaret Bullitt-Jonas and Rabbi Or Rose address the conference topic, "**How Do We Heal in a Broken World?**" Our own Rev. Terry McKinney is serving as a panelist. Cost \$65/person including lunch. The Mission and Social Justice Committee has two free scholarships available. Contact Alice Kidder at flintkiddr@aol.com for more information.



All 8th- 12th graders are invited to the.....

FCC YOUTH GROUP

First and Third Sundays of every month in the afternoon

Spirit, Silence and Social Activism: A Visit to the Cambridge Friends Meeting House

Sunday, October 7, 4:00- 6:30 pm

We'll meet outside First Church at 4 pm and walk over to experience Quaker worship at the Cambridge Friends Meeting House. We'll also talk with John Bach, Quaker chaplain to Harvard University about meditation and activism. Parents can pick their kids up back at First Church at 6:30.

Urban Hike to Castle Island

Sunday, October 21, 1:00- 5:45 pm

Laurie Burt will lead us on a hike through the beautiful Castle Island where we'll explore, have fun, and also learn a thing or two about it's social and ecological history. We'll leave from First Church at 1 pm and we'll travel by T to begin our hike. We'll be back at First Church by 5:45! Rain date: November 4th

Comedy Improv Workshop

Sunday, November 4, 4:00- 5:30 pm

Does improv comedy have anything to do with spirituality? Join ImprovBoston and FCC's own Amy Click to find out! We'll meet in Margaret Jewett Hall.



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For more information, contact
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The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 21

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall (MJH)
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults and Family Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Shelter Sunday
- 11:20 a.m. Church School classes for grades PreK-7
- 12:30 p.m. First Church Shelter Doris Beauvais Lecture and Lunch, MJH
- 12:30 p.m. Newcomers Lunch, Hastings Room
- 1:00 p.m. Youth Group Hike to Castle Island, meet at First Church
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 5:00 p.m. Third Sunday Jazz with Carolyn Wilkins, MJH
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

Monday, October 22

- 6:30 p.m. Staff Relations Committee, Senior Minister's office
- 7:30 p.m. Executive Council, Hastings Room

Wednesday, October 24

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Senior Minister's office

Thursday, October 25

- 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room

Sunday, October 28

- 8:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults and Family Choir Rehearsal
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Joining Sunday, Karen McArthur, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Creative Arts for grades PreK-7
- 12:30 p.m. Fall Congregational Meeting, MJH
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class, Senior Minister's office
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

First Church Covenant Testimony

Adopted 1990

We believe that our covenant with God and each other calls us:

To love God with all that we are, and our close and distant neighbors as ourselves;
To seek peace with justice and equity for all people;
To engage in non-violent resistance to evil;
To respect and preserve God's earth;
To foster community across every barrier and division;
To attend to God's unfolding and reconciling word;
To support each other in our frailties and strengths, that we may embody that love which overcomes fear and death.

This we testify, confessing always our reliance on God's grace in Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



The Staff of First Church in Cambridge

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