



FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE

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

FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC
October 28, 2012
REFORMATION SUNDAY

*“For it is better, with closed eyes,
to follow God as our guide, than,
by relying on our own prudence,
to wander through those circuitous paths
which it devises for us.”*

— John Calvin, *Commentary on Genesis*

VOLUNTARY *Prelude and Fugue in d minor* J. S. Bach

*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

*GREETING Dick Harter

L: May the peace of God be upon this house

C: And upon all who enter herein.

L: Friends, God speaks to us, nudges us,
and shows us the way toward truth and beauty.

**C: God loves us and listens to us,
and leads us toward compassion and into community.**

L: God empowers us and gives us grace,

C: so that we can reach out to others with courage.

L: Let us pray:

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**All: Gracious and holy God,
you have brought us together for prayer and praise,
for music and meditation,
for food and fellowship.
Open our hearts this day -- to your love for us.
Open our minds -- to the possibilities of our future.
Open our souls -- to your spirit, alive and hopeful, comforting and true.
Draw near to us in this hour of worship, we pray. Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME Reebee Girash

**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.*

MOMENT OF CONCERN

Bob Kelly

ANTHEM

Also hat Gott die Welt geliebt

Schütz

Text: John 3:16

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *John Knox, 1556*

**All: Be merciful, O Lord, to our offences;
and seeing our debt is great,
which thou hast forgiven us in Jesus Christ,
make us to love thee and our neighbors so much the more.
Be thou our Creator, our Captain and Defender in all temptations;
hold thou us by thy merciful hand;
that we may be delivered from all inconveniences,
and end our lives in the sanctifying and honoring of thine holy name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord and only Savior. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*GREETING OF PEACE

Children from PreK to 7th grade are now invited to leave for a creative arts project. Teachers will meet children at the side door to accompany them to the Choir Room. Parents can meet their children in the Choir Room after worship.

*HYMN C-6

Psalm 100

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

INVITATION

NEW MEMBER PROMISES

*CONGREGATION PROMISES

**L: First Church, will you lovingly challenge these new members
to be the best versions of themselves,
and to help them live up to the things they say they believe?
If so, please say we do.**
C: We do.

*COVENANT OF FIRST CHURCH

L: United with the church of every time and place,
we covenant with Christ, with these sisters and brothers,
and with one another, saying:

**All: We who are now brought together
and united into one Church
under the Lord Jesus Christ, our Head,
in such sort as becometh all those
whom he hath redeemed and sanctified unto himself,
do solemnly and religiously,
as in His most holy presence,
promise and bind ourselves
to walk in all our ways
according to the rule of the Gospel,
and in all sincere conformity
to His holy ordinances
and in mutual love and respect
each to other,
so near as God shall give us grace.**

ADDRESS

WELCOME

L: Friends, let us welcome these new members
and affirm the ministry we share in Jesus Christ.

**All: We welcome you with joy
into the common life of this church.
We promise you our friendship and prayers.
We will share with you
the hope and labor of Christ.
By the power of the Spirit,
we are one family for the glory of God!**

CONCLUDING PRAYER

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING *Ulrich Zwingli*

**All: Living God, help us hear your holy Word with open hearts
so that we may truly understand;
and, understanding, that we may believe;
and, believing, that we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Through Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

READING Mark 10:46-52

SERMON *The Circuitous Church* Karen McArthur

*HYMN 240 *I Love Your Church, O God*

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *All Nature Sings* arr. by Peter Sykes
Texts - Hymns of Truth and Light 57 and 60

*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.**

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH AND WORLD Julie Rogers

L: God be with you.

C: And with your spirit.

L: Let us pray . . . (intercessions, silence, and the 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.**

*HYMN 363 *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

*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 *Blessed Jesus, We Are Here* J. S. Bach

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 Karen McArthur, Affiliate Minister of Stewardship & Finance. Assisting with worship is Reebee Girash, Sabbatical Interim Minister, and Julie Rogers, Affiliate Minister of Youth & Young Adults. Our liturgist is First Church member, Dick Harter. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir.

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 preparing a musical offering for All Saints Sunday. We'll rehearse at 10:00 am today, October 28, and next Sunday 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).

LIVING THE QUESTIONS CAFÉ: STEWARDSHIP 10 O'CLOCK HOUR Today, October 28, and Sundays, November 4, 11, and 18 at 10 a.m., Margaret Jewett Hall Our Living the Questions Café takes on a Stewardship theme for October 28 through November 18. Members of the Stewardship Committee will share testimonies of church folks along with related Scripture passages. Then we'll ponder some deep questions about giving, abundance, generosity, and what we aspire to be and do as a congregation. Join us in Margaret Jewett Hall!

FALL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING Today at 12:30 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall 2011 marked the first year in recent history that the subsequent year's budget was presented to the congregation well before Annual Meeting. We have held two information and discussion sessions regarding the 2013 budget, and at today's congregational meeting it will be presented and voted upon.

TODAY'S CONGREGATIONAL MEETING LUNCH MENU Following worship today you are invited to enjoy some delicious food from Baker's Best Catering in Needham. Today we will be serving Alphabet Vegetable soup, Butternut Squash bisque, Thai Coconut Chicken soup and Beef Barley soup. Piping hot, you can even dunk in some of Iggy's freshly baked bread! Bon appetit!

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).

CONFIRMATION CLASS (8th - 9th graders) Today at 4 p.m., Senior Minister's office This year the 8th and 9th graders of the church are walking together on the journey of Confirmation.

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

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

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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY November 4 Next Sunday we celebrate the lives, devotion, and example of members and friends of our congregation who died in the last year, as well as their immediate family members (parents, spouses, siblings). If you have someone in particular who you would like to be remembered during next Sunday's worship, please email his/her name to Jim Tomlinson at jtomlinson@firstchurchcambridge.org. We also commemorate all God's holy ones, known and unknown to us, who "ran the good race" with persevering faith, hope and love, and have now entered God's joy. Our tradition teaches that a saint is anyone who is called and gifted by the Spirit to carry out a ministry of grace and reconciliation in the world, and who is responding generously. And so we also give thanks for the faithful lives of the living saints.

SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM: BUILDING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY AT FIRST

CHURCH On Sunday, November 4, at 12:30PM in Margaret Jewett Hall, we invite you to a continuation of ongoing conversations we've been having over the past two years about race and culture in our own lives and in the life of First Church. Lunch will be provided. We will share our visions of what the beloved community might look like at First Church, as well as our ideas about ways to move toward a more multi-racial and multicultural faith community. Please join us!

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.

YOUTH GROUP - COMEDY IMPROV WORKSHOP Sunday, November 4, 4 p.m., All youth (grades 8-12) are invited for an introduction to the world of comedy improv by Amy Click. 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!

CHANGES IN STORE FOR NIGHT SONG Beginning on November 4th Night Song will begin at 7 p.m., and we will be resuming the instrumental component with the return of our jazz musicians. We encourage you to attend Night Song at least once to become familiar with this program of First Church. You may then find that there are people to whom you would like to recommend this experience. In the coming season our goal is to at least double attendance which has averaged around 25 per Sunday during the summer months. In addition to our ongoing mixed choral ensembles and the ensemble of men, we are excited to announce that Cristi Catt will be leading an ensemble of women this season. If you have any interest in singing, ushering or helping with publicity for Night Song, contact Daryl Bichel at 617-312-8328, daryl bichel@aol.com.

HOUSEHOLD GOODS NEEDED FOR RIM as we are settling a new family from Iraq into an apartment in West Roxbury. Especially needed are three single beds, one of which is for a six year old girl (so it could be a youth bed).

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

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.

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 began 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. 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. And 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.

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.

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, (rkelley@gmail.com)

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

Boston New Sanctuary Movement's twice-yearly vigil for immigrant detainees at the Suffolk County Contact Jean Miller (jeanmiller.miller37@gmail.com)

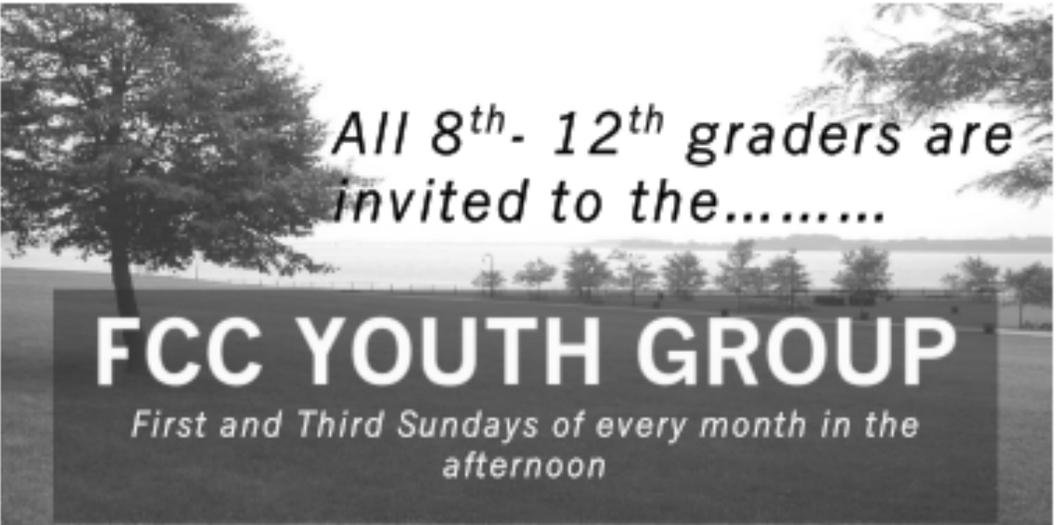
For information on how you can give moral support to detainees by standing in solidarity outside the House of Corrections.

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
Julie Rogers at
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The Week Ahead

Sunday, October 28

- 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, 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

Tuesday, October 20

- 5:30 p.m. Family Night, Sage Hall

Wednesday, October 31

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

Thursday, November 1

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

Sunday, November 4

All Saints Sunday

(Note: Daylight Saving Time ends)

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation for Adults: Stewardship, Hastings Room
- 10:00 a.m. Family Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Multigenerational Communion in the Round, All Saints Sunday Celebration, Reebee Girash, preaching
- 12:15 p.m. Coffee Hour, MJH
- 12:30 p.m. Building the Beloved Community Forum, Hastings Room
- 12:30 p.m. Christian Formation for Children & Youth Meeting, Room 204
- 12:30 p.m. Young Adults Lunch and Social Justice Vigil
- 1:00 p.m. Outdoor Church, Cambridge Common
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 7:00 p.m. Night Song, Sanctuary
(note time change for November – April)

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

Senior Minister	Rev. Dan Smith, on sabbatical from October 1, 2012 - January 31, 2013
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