

Upcoming Events

Concert today at 1pm in the sanctuary. Violinist Markus Placci is joined by pianist Roxana Bajdechi in a performance of works by Bartok and Stravinsky. A freewill offering will be taken to benefit the Handbell Restoration Fund.

Winter Feast for the Soul, Monday, February 2, 7:00 pm. There will be two sessions, 7:10-7:30 and 7:40-8:00, in the auditorium. Practice periods will be available every Monday at 7:00 pm, January 19-February 23. For more information please contact Rev. Rosemary Lloyd, rosemary@firstchurchboston.org or visit her blog www.rosemarylloyd.blogspot.com

Purls of Wisdom Knitting group will meet on Monday, February 2 and February 23 6-8 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring your own supper. For more information contact Ruth.

The Learning Community presents **Films at First**, on Wednesday, February 4 in the chapel. Supper will be served at 6:00 pm for a small fee. Movie begins at 6:30 and is free. The February 4 film is *Up the Yangtze*.

Yoga Dance for Women, Thursday, February 5 at 7:30 in the chapel. An opportunity to practice simple dance and yoga movement in a supportive environment. Good for body and soul. Naomi Goodman, instructor (suggested donation \$10).

Singing Circle, Sunday, February 8, 10:30-10:50. Open to all who wish to sing. We will sing music from our hymnals as well as any suggestions from participants. This is a great casual opportunity to get your singing voice ready for the Sunday service.

The **Evening Book Group** will meet on Tuesday, February 24, 7:30 at the home of Ruth and Horace Nichols to discuss *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian* by Marina Lewycka. Please let the Nichols' know if you are coming, or email Lollie at emaillollie@yahoo.com

The Men's Group will meet Sunday, February 15, at 9:15 am in the conference room for coffee, rolls and good talk. The topic for discussion is "Men's Health, Part II." Open to all men.

Rosary in the Rearview Mirror, a 6 week course, will begin on Thursday, February 26. If you were raised Catholic or recently left the Catholic Church and find yourself wondering about what you can claim in your spiritual past as meaningful in your spiritual present, then this is the course for you! We will spend our time in conversation, prayer, meditation and creation. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. For more information, please speak to Robin Tanner, intern.

We are collecting food to donate to the **Greater Boston Food Bank**. The information that outlines what foods are needed and how they are distributed is available in the narthex and the church website. Contact Tim House if you have any questions house.calls@verizon.net

Order of Service
Sunday, February 1, 2009

Prelude	<i>"Air" (3rd Orchestral Suite)</i>	Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
Introit		Ringing Society
Welcome and Announcements		Tim House
*Hymn # 389	Gathered Here	GATHERING CHANT
Chalice Words		Robin Tanner
Time for All Ages	<i>"Winning Isn't Everything..."</i>	Ruth Owen
*Hymn # 123	Spirit of Life	
Responsive Reading # 666	The Legacy of Caring	Bill Gregor
Anthem	<i>Time</i>	Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)
	<i>Yes he is Time, Lusty and blithe! Time is at his apogee! Although you thought to see A bearded ancient with a scythe. No reaper he That cries "Take heed!" Young and strong in his prime! Behold the sower of the seed! (William Plomer)</i>	
Reading		Robin Tanner
*Hymn # 125	From the Crush of Wealth and Power	BRIDEGROOM
Prayer		Rev. Rosemary Lloyd

Offertory

Hiver, vous n'êtes qu'un vilain

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

Winter, you're nothing but a wretch; Summer is pleasant and gracious As its heralds, April and May, bear witness with every evening and morning. Summer clothes the fields, woods, and flowers In its livery of green And many other colors By nature's command. But you, Winter, are too full of snow, rain, wind and sleet. You should have been banished into exile. Without any flattery, I shall speak my mind: Winter, you're nothing but a wretch. (Charles d'Orléans)

***Doxology**

From all that dwell be - low the skies, Let Faith and Hope with Love a - rise, Let
Beau - ty, Truth and Good be sung Through ev' - ry land, by ev' - ry tongue.

Sermon

Me and My Shadow

Tim House

***Hymn # 205**

Amazing Grace!

AMAZING GRACE

Benediction

Postlude

Offertoire (Messe pour les convents)

François Couperin (1668-1733)

*As you are able, please stand.

**Please join us for coffee and fellowship after the service in the narthex.
Visitors are invited to take a blue cup so that we may recognize and welcome you.**

Large type hymnals, including responsive readings, are available as you enter the Sanctuary.

Childcare for any age child is in the John Winthrop School.

Due to recent incidents, please do not leave valuable personal property on the coat rack.
We cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen property.

Events and Information
(please see your newsletter for details)

Sunday, February 1

12:30 am, Women's Federation, Parlor
1:00 pm, Concert, Sanctuary

Monday, February 2

2:00 pm, Women's Spirituality Group, Parlor
6:30 pm, Women's Spirituality Group, Parlor
6:30 pm, Women's Spirituality Group, Chapel
7:00 pm, Winter Feast for the Soul, Auditorium

Tuesday, February 3

6:00 pm, Finance Committee Meeting, Auditorium
6:00 pm, Zen Meditation Group, Hale Chapel

Wednesday, February 4

6:00 pm, Films at First, Hale Chapel

Thursday, February 5

6:30 pm, Social Justice Committee, Parlor
6:30 pm, The Spirit in Poetry, Conference Room
7:00 pm, Young Adults Group, Auditorium
7:30, Yoga Dance for Women, Hale Chapel

Sunday, February 8

10:00 am, House Committee Meeting, Parlor
10:30 am, Singing Circle, Hale Chapel
12:30 pm, Music Committee Meeting, Conference Room

Monday, February 9

6:00 pm, Purls of Wisdom Kitting Group, Parlor
7:00 pm, Winter Feast for the Soul, Hale Chapel

Read Our Blogs!

*Find Rev. Rosemary Lloyd's at:
Rosemarylloyd.blogspot.com*

and Ruth Owen's at: Firstchurchreviews.blogspot.com

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