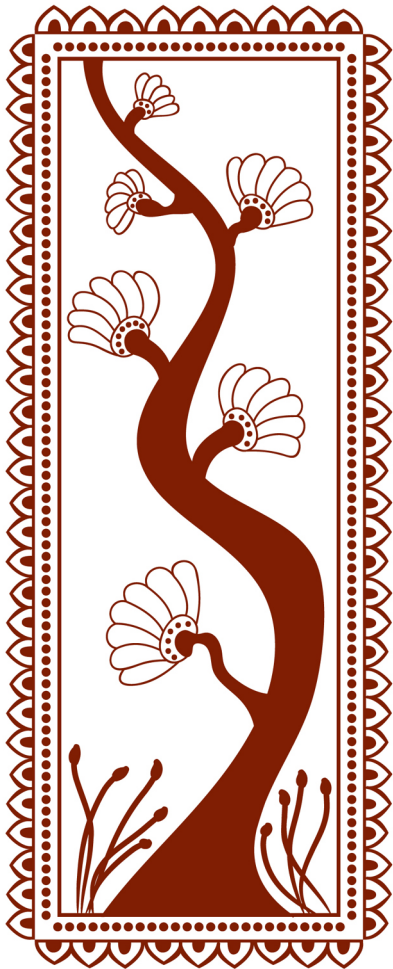


OLD SOUTH CHURCH *in* BOSTON  
**CALENDAR**

MARCH - 2011



The word **Lent** comes from the old English word for “lengthen,” and refers to the lengthening days during the springtime months. Accordingly, the forty-day season of Lent is meant to be a springtime for the soul, a time set aside by the church to help people prepare for the celebration of Easter, the day when God puts death to death, and life comes flooding back into the world.

This Lent, we will prepare ourselves for the mystery of Easter by reading *Mudhouse Sabbath* by Lauren F. Winner, Assistant Professor of Christian Spirituality at Duke Divinity School. This tender, engaging book is an invitation to a life of spiritual practices such as keeping Sabbath, fasting, mourning, hospitality, prayer, aging, and candle-lighting.

As a convert to Christianity from Orthodox Judaism, Winner finds herself missing the practices of her youth, and so proposes ways in which the Christian tradition might benefit from reviving and reclaiming the rich and ancient traditions of its own spiritual disciplines and practices.

Many people think of Lent as a time to “give up” (or fast from) chocolate, red meat, alcohol, etc. Fasting has its place in Christian life, and it will certainly be a part of many Lenten preparations—but this year we’re going to try something a little different. This year we’re going to ask you to read through this book with us and “take on” a new weekly practice until the magnolias bloom again, until we are filled with the good news of the gospel that death has been put to death, that winter always gives way to Spring.

*Mudhouse Sabbath* is available at the Front Desk for \$10. If the purchase price is prohibitive to you, please speak to a minister—we want to make sure everyone can participate!



**“Grow”** Our Lent program invites us to take a step toward Christians in Formation, one of the adventures of our Vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. So, join us each Sunday in Lent, **March 13 - April 10**, from 9:45 - 10:45 am or 12:30 - 1:30 pm for discussion, reflection, inspiration, and fellowship. Light refreshments will be offered at both sessions. Please RSVP by Thursday each week to <reception@oldsouth.org>. Childcare and children’s programming are available for the 9:45 am session. Childcare is available upon request for the 12:30 pm session. Contact Tricia Hazeltine at <churchschool@oldsouth.org>.



# WORSHIP

**JAZZ Worship:** Thursdays at 6 pm *eclectic & bathed in candlelight*

*The familiar Gordon Chapel becomes as mysterious and beckoning as the Gothic cathedrals it emulates, and the old story of our faith is made new through intimate, eclectic, full-body worship. The Willie Sordillo Trio, Associate Minister Quinn Caldwell, and the Holy Spirit are your guides as you move through a rhythm of music, silence, and spoken word that will freshen the faith of longtime Christians and invite new ones to deeper discipleship.*

**FIRST Worship:** Sundays at 9 am *informal & vibrant*

*Scripture, song, communion, inspirational preaching, reflective prayer, and a pick-up choir that will lift your spirit—if that sounds like your cup of tea, come join us in the intimacy and Gothic beauty of Gordon Chapel. Childcare is available!*


**FESTIVAL Worship:** Sundays at 11 am *Our “signature service,” grand & expressive*

**HEALING Worship:** Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Children’s Chapel

*All are welcome to this time of prayer and reflection as we “practice the presence of God” and seek healing and hope.*

## Festival Worship, Sundays at 11 am in the Sanctuary

**March 6<sup>th</sup>**      **Transfiguration Sunday**      *Associate Minister Quinn G. Caldwell preaching*  
*ASL Interpreter ❖ Special music from the Syracuse University Singers, Syracuse, NY*


**Ash Wednesday Services**  
 Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup>  
 12 noon and 6 pm

**March 13<sup>th</sup>**      **First Sunday of Lent**      *Senior Minister Nancy S. Taylor preaching*  
*The Sacrament of Communion ❖ Special music from the Church School children*  
*Reminder: Spring Forward! Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday, March 13. Turn your clocks forward one hour before sleep Saturday night.*

**March 20<sup>th</sup>**      **Second Sunday of Lent**      *Minister for Discipleship Elizabeth Myer Boulton preaching*  
*ASL Interpreter ❖ Special music from the Children’s Chime Choir*

**March 27<sup>th</sup>**      **Third Sunday of Lent**      *Senior Minister Nancy S. Taylor preaching*  
*The Sacrament of Baptism ❖ Special music from the Old South Ringers*

## Easter Flowers

Contributions in honor or memory of loved ones and special events are being accepted for the display of tulips and lilies on the chancel for Easter Sunday. The cost is \$15. Cards are available at the Front Desk and may be returned to the attention of Helen McCrady. You may also fill out a card and make payment online. Visit <[www.oldsouth.org/online-giving](http://www.oldsouth.org/online-giving)>. **The deadline is Sunday, April 17.**

## OSC Picture Directory

Members and friends who had their photograph taken in the fall may pick up a directory at the Front Desk. If you did not have your photo taken you can purchase a directory for \$1. These directories are to be used only for the purposes of communication with, and caring for, the members of our community. They are not to be used in any solicitation or promotion efforts or distributed beyond our own community. For more information, contact Amy Perry at <[amy@oldsouth.org](mailto:amy@oldsouth.org)>.



# SHAPING UP (SPIRITUALITY & STUDY)

**Bible Study** *Sundays at 10 am in the Sam Johnson Room*

Prepare to experience worship more deeply by studying and reflecting on the preaching text(s) for the day.

**Diving Deeper: Reflections on the Scripture** *Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 12:15 - 1:15 pm*

Are you looking for a way to dive even more deeply into scripture? Join us for a facilitated conversation and reflection time regarding Sunday morning scripture. Led by Theologian in Residence Donald Wells.

**GROW: An Invitation to a Life of Spiritual Discipline** (*see cover story*)

*Sundays, March 13<sup>th</sup> - April 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:45 - 10:45 am or 12:30 - 1:30 pm*

**Theological Book Group** *Mondays beginning March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm in the Sam Johnson Room*

The Theological Book Group meets each week to discuss the text that the group has chosen. The texts have varied from dense theological writings to simple memoirs. Members take turns facilitating the discussion of the week's reading. Watch the weekly announcements for the next book choice.

## WELCOMING IN

**Coffee & Conversation with the Pastors** *Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10 am*

Are you new to Old South Church? Do you have a burning theological question about baptism? Do you ever wonder how our pastors spend their days, where they studied, or what they believe? Have you thought about becoming a member of this community of faith? For more information or to RSVP, contact Rev. Elizabeth Myer Boulton at <ejmyer@oldsouth.org>.

**CONNECTIONS Class** *Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 10 am - 1 pm, or Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6 - 9 pm*

For those interested in church membership, this three-hour class invites you to explore Christianity, the United Church of Christ (our denomination), and Old South's rich history, programs, small groups, and service opportunities, and to consider your own place at Old South. You need only attend one of the two sessions. To RSVP, contact Rev. Elizabeth Myer Boulton at <ejmyer@oldsouth.org>.

For those who choose to join, New Members will be welcomed during Jazz Worship on Thursday, April 7 and during 9 am First Worship and 11 am Festival Worship on Sunday, April 10.

**Monthly Birthdays** *Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> during Fellowship Hour following 11 am worship*

Join members and friends for Old South's monthly celebration of birthdays. We celebrate with candles, cake and song. All are invited to join in the festivities. Hosted by the Congregational Care & Support Committee.



# MEETING UP



## Small Group Ministry at Old South

*Potlucks, bible studies, dinner groups, prayer groups, knitting groups, choirs, mothers' groups, LGBT groups—it may sound audacious but small group gatherings at Old South Church are transforming the lives of individuals and the life of our beloved congregation by providing support, companionship, challenge, accountability, intimacy, and much, much more! So, consider yourself invited to participate in one of our ongoing groups (see the possibilities below!), or to start your own! For more information, contact Rev. Elizabeth Myer Boulton at <ejmyer@oldsouth.org>. Information on all of these groups and more can be found at <www.oldsouth.org>.*

### **Mothers' Night Out** *Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7 pm at West on Centre in West Roxbury*

Come gather together with other mothers to talk, share stories, eat, laugh, and support one another. Contact Kim Nicoll at <knicoll@roxburyprep.org> or Debbie Brendemuehl at <debra.brendemuehl@comcast.net>.

### **Young Adults Group** *Watch the weekly announcements for the next gathering date*

Join undergrad and graduate students and young professionals to grow together in faith, friendship and discipleship. For more information, contact Heidi Ward at <wardheidi@gmail.com>.

### **Active OSC Adults** *Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 11 am - 12:30 pm*

We are gathering together a group of lively, older adults for fun, fellowship, and the possible formation of a new small group at Old South Church. A light lunch will be provided (please bring a \$5 donation to offset the cost). To RSVP, contact Charlotte Simpson at <simpsoncha@aol.com>. Get in on the ground floor to form this energetic group to fulfill your needs and desires!

### **North of Boston Potluck** *Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in North Reading*

This month the group will gather at the home of John and Mary Ann Lape in North Reading. Please bring food for six people and a beverage. Newcomers are especially welcome. (You need not live north of Boston.) For more information or to RSVP, e-mail <northofboston@oldsouth.org>.

### **Faith on Tap** *Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at McGreevy's Pub (911 Boylston St.)*

Join Faith on Tap for a relaxed chance to get to know one another and God more deeply through holy socializing and discussion. For March, we will be led in discussion by member Kate Silfen on the topic "What is behind the Lord's Prayer?" For more information, contact Alliea Group at <aegroupp@yahoo.com>.

### **South of Boston Potluck** *Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 8 pm in Dorchester*

Bring a dish for six and an appetite for good food, good conversation and good fun. For more information, contact Diane Gaucher at <dgauchr@gmail.com>.

### **Old South Knitters** *Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 10 am in the Gordon Library*

The Old South Knitters gather together on the last Sunday of every month to practice the art of creating prayer shawls. During the rest of the month, the group meets informally during Early Café in the Gordon Chapel. For more information, contact Diane Raymond at <diane.raymond1600@gmail.com>.



# MEETING UP CONTINUED

## LGBT & Friends

LGBTF is a fellowship group of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals and their allies. Watch the weekly announcements for the next monthly luncheon. For more information, contact Rory Razon at <roryrazon@yahoo.com>.

# REACHING OUT

## Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser *Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:45 - 10:45 am*

The Church School and Youth Group invite you for homemade pancakes in support of the Allston-Brighton Food Pantry. Suggested donation: a box of wholesome cereal, hot or cold, or \$5 per person; \$10 maximum per family.

## Sunday's Bread *Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:50 pm*

Old South members volunteer monthly alongside volunteers from other churches, synagogues, and service groups to prepare and serve a community lunch to the hungry. We meet at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 35 Bowdoin Street on Beacon Hill, at 12:30 pm. Dress in comfortable clothes and shoes. We finish by 4 pm at the latest. Please RSVP by Wednesday, March 23. To volunteer, email <sundaysbread@yahoo.com>.

## One Great Hour of Sharing *Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>*

This special mission offering of the United Church of Christ supports programs internationally for building sustainable communities, welcoming refugees and reconstructing lives following disasters. Old South will join churches from the UCC and seven other denominations in this special offering. Give generously to support our brothers and sisters across the world. To give online, visit <www.oldsouth.org> and proceed to "online giving."

# TRANSITIONS *E-mail submissions to Administrator Amy Perry at <amy@oldsouth.org>*

OSC member **Dorothy Gardiner** passed away on Tuesday, February 1 following a car accident in Avondale, AZ. Dorothy moved to Arizona in 2010 to live with her son. The family is considering interment of Dorothy's ashes in a cemetery in West Bridgewater.

OSC member **Kevin Pitcock** has departed Boston for a career in the Navy. Kevin will first head to Newport, RI for three months of Navy Officer Candidate School. Upon completion he will head to Pensacola, FL for flight school. Over the years, Kevin served as a Deacon as well as a hospitality, outreach, and Youth Group volunteer.

OSC members Caroline and Stuart Murray welcomed son **Paul Edward** on Thursday, February 17.

Former OSC Ministerial Intern (2005-2006) **Jeff VonWald** and his wife Julie are moving to Beit Jala, Palestine. They will be serving a four-year term coordinating a program for young adults from the U.S. who volunteer for a year of learning, sharing and living alongside Palestinian Christian communities.



## TAKING CARE (CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP)

Do you ponder stewardship other than with respect to church pledging and giving? We need to. Other subjects associated with stewardship are the ecology, natural resources, and what will be left for posterity. Another area for stewardship concerns is ourselves—how do we manage our time, talents, skills, gifts, interests (or concerns) to bring about positive change? I took part in the Martin Luther King workday for the fourth year and made a commitment to volunteer time once a quarter to programs operated out of the Pilgrim Church UCC in Dorchester.

Ash Wednesday is March 9<sup>th</sup>. What can you do, what will you do to help be the change you want to see in the many communities of which you are a part?  
—Vicki Newman, Stewardship Committee

## MUSIC AT OLD SOUTH

### The Low Anthem *Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8 pm (Doors open at 7 pm)*

The Low Anthem combines folk and blues arrangements with the elegance of chamber music and the fervor of gospel. On stage and in its recordings, the trio uses a variety of unusual instrumentation that gives its songs, at times, an otherworldly quality. Tickets are \$18; \$20 at the door. Visit <[www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)>. For more information, visit <[www.lowanthem.com](http://www.lowanthem.com)>.

### Guest Choirs *Sundays, March 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> during Festival Worship*

On Sunday, March 6, at 11 am Festival Worship, we will welcome the **Syracuse University Singers** from Syracuse, NY. In addition to singing highlights from their concert tour of the Northeast (including music of Bach, Mozart, Brahms and spirituals), they will join the Old South Choir to sing “Fortuna imperatrix mundi,” the opening movement of Carl Orff’s *Carmina Burana*. This iconic piece is immediately recognizable from countless movie soundtracks and TV commercials. It will be accompanied by piano, organ, and a battery of percussion. The two choirs will also combine to sing Calvin Hampton’s beloved “A Repeating Alleluia.”

On Sunday, March 20, also at 11 am Festival Worship, we will host the Russian-Siberian chorus **Golosá** from Chicago. Golosá strives to preserve the music and culture of the Siberian Old Believers and of Russian folk-singing. OSC member Lauren Makhholm is a member of the chorus.

### Boston Choral Ensemble *Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm*

Inspired by the finest twentieth-century British choral music, BCE presents *Door to Paradise*, a thematic program that explores different perspectives on death and life after death. With Howells’ sublime *Take him Earth for Cherishing* as the centerpiece, *Door to Paradise* also includes modern masterpieces by Tavener and Harvey, two little-known gems by Richard Scarth and two masterworks for double choir: *Faire is the heaven* by Harris and the monumental *Vox dicentis: clama* by Naylor. Please join the BCE and guest conductor Andrew Shenton for this transformative and inspirational program. Voluntary offering accepted. Visit <[www.bostonchoral.org](http://www.bostonchoral.org)>.

### Morehouse College Glee Club *Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm*

Renowned for their spirit and talent, the Morehouse College Glee Club, a distinguished all-male chorus, promises to deliver a wonderful, sell-out event. Visit <<http://morejazz.gbmca.org>>.



## HEARD IT *at* COUNCIL February 8, 2011

The first meeting of the new 2011 Council opened with introductions of newly-elected officers. Bill Adams, acting as Moderator Pro Tem, introduced these Council members. In what has become a moving yearly tradition at Council, each member shared a scripture passage, hymn, or poem that expresses his or her relationship to God.

Much of the meeting was spent discussing the Operations Committee's proposal to temporarily host the Women's Lunch Place (WLP). The Women's Lunch Place is currently housed at the Church of the Covenant on Newbury Street, and offers a daily refuge for women and children. Offerings for guests include breakfast, lunch, "hang-out" space, advocacy work, medical services, and job searching assistance. From May - August, WLP will be undergoing major capital upgrades, and these services will need to be provided elsewhere. The Operations Committee has proposed that space be provided for the WLP in Mary Norton Hall and the Club Room. Senior Administrator Helen McCrady outlined the logistics of this plan, and Council greeted this plan with enthusiasm. Council will take a final vote on this proposal at the March meeting.

Nancy outlined the major upcoming issues for 2011. Work to prepare the crack on the Dartmouth Street wall will begin immediately after Easter. Nancy shared the good news that Old South Church has most of the money it needs to renovate the south wall. The church is also close to having enough money to upgrade the sound system. The Operations Committee is drafting a ten-year plan to address the heating, cooling, and electrical systems.

There were many other pieces of good news to share during Council. The Deacons reported that a total of \$10,000 was raised during the Christmas Eve Service; all this money will go to the Allston-Brighton Food Pantry. The Vision Working Group is drafting a ten-year plan to make Old South's Vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century a reality. Nancy was also pleased to announce that a search committee to hire a permanent Executive Assistant Minister will soon form.

Quinn closed the February Council meeting with a prayer on letting go from a Liturgy of Hours. The meeting was adjourned, and Council Members headed home on a bitterly cold February night.

## MUSIC AT OLD SOUTH CONTINUED

### Freisinger Chamber Orchestra *Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm*

The Freisinger Chamber Orchestra is comprised mostly of graduate students and alumni from Boston University, New England Conservatory of Music and the Longy School of Music. The afternoon will feature Bach's Mass in B Minor. Visit <[www.peterfreisinger.com](http://www.peterfreisinger.com)>.

### Chorus Pro Musica *Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm*

CPM presents Gioachino Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle*. Tickets are \$50 - 25 with senior and student discounts. Visit <[www.choruspromusica.org](http://www.choruspromusica.org)>.

### La Donna Musicale *Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm*

In honor of Women's History Month, the afternoon will feature excerpts from the opera *Sofonisba* by 18th-century Italian composer Maria Teresa Agnesi. Internationally renowned male soprano Robert Crowe joins rising stars contralto Renée Rapiere and tenor Pablo Bustos in this extraordinary drama. Leading the ensemble is Radcliffe Fellow Laury Gutiérrez. Tickets are \$35 - 10; under 18 free. Visit <[www.ladm.org](http://www.ladm.org)>.



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### Worship Services

**Festival Worship in the main Sanctuary**  
Sundays at 11 am  
**First Worship in the Gordon Chapel**  
Sundays at 9 am  
**Jazz Worship in the Gordon Chapel**  
Thursdays at 6 pm  
**Healing Worship in the Children's Chapel**  
Second Sundays at 10 am