

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

SEPTEMBER - 2011



## 9.11 Ten Years Later

### From Remembrance to Hope

Copley Square

Sunday, September 11 at 11am

To mark this poignant 10th anniversary, 13 Back Bay congregations are coming together for an unprecedented display of unity: a large, outdoor, interfaith, multi-congregation service of prayer, song and ritual. (In the event of rain, we will meet inside Trinity Church.)

Singers: Arrive at Trinity at 10am to rehearse for the massed choir (wear black).

Children: A special blessing for children is planned. Childcare for young children will be provided at Old South Church.

Old Southerners: Meet in the Gordon Chapel at 10:15am for gathering words. We will process together to Copley Square.

Chairs: We are expecting over 1000 people, but will have only about 200 chairs for those who cannot easily stand for the 45 minute service. Feel free to bring folding chairs or blankets.

Fellowship Hour: Old Southerners are invited to return to the Gordon Chapel for Fellowship Hour following the service.

First Worship: Will be held as usual at 9am in the Gordon Chapel.



### Massachusetts Remembers

The Hatch Shell, Esplanade, 3:00pm — 4:30pm

The Rev. Liz Walker will MC a large public event including music, readings, prayers, and speeches. The event is a tribute to the fallen, to heroes, to soldiers, and to the enduring fabric of America. Music from the Boston Children's Chorus, the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Boston Pops Ensemble, and soloists.

Old South Church has played a critical role in planning and organizing both of these 9.11 anniversary events.

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# 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 iced 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, September 11 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.*

**The Sacrament of Christian Baptism:** *Those seeking Christian baptism for themselves or a child are encouraged to contact one of the ministers. September baptisms will be held on Sundays, September 4th at the 11am Festival Worship, September 11th at the 9am First Worship and September 25th at 11am Festival Worship.*

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

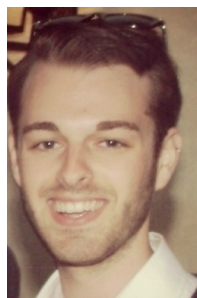
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| <b>September 4<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>Labor Day Weekend</b>  | <i>Acting Executive Assistant Minister Brent Damrow preaching<br/>The Sacrament of Baptism</i>   |
| <b>September 11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of 9/11: From Memory to Hope</b> | <i>Outdoor Interfaith Service at 11 am<br/>We will meet outdoors on Copley Square for a large interfaith service combining ten local congregations</i> |
| <b>September 18<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Recovenanting and Outreach Sunday</b>                        | <i>Associate Minister Quinn Caldwell preaching<br/>Blessing of the Backpacks ❖ Ice Cream Social and Mission Fair 12:30 pm</i>                          |
| <b>September 25<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost</b>                         | <i>Senior Minister Nancy Taylor preaching<br/>The Sacrament of Baptism ❖ Leadership Appreciation Luncheon 12:30 pm</i>                                 |
| <b>October 2<sup>nd</sup></b>    | <b>Bring a Friend Sunday</b>                                    | <i>Senior Minister Nancy Taylor preaching<br/>The Sacrament of Communion</i>   |

## INTRODUCING RON BUFORD, INTERIM MINISTER OF DISCIPLESHIP



On August 30, Council unanimously and enthusiastically appointed Ronald D. Buford to the position of Interim Minister for Discipleship. We expect Ron to begin work the last week of September and to be with us until the congregation calls a full-time third minister in a year to 15 months. Ron will be the minister for the Thursday Jazz Worship (with Quinn Caldwell moving to the First Worship), and will spend a significant amount of time with the Vision Working Group, Vision Task Forces and Communications Committee.

Ron currently serves as the Summer Sabbatical Interim Pastor at First Congregational in Eureka, CA. Prior to that he served as part-time Director of Development for the Northern California Nevada Conference of the UCC, and part-time consultant to the United Reformed Church in London. He consults with UCC conferences and churches across the nation and writes for the UCC Daily Devotionals. Ron was lead architect of the Still Speaking Campaign and is a participant in the DVD-based Progressive theology series called *Living the Questions 2.0* along with Marcus Borg, Dominic Crossan, Sister Helen Prejean, John Cobb, and others.



## Introducing Shawn Fiedler, Field Education Intern

Shawn has been attending Old South since the beginning of his seminary career at Boston University School of Theology and feels a strong connection to the Old South community, its values and its prophetic narrative. He previously attended Bridgewater State College and graduated with a degree in Political Science and Sociology. Shawn is seeking ordination in the Old Colony Association of the Massachusetts Conference of the UCC. He is excited to see how God will work through Old South this year. Shawn was born and raised in rural Maryland, is a Baltimore Orioles fan, and loves steamed Blue Crabs.

## Welcome to Youth Leader Catherine Allard as a Field Education Intern

In addition to continuing her work with Old South's high school youth, Catherine Allard will be engaging with Old South Church in new ways this academic year as one of our field education interns. Specifically, Catherine will be supporting the health and growth of Old South's ministry to young adults, college and graduate students; helping our young adults connect with one another and reflect on their spiritual lives. She will also be participating in Worship services in various ways, with a particular focus on Jazz Worship.



# WELCOMING IN

### All Church Breakfast *Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am in Mary Norton Hall*

Celebrate our return from summer activities and travels with good food, warm fellowship, and spirited singing. All are welcome! A free-will offering will be taken.

### Coffee & Conversation *with the Pastors Sunday, September 18<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 ever thought about becoming a member of this particular community of faith? For more information contact one of the ministers. RSVP to the Front Desk at [reception@oldsouth.org](mailto:reception@oldsouth.org).

### Ice Cream Social *Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> during Fellowship Hour following 11 am worship*

Join us outside in front of the Portico for our traditional fare of sweet, cold treats from our friends at Friendly's.

### Monthly Birthdays *Sunday, September 25<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.

## Old South Church Family Retreat

*Saturday, October 1 to Sunday October 2 with optional Friday night stay*

The Old South Church Family Retreat will be held at Irons Homestead, a camping facility run by the Rhode Island Conference of the UCC. This is a beautiful camp, nestled in the woods of northern Rhode Island (about an hour's drive from Boston). The camp provides comfortable, affordable, family-friendly lodging with facilities for communal food preparation. This will be a great fellowship opportunity and a time to experience and reflect upon the blessings of God's bountiful creation. For more information or to reserve a space, e-mail Rev. Tricia Hazeltine at [churchschool@oldsouth.org](mailto:churchschool@oldsouth.org).



# SHAPING UP (SPIRITUALITY & STUDY)

## Old South Church School Sunday morning *for* children and youth

Our Church School offers programming for children, infant through high school. Infant, toddler, and preschool care is offered from 8:30 am to 12:15 pm. Elementary aged children are invited to participate in a multi-age class during First Worship at 9 am. Graded classes through 6<sup>th</sup> grade and a Confirmation Class for 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> graders are offered during 11 am Festival Worship. A variety of enrichment activities including crafts and music are available between services. The High School Youth Group meets at 10 am.

## Church School Open House *Sunday, September 11, 10 am in Guild Room*

Children and their parents are invited to come to meet their teachers, check out the curriculum and find out more about all the opportunities for learning, service and fun. The Church School program year begins on September 18. Refreshments will be served.

## Church School Music Opportunities

❖ **Joyful Noise** is open to children preschool and older and is geared to those attending First Worship although all are welcome. Participants sing and play instruments while exploring Christian songs from a variety of traditions. (9:50 am - 10:15 am)

❖ **Gospel Group** is open to children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older. Participants explore a range of music, from Beethoven Sonatas to African-American spirituals as well as everything in between. Vocalists and instrumentalists including percussionists at all levels are welcome. (10:30 am - 10:55 am)

❖ **The Children's Choir** is open to children in 1<sup>st</sup>–4<sup>th</sup> grades. It meets regularly from 10:15–10:45 for an introduction to the songs of our faith and for music instruction.

❖ **The Chime Choir** is open to children third grade and older. Rehearsals follow the Festival Worship.

❖ **The Chapel Ringers Bell Choir** is open to children seventh grade and older who have at least two years of experience playing chimes. (Rehearsal at 12:20 pm)

For more information about programming for children and youth, contact Rev. Tricia Hazeltine at [churchschool@oldsouth.org](mailto:churchschool@oldsouth.org), or visit the Church School webpage at [www.oldsouth.org](http://www.oldsouth.org) under "Get Involved."

## 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.

## Theological Book Group *Mondays at 6 pm beginning September 12<sup>th</sup> in the Sam Johnson Room*

*Great Soul: Mahatma Gandhi and His Struggle with India* by Joseph Lelyveld. Lelyveld accomplishes the difficult task of humanizing the fabled "Mahatma." Utterly unafraid of depicting Gandhi's less palatable tendencies--shameless self-promotion, inscrutable sexual mores, and an often narrow and ethnically specific application of his evolving political tenets--Lelyveld instead stands the man up against the myth and shows how ordinary, imperfect people can change everything.

## Fall Training for Christian Leaders *Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup> in Guild Room, 8:30 am-Noon*

We will begin implementation of Old South's Vision for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century with our Fall Training for Christian Leaders. This training will be led by Senior Minister Nancy Taylor and is intended for everyone in a leadership role at Old South: Deacons, members of Council and committees, and leaders of small groups. For more information and to RSVP please contact [reception@oldsouth.org](mailto:reception@oldsouth.org).



# MUSIC AT OLD SOUTH

## Old South Choir *Rehearses Thursdays at 6:30 pm and Sundays at 10 am*

The Old South Choir, under the direction of Minister of Music Harry Huff, is an organization of around 35 volunteers supplemented by 9 professional singers. The Choir sings each Sunday at 11 am Festival Worship, providing music that illuminates the particular scriptural themes for that day. Anyone who has experience singing with choirs and a basic knowledge of sight reading music is welcome to join. For more information, contact Harry Huff at [harry@oldsouth.org](mailto:harry@oldsouth.org).

## First Worship Pick-Up Choir *Rehearses Sundays at 8:30 am in the Gordon Chapel*

The First Worship Pick-Up Choir provides music for 9 am First Worship in the Gordon Chapel each Sunday. If singing has always made your heart soar, you are warmly invited to come and sing with the Choir—no experience necessary! Bring a friend, spread the word, and come to make a joyful noise!

## Handbells for Everyone! *Tuesdays at 5:30 pm*

Do you love handbells? Interested in learning this unique and wonderful instrument? The Old South Ringers (for experienced musicians) and Chapel Ringers (for children and new ringers) will resume rehearsals in September and have room for new members. Come to a "no obligation" rehearsal to give it a try! Contact Director Peter Coulombe for more info. Email [pcoulombe@comcast.net](mailto:pcoulombe@comcast.net) or call 617-406-8253.

# REACHING OUT

## YMCA Training, Inc. *Thursdays 12 noon at 18 Tremont Street, Boston*

YMCA Training, Inc. provides access to employment that offers family-supporting wages and benefits to unemployed and underemployed adults. Help trainees improve their conversational skills. To volunteer, contact Charlotte Simpson at [SimpsonCha@aol.com](mailto:SimpsonCha@aol.com). Old South Church is a founding partner of Training, Inc, and provides financial support to this organization through our grant program.

## GBIO House Meeting *Thursday, September 22 at 7 pm*

While we can celebrate the work of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) in passing and implementing Massachusetts health reform, our work is not done. We now must lead the nation in implementing reforms that reduce the total cost of health care delivery while improving the quality of care provided.

Join us in the Sam Johnson Room to share your story as to how the health care costs have impacted you and your family and to learn about our new initiatives. For more information, contact Alliea Group at [aegroupp@aol.com](mailto:aegroupp@aol.com) or Lucy Costa at [lucygarnet@aol.com](mailto:lucygarnet@aol.com)

## Sunday's Bread *Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm*

Volunteers are needed to prepare, cook, and serve a community lunch to the hungry on Sunday, September 25 at Sunday's Bread from 12:30-4 pm. No experience is required. We meet at The Church of St John the Evangelist, Episcopal (35 Bowdoin St, Boston, on Beacon Hill). Please RSVP to Lucy Costa and Mary Ann Lape at [sundaysbread@yahoo.com](mailto:sundaysbread@yahoo.com) by Wednesday, September 21.

# MEETING UP

## Small Group Ministry at Old South



*With all of life's ups and downs, struggles and celebrations, questions and answers, it is good to gather together in small groups. At Old South Church, this is what we know: God does not want us to be alone. God wants us to be in community, to gather together, to challenge one another, and to share our joys and burdens along the way. For more information on any of the following groups (or to start your own), contact [reception@oldsouth.org](mailto:reception@oldsouth.org).*

*Information on all of these groups can be found at [www.oldsouth.org](http://www.oldsouth.org).*

### **North of Boston Potluck** *Friday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Melrose*

This month we will gather for food and fellowship at the home of Lisa Loveland and George Proakis in Melrose. Please bring food for six people along with a beverage. Newcomers are always welcome. (You need not live north of Boston.) For more information or to RSVP, e-mail [northofboston@oldsouth.org](mailto:northofboston@oldsouth.org) or call John and Mary Ann Lape at 978-664-3583.

### **Mood Disorders Support Group** *Fridays, September 9, 16, 23, and 30*

A peer lead support group offering a safe, secure and confidential setting for those who struggle with mood disorders. For more information, call Janice at 617-236-0265.

### **Young Adults Group** *Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm*

Reconnect with old friends and meet new ones at YA Group's re-gathering lunch! We are undergrad and graduate students and young professionals growing together in faith, friendship and discipleship. For more information, contact Caitlin Ward [caitlin525@gmail.com](mailto:caitlin525@gmail.com) or Tom Oppedisano at [etoppedisano@gmail.com](mailto:etoppedisano@gmail.com).

### **South of Boston Potluck** *Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> from 5—8 pm in Quincy*

Join us at the home of Bill Adams and Marilyn Jackson Adams for an evening of scintillating conversation, music, and potluck. Please bring food for six people. For information, contact Marilyn at [marilynjacksonadams@gmail.com](mailto:marilynjacksonadams@gmail.com).

### **Old South Knitters** *Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 am during Early Café*

The Old South Knitters gather together on the last Sunday of every month to practice the art of creating prayer shawls. For more information, contact Diana Strange at [dtstrange@verizon.net](mailto:dtstrange@verizon.net).

### **LGBT & Friends** *Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 12:30 pm*

LGBTF is a fellowship group of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals and their allies. Join us for our next monthly luncheon. For more information, contact Rory Razon at [roryrazon@yahoo.com](mailto:roryrazon@yahoo.com).

### **Retired and Ready** *Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 11 am.*

Group members Anita Reiner and Ginny Crane will present on two international non-profit agencies, NOOR Eye Care and Rainbow Families Foundation, respectively. NOOR provides most of the eye care in Afghanistan. Rainbow Families Foundation provides humanitarian aid in third world countries. Please bring \$5 to offset the cost of lunch. RSVP to Charlotte Simpson at [SimpsonCha@aol.com](mailto:SimpsonCha@aol.com).

# TAKING CARE (CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP)

## With God All Things are Possible! (*Matt.19:26*)

Our gifts help make things possible! Think about all the things our giving to Old South Church has made possible this year: help for our Massachusetts brothers and sisters who suffered tornado damage a few months ago; Harry's Halloween Concert; an Old South team at work in New Orleans this summer; a welcoming summer home for Women's Lunch Place in Mary Norton Hall; and the celebration of the lives of dear departed friends like Mike and Sandy. What would be on your list of things made possible through our gifts? Share your list with the Stewardship Committee; send it to [dtstrange@verizon.net](mailto:dtstrange@verizon.net).—*Diana Strange, Stewardship Committee*

## RESTORATION UPDATE

The masonry portion of the crack repair project is nearing completion; it should be done by mid-September. This week—the last week of August—the main speakers for the new sanctuary sound system are being installed, using a brand new “extreme access” lift.

The exterior scrim was all taken down on Friday August 26<sup>th</sup> in preparation for the arrival of Tropical Storm Irene. The scaffolding and all equipment was secured carefully. As a result, the only damage was to two trees along the Boylston Street side—the silver birch tree and the hawthorn tree (which was about the same age as the building); the lamp post was damaged by the fall of the hawthorn tree. Consigli arranged for the removal of the trees and will be repairing the lamp post as well.

The stained glass window reinstallation will be starting in September, and will take several weeks.

## TRANSITIONS

*Submit Transitions material to Administrator/Webmaster Amy Perry at (617) 536-1970 or [amy@oldsouth.org](mailto:amy@oldsouth.org).*

### Loss:

Kip Tiernan, the founder of Rosie's Place and a longtime campaigner for economic and social justice passed away on July 2. A memorial service will be held at Old South Church on Saturday, September 10 at 11 am.

OSC member **Alice Seale** passed away on July 5. A memorial service was held at Old South Church on July 9.

OSC member **Mike Shimo** passed away on July 22. A memorial service was held at Old South Church on Saturday, August 27.

OSC member **Sandy Lamar** passed away on August 18. A memorial service was held at Old South Church on Tuesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Donations in her memory may be made to the Animal Rescue League of Boston [www.arlboston.org](http://www.arlboston.org) or the Salvation Army, 25 Shawmut Road, Canton, MA.

### New Life:

OSC Administrator, **Amy Perry**, and her husband **Eric George** welcomed **Daniel Killian George** into the world at 2:17 am on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Daniel was 8 lbs 10 oz at birth.

OSC members **Angela** and **Colin Pape** welcomed **Ari Lincoln Pape** into the world at 3 am on August 7. Ari was 8 lbs, 5 oz at birth.

OSC members **David Clark** and **Elise Person** welcomed **Jasper Nils Clark** into the world at 7:02 am on August 26<sup>th</sup>. Jasper was 8 lbs, 5 oz at birth.



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### Regular 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