

OLD SOUTH CHURCH *in* BOSTON
CALENDAR

JULY / AUGUST - 2011



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Summer of Service

Allston-Brighton Food Pantry

Tune up those organizational skills and come help sort cans for the Allston-Brighton Food Pantry on **Saturday, July 9 from 9:30 am - 1 pm**. Volunteers will meet at the Brighton Allston Congregational Church at 404 Washington Street in Brighton. Families with children are especially welcome! To volunteer, contact Erin Hull at erinhull@gmail.com or (857) 540-6874.

Cradles to Crayons strives to provide children living in homeless and low-income situations with the essentials they need to feel safe, warm, valued, and ready to learn. Join with other Old South Church members and friends on **Saturday, July 30 from 1 - 3 pm** to sort items for kids in need. Volunteers will meet at C2C's Giving Factory located at 155 North Beacon Street in Brighton. Ages 5 and up welcome! To volunteer, e-mail Laurel Smith-Doerr at l.smithdoerr@gmail.com.

Repairing

Bikes Not Bombs has been a nexus of bike recycling and community empowerment both in lower income neighborhoods of Boston and in the nations of the Global South for over 25 years. On **Wednesday, August 10**, Old South Church members and friends will join with other BNB to disassemble bikes to prepare them for shipment. No experience is required. Anyone is welcome to drop by 284 Amory Street in Jamaica Plain **between 7 pm and 10 pm**. To volunteer, e-mail reception@oldsouth.org or call (617) 536-1970.

the world.

YMCA Training, Inc. provides access to employment that offers family-supporting wages and benefits to unemployed and underemployed adults. Help trainees improve their conversational English skills **Thursdays from 12 noon - 1 pm** at 18 Tremont Street in Boston. To volunteer, contact Charlotte Simpson at SimpsonCha@aol.com. Old South Church is a founding partner of Training, Inc. and provides financial support to this organization through our Grant Program.

OLD SOUTH

Sunday's Bread serves free hot meals to people in need in a safe and inviting atmosphere. On **Sundays, June 26, July 31, and August 28 from 12:30 pm - 4 pm**, join other Old South Church members to provide warm hospitality and a community lunch to the hungry. Volunteers will meet at the Church of Saint John the Evangelist at 35 Bowdoin Street in Beacon Hill. To volunteer, e-mail Lucy Costa and Mary Ann Lape at sundaysbread@yahoo.com by the Wednesday before the service date.

CHURCH

Prison Book Program takes requests from prisoners across the country, picking books out from their donated stocks, then packing and shipping them directly to the prisoner, all for free. On **Tuesday, August 16 from 6:30 - 9 pm** help fulfill prisoners' friendly requests for free books. Volunteers will meet at the United First Parish Church located at 1306 Hancock Street in Quincy Center, conveniently located a block from the Quincy Center red line station. To volunteer, e-mail reception@oldsouth.org or call (617) 536-1970.

in **BOSTON**

Women's Lunch Place is a daytime refuge for women offering breakfast and lunch, advocacy, and other services. Old South Church has opened its doors to WLP this summer. Volunteers are needed through August to serve as greeters to welcome and direct guests. The shifts are **Monday - Friday, 9 - 11 am or 11 am - 2 pm**. To volunteer one day a week, multiple days a week, or for specific dates, contact Lucy Costa at lucygarnet@aol.com or (617) 435-6776.



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: Sundays, July 10th and August 14th 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

July 3rd	Independence Day Weekend (ASL)	<i>Senior Minister Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
July 10th	Fourth Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Associate Minister Quinn G. Caldwell preaching</i>
July 17th	Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (ASL)	<i>Healing Worship Minister Kenneth Orth preaching</i>
July 24th	Sixth Sunday after Pentecost <i>Houston Children’s Chorus, Houston, TX</i>	<i>Field Education Intern Jack Davidson preaching</i>
July 31st	Seventh Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Old South member Ian Holland preaching</i>
August 7th	Eighth Sunday after Pentecost (ASL)	<i>Senior Minister Nancy S. Taylor preaching</i>
August 14th	Ninth Sunday after Pentecost	<i>Wedding Minister Calvin Genzel preaching</i>
August 21st	Tenth Sunday after Pentecost (ASL)	<i>Field Education Intern Jack Davidson preaching</i>
August 28th	Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost <i>Jack Davidson’s last Sunday</i>	<i>Associate Minister Quinn G. Caldwell preaching</i>

GENEROSITY

Our annual calling campaign just concluded, and the Stewardship Committee would like to thank each of you for taking the time to talk about Old South. We are also very appreciative of the efforts of over sixty people who made phone calls during May and June. Led by Nancy Richardson—who especially deserves our gratitude for her work—callers made an effort to speak to all the members and friends of our Old South Church community. The goal of these calls was simply to have a conversation – to ask questions, and to hear from each of you about your experiences at Old South. Noteworthy items—new ideas or expressions of support or concern—were recorded and passed along so that we have an overview of your sentiments and can respond appropriately. Callers described their conversations as very positive and a way to get to know our congregational family better, and we certainly hope that you experienced the same. Thanks to all of you who participated in these informal and important discussions that will help guide us in the future.

—Kurt Gaertner, Stewardship Committee



LEARN

Summer Church School Activities

The Blue and Green Rooms for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers are open Sundays from 8:30 am - 12:15 pm. Elementary and middle school-aged children are invited to participate in Summer Sunday School. At 9 am, a multi-age class is offered on the third floor for elementary-aged children. At 11 am, children worship with their parents for the first part of Festival Worship and then are excused, if they wish, in order to participate in a multi-age class. Activity sheets are available for children who are worshipping with their families.

Families going on vacation are invited to “take the church school with them.” Vacation Sunday School packets, filled with a variety of summer activities, are available at the Front Desk. For more information about these summer plans, contact Tricia Hazeltine at churchschool@oldsouth.org. As always, the church school loves to receive postcards from your travels. Or, you can e-mail photos to Tricia Hazeltine.

Bible Study *Sundays, 10 am*

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

Theological Book Group *Mondays beginning July 18th, 6 pm*

Putting Away Childish Things: A Tale of Modern Faith by Marcus Borg. The author weaves his teachings on Christianity into a new form – fiction. Kate is a popular religion professor at a liberal arts college in a small Midwestern town. Her perfect life begins to fall apart when her career is threatened and she is forced to face the results of past indiscretions. *Putting Away Childish Things* is an engaging way for readers to learn about the important issues dividing Christians today. Contact Rev. Quinn Caldwell at quinn@oldsouth.org.



Quinn wrote a book!

Associate Minister Quinn Caldwell has teamed with Curtis Preston, pastor of Lakewood UCC, CO, for a lighthearted, humorous look at our beloved denomination. *The Unofficial Handbook of the United Church of Christ* is for all “UCCers,” but youth, teens, and anyone who wants to learn more about the denomination will find the book particularly appealing. Learn about both the UCC and our wider Christian tradition - while not taking either too seriously. Copies of the book are available at the Front Desk.

Bamboo, Silk, e³ Tea

A Benefit for the Victims of the Tsunami Disaster *Friday, July 8th, 7:30 pm*

Elizabeth Reian Bennett, the first woman to become a Grand Master of the shakuhachi, a traditional Japanese bamboo flute, joins Sumie Kaneko, a graduate and award winner of the Tokyo School of Fine Arts, in a haunting program of Japanese music. Bennett’s sonorous and nuanced tones join Kaneko’s rich voice and precise strings in traditional themes: a piece in praise of incense to remember the ancestors, a song for departed souls, reflections on the passing away of all things, and lyrics in praise of beauty. Master of Tea William Thrasher will perform a simple but ancient preparation of tea to honor the spirits of those who died in the earthquake and tsunami in Japan this past March, and to comfort those who now suffer great loss.

\$20 suggested donation. Please make checks out to the “Japan Disaster Relief Fund - Boston.” All proceeds from the evening will go to the victims and relief organizations on the ground. For more information, visit <http://japansocietyboston.org/donatejapan>.



MEET *Small Group Ministry & beyond at Old South*

For up-to-date information on all of Old South Church's gatherings, visit www.oldsouth.org.



Retired and Ready *Wednesday, July 13th, 11 am*

Carol Blair, a transportation planner, will talk about exciting outings for seniors to explore the city, its treasures and idiosyncrasies, and the many ways to get around. Please bring \$5 to offset the cost of lunch. RSVP to Charlotte Simpson at SimpsonCha@aol.com.

For August, date TBA, 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 through their hospitals, clinics, and training programs for local eye doctors, technicians, and community health workers. Rainbow Families Foundation provides humanitarian aid in third world countries. In addition, the foundation provides supplies to public schools, supplies and uniforms for children to attend school, medical supplies to hospitals, medical care for adults and children, and surgical attention to children.

Faith on Tap *Tuesdays, July 19th and August 16th, 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. Contact Alliea Group at aegroup@yahoo.com.

Caritas Dinner Group *Sunday, July 24th, 5 pm*

Caritas offers an opportunity to meet for a meal and fellowship in the downtown vicinity; for July, in Brookline. RSVP to Mark Schueppert at mschueppert@jri.org.

JP, Rozzy, Westie, Dot Potluck

Sunday, July 24th, 5 pm in JP and Sunday, August 28th, Location TBA

Join us as we grow our relationships – with one another, with our neighbors, and with God. All members and friends of Old South, no matter where they live, are always welcome. Please bring food for six people along with a beverage. RSVP to reception@oldsouth.org.

Summer Birthdays *Sundays, July 31st and August 28th during 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour*

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.

South of Boston Potluck *Sunday, August 14th, 5 pm in Nabant*

Bring a dish for six and an appetite for good food, good conversation and good fun. RSVP to Diane Gaucher at dgauchr@gmail.com.

LGBT & Friends

LGBTF is a fellowship group of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals and their allies. Watch the weekly announcements page and website for our next gathering. Contact Rory Razon at roryrazon@yahoo.com.



Dear friends of Old South Church in Boston,

With both sadness and a sense of hopeful anticipation, I am writing to share with you some important news about our family. My husband Matt has accepted a new position: President of Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis, Indiana. This means we'll be headed west this summer to start a new adventure, one about which we are truly excited.

But as you can well imagine, our excitement is tempered with sadness. These past three years have been a wonderful blessing for me, for Matt, and for our two little ones – and so as I write this letter of

resignation to all of you in the Old South community, I do so with a heavy heart, and so I ask for your prayers.

You will certainly be in mine. Old South is a very, very special place, a rare mix of vibrancy and dignity, beauty and tradition, dynamism and majesty. It has been an honor to have walked with you these three wonderful years. Please know that you will always have a treasured place in our family's heart.

God's peace,
Liz

RESTORATION UPDATE



The restoration of our damaged east wall continues at full pace. The organ has been removed from the center section of the wall, the scaffolding put up, and the stained glass windows removed. The windows have been sent to Serpentino Glass Studio in Needham for restoration.

At the same time, the masons have begun their task of removing the stones near the larger portions of the crack, and either replacing, resizing or simply resetting the stones as needed. Very few stones need replacement, which is a good thing since Roxbury puddingstone is no longer being quarried. They will re-point the entire wall later in the summer to fix the smaller cracks so that all visible mortar is exactly the same.

The Boylston Street windows were planned to be restored in 2009 or 2010; when the accident on the Dartmouth Street side occurred, the project was rescheduled. We have achieved significant cost savings by doing both projects at once. One savings is that we have only lost the wedding and concert income from one construction season, rather than two. Better still, we were compensated by the insurance company for the lost income caused by the accident.

A few additional building projects are scheduled for this summer. If you've ever climbed the stairs near the elevator lobby, you've probably wondered why the paint is peeling so badly. The answer is that water has infiltrated the stairwell because the masonry needs re-pointing. There will also be Parish House re-pointing to fix leaks near the fourth floor women's restroom and in the Sam Johnson Room. Finally, the main speakers for the new sanctuary sound system will be installed.

The projects remain on schedule and on budget. We look forward to a dry and newly-painted Parish House stairwell and to a sanctuary in which we can all hear the worship service much better by September; by Advent, we hope that all will be finished except for the final organ re-tuning.

—Lois Corman, Project Coordinator



MUSIC

Summer Choir *Sundays through September 4th, 10 am*

The Old South Choir rehearses on Sunday mornings at 10 am to prepare to sing for that morning's Festival Worship. Anyone wishing to join is most cordially welcome. Robes are not worn, however, please wear **black pants or skirt and a white or solid color shirt or blouse**. Contact Minister of Music Harry Huff at harry@oldsouth.org.

Jazz Worship Choir *Thursdays, 7 pm*

The choir meets each week immediately after worship to prepare music to sing at the following week's service. No long-term commitment is necessary to participate.

Village Harmony *Monday, July 11th, 7:50 pm*

Village Harmony, Inc., an umbrella organization for a diverse range of choral, world music, and harmony singing, under the direction of Larry Gordon and Patty Cuyler, presents its New England Teen Touring Ensemble I. The evening will include high energy gospel, Balkan, Ukrainian, Russian and Georgian music. Adults \$10 at the door; \$5 children. Visit www.northernharmony.pair.com.

Chorus Pro Musica Summer Sings *Mondays, August 1st - 22nd, 7:50 pm*

Spend the first half of the evening rehearsing, then after a break, experience the exhilaration of performing as CPM's conductor leads a complete run-through, with soloists and piano accompaniment. \$8 per Sing. Discounts for seniors, students, and 3+ Sings. No reservations required. Visit www.choruspromusica.org.

Back Bay Ringers Summer Ring *Monday, August 8th, 6:30 pm*

Join members of the Back Bay Ringers and Back Bay Carillon for a relaxed and fun evening of ringing through a variety of handbell compositions. To RSVP, visit www.backbayringers.org/summer-ring.html.

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

Congratulations to Old South's graduated seniors, who will be attending the following schools: **Emily Fitzsimmons**, Eckerd College; **Amelia Heroux**, St. Lawrence University; **Stephen Kuenstner**, Carleton College; **Zane McInturff**, University of Wisconsin at Madison; **Will Palmer**, Brown University; and **Jani Ricker**, Bunker Hill Community College.

OSC members **Ben Gildehaus** and **Janice Adamek** were married at Old South Church on Saturday, June 4 with Nancy Taylor presiding. The two first met during a Connections Class for new members.

On Sunday, June 5, OSC Acting Executive Assistant Minister **Brent Damrow** was called by a vote of the United Parish in Brookline to serve as their part-time Associate Pastor. Brent will continue to work part-time at Old South. Congratulations Brent!

OSC member **Barbara Hohler** passed away on Tuesday, June 7 following a long illness. A memorial service was held at Old South Church on Monday, June 13. Donations in her memory may be made to FriendshipWorks, Boston, MA; Facing Cancer Together, Newtonville, MA; and the charities supported by Old South Church.



HEARD IT *at* COUNCIL

June 14, 2011

The June Council Meeting was an especially full one. Council members sadly received the Reverend Elizabeth Myer Boulton's formal letter of resignation, and much of the meeting was devoted to discussing the steps the church would take to fill the considerable void that she will leave.

Senior Minister Nancy Taylor and moderator Vard Johnson outlined the three-step process that Old South Church will follow to fill Liz's position. They proposed that the first step be to approve the hiring of the Reverend Dr. Mary Luti to lead First Worship on Sundays beginning July 10th through September 4th. Council enthusiastically approved this proposal to hire Mary for the summer. The second step will be to hire an excellent interim minister to serve as a part-time Minister for Discipleship. The Interim Minister would begin his/her work in September. Council approved the creation of an Interim Minister for Discipleship Search Committee. A third step will be to form a search committee to hire a permanent Minister for Discipleship. Nancy and Moderator Vard Johnson anticipate that this search committee will be formed in the early fall.

In other related news, Senior Deacon Candace Kosturko reported on the progress of the Executive Assistant Minister Search Committee. The Search Committee hopes to recommend a candidate to Council at its next meeting.

There was a great deal of additional exciting information and news to share. Nancy Richardson reported on the Spring Calling Campaign, and was pleased to note that there were a total of fifty-five callers this year. Callers have consistently reported that they love Marathon Sunday, the Mother's Day service, and the New Year's Eve service. Council approved the motion to provide all Council minutes in the Gordon Library. Chair of the Finance Committee Bill Adams reported that the Committee is projecting that there will be sufficient funds to make the permanent Minister for Discipleship position full-time. Old South's increased attendance and activities is something everyone loves to see, but it also necessitates the hiring of additional maintenance assistance. Council approved a motion to hire a part-time, fifteen-hour a week maintenance position.

After a busy evening, Council ended the meeting with a recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

TRANSITIONS continued

OSC member **Bruce Steeves** passed away on Wednesday, June 8. A memorial service was held at the Bigelow Chapel at Mt. Auburn Cemetery on Saturday, June 25. Donations in his memory may be made to Old South Church.

Former OSC Field Education Intern (2009-10) **Jocelyn Gardner Spencer** will be ordained into the United Church of Christ on Sunday, July 31 at 3 pm at First Church in Cambridge. All are invited!

OSC member **Heidi Ward** has been offered the position of Student Pastor at Union Church in Waban. The position will run from September 2011 to May 2012. Congratulations Heidi!



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Worship Services

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