



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 12, 2009

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Call to a Congregational Meeting
Sunday, July 12, 2009 immediately after worship (6:45 pm)
Pot Luck Supper

Please bring a dish to share and plan to attend an all church meeting with the following agenda items:

I. Dialogue and prayerful discernment about a future with (and at) Central Congregational Church in Jamaica Plan.

As you know our leadership teams have been in numerous gatherings in which a future that combines these congregations has been under consideration. One of the things that has been most exciting about these conversations is the sense that the two congregations share a common mission and theology and bring different but very powerful gifts to the table. The leadership teams of both congregations sense the presence of the Holy Spirit in the midst of these conversations and feel as though there would be a stronger future that would glorify God's call to us were there to be a collaboration.

As a step in getting to know each other, we celebrated a wonderful and vibrant Hope worship this past Sunday morning in the Central Congregational sanctuary. Feedback was summarily affirmative from both Hope and Central folk in attendance. Rev. Wendy's sermon from that worship will be placed on the Hope web site today http://www.hopeboston.org/worship_spirituality/sermons.

While Central continues to discern the final form that a combined future should take for them, it would fall somewhere between a) a combined church in which Hope's worship style, "branding" and vision would drive the mission; and b) the closure of Central and bequeathing of their resources and building to Hope.

At this congregational meeting, your Leadership Circle seeks to

- a) share a picture of what the combined church might look like, including financial and practical considerations;
- b) discuss how and if this kind of future would fit in with Hope Church's identity and vision for the future including pros and cons of the idea;
- c) offer and invite suggestions for additional getting to know each other opportunities;
- d) achieve consensus as to whether and how to proceed.

II. Report and update on Hope Church finances

Following a January decision to approve deficit financing you will recall that we agreed to return to the budget table to discuss Hope Church's budget in six months. The Finance and Stewardship Committees will report on the current status and the church will make budgeting decisions.

GATHERING IN WORSHIP

*You are invited to light a candle at any time during worship that we might all share in the Light.
During Communion you will find members of our prayer team available to pray with you and lay hands on you.
Our prayer team will pray through the week the prayers that you offer via the prayer request form.
We hope you will let us know that you have been with us by completing the form in the bulletin.*



Welcome

Invocation

Gathering Music

Confession, Assurance and Celebration

Prayer & Silence

Sung Confession: Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (2x)
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Assurance of Forgiveness and God's Presence

Passing of the Peace One: The peace of Christ be with you all. **All: And also with you.**

Sung Celebration: Ameni, ameni
Amen, amen, amen, ameni

Call To Prayer

Hope Church Singers

Prayers of the People

Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

As we pray for those whom we love, for ourselves and for the world, we invite you to share your joys and concerns, highs and lows, praise and thanksgiving...and our prayer team will include your prayers throughout the week.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Musical score for 'Proclaiming God's Word'. The score is written for a single melodic line on a treble clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody begins with a whole rest, followed by a series of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)'. The melody concludes with a final cadence.

Scripture

2 Samuel 6:1-18

One: The Word of Truth All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mark Longhurst

Hymn

COMMUNION

Offering

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

* Sung Response (*Amen*) and Procession of Gifts

* Prayer of Dedication

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Feast: *This is an open table; everyone is welcome. You are invited forward to receive the bread and dip it into the bowls of grape juice or the chalice of wine. Gluten Free "bread" is available. Should you need assistance; a server will bring you the communion elements.*

Communion Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Prayer of our Savior (sins; sins against us)

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory, forever, amen.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Living Hope

Closing Hymn

Benediction

LIVING HOPE

SUMMER CHILD CARE: Child Care is available on the lower level of the church—supported by our regular Child Care staff: Julie, Anne and Jessica. Church School will return in the fall.

WORSHIP THIS WEEK & BEYOND:

Invite a friend to come along and join us for worship.

Today, Sunday, July 12, Worship @ 5:30 pm: Our summer seminarian preaching schedule continues with Mark Longhurst. Worship will echo the ecstatic dance of King David and we invite everyone to bring a sacred object to worship. Come and support, come and be moved, come and pray!

Sunday, July 12: pot-luck supper and congregational meeting @ 6:45 pm

Our Summer Plethora of Preachers continues with Hope seminarians & in-care candidates, along with the support of our extra-parochial clergy:

Sunday, July 19, Willie Van Doren, preaching

Sunday, July 26, John Brock, preaching

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Tuesday, July 7 (and following) “Living Your Strengths: Follow Your God-Given Talents to Discover and Fulfill Your Calling.” You are invited to join a small group that is about to embark on a “Living Your Strengths” journey. The journey is guided by one very simple-yet profound-thought: *You are at your best when you do what you naturally do best.* **Join the journey - Tuesday evenings 6:30 - 7:30 pm beginning July 7.** Purchase of book required to get access to “Strengths Finder” tool online. We have some copies for sale - or purchase from your local book store. Copies available via scholarship if needed. “As you and the other members of the group discover your greatest talents, you will begin to discover your calling: Everyone has a calling. You just need to discover what it is. And that calling doesn’t come from God’s voice thundering from above; it comes from God’s whispers deep within you, from the very essence of your being. God expects nothing more from you than to live that life for which you were created. God wants you to be yourself. When you discover your talents, you begin to discover your calling. When you build and apply strengths by making the most of your greatest talents you fulfill your calling.” --Living your Strengths, pg 228.

“Food. Inc.” Join us for a prayerful discussion of the movie “Food, Inc.” on Thursday, June 30th from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Church Office. More information about the movie can be found at www.foodincmovie.com. The movie is a comprehensive look at food production in this country (agribusiness) and its effects on poverty, workers’ and farmers’ rights, public health, the treatment of animals and the environment. Feel free to join in the discussion whether you have seen the movie or not. We will also have information there you can take home about alternative food sources in MA, for those who may wish to explore their options.

Knitting Group: Hope Church Knitting Group meets on Thursdays from 7-9pm. For more information please contact Robin (rmjoyce@mac.com) or Beverly (bas2360@gmail.com).

Megan and Ronny Mainzer-Ramirez have a healthy baby girl, 6 lb 14 oz, Larimar, who arrived @ 11:15 pm , July 5th. They send thanks for all the prayers and support!

July 16 at 6:30 pm Seminarian, In-Care and Searching (SICS) Support Group (Church Office)

July 19, WAAM Meeting, 3:00—4:30 pm, RCC Church Parlor

July 23, Welcome Wagon Ministry, 6:30 pm: @ Christie and Patti's home. Call for more information.

NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OFFICE AND OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Interfaith Coalition for Transgender Equality Update

We are writing to update you on the status of the Massachusetts transgender civil rights bill, and to let you know that we need your help to pass this bill! An Act Relative To Gender-Based Discrimination & Hate Crimes' (House Bill 1728 / Senate Bill 1687) hearing before the Judiciary Committee is TUESDAY, JULY 14th!

That's only a week and a half away, and everyone's help is needed.

Here are three ways that you can take action:

1. Write and submit a letter of testimony before next Friday, July 10th. The Judiciary Committee needs to know that clergy, lay leaders, and communities of faith support transgender equality!

-- If you are writing as a member of the clergy or a lay leader, please email your letter to Orly Jacobovits, Keshet Senior Organizer & Community Educator, at orly@keshetonline.org. ICTE and Keshet will submit faith based testimony as a packet.

-- If you are not clergy or a lay leader, submit your testimony to MTPC (Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition), who will submit a binder of all testimony to the Judiciary Committee. Email all letters to testimony@masstpc.org. Instructions for writing testimony: <http://www.masstpc.org/legislation/testifyinwriting.shtml>

2. Sign ICTE's Declaration Of Religious & Faith-Based Support for the bill.

We will be submitting the Declaration to the Judiciary Committee for the hearing. Show your support by helping us get as many signatures as possible. Take one minute and sign here: <http://www.InterfaithCoalition.org>.

3. Attend the bill's hearing on Tuesday, July 14th at 12:00 noon.

If you are a clergy person or other faith leader who can come vested, please do so.

Gardner Auditorium, State House, Beacon Hill (Beacon & Bowdoin Streets), Boston (MBTA - Charles Street/ MGH, Downtown Crossing, Park Street)

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Ministers: All of us!

Interim Pastor:

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade, pastor@hopeboston.org

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John Brock, Bob Drake, Christie Dustman,

Kathie Mainzer, Stacey Schamber,

Frank Stevens, Kevin Tucker , Judy Wagoner

Music Leadership:

Hope Church Singers,

Jeanne Lucas, Sara Goplin,

Bobby Hall, Neil Helme, Todor Stoinov

MINISTRIES

Hope Church is a vibrant and growing community with lots of ways to get involved. Please contact these leaders and let us know where you feel called to serve and we'll plug you in!

Casserole Care:	Kathy Bermingham
Children's Church :	J.C. Mitchell
Finance:	Frank Stevens
Hospitality:	Ron Scanlon
In Care Committee	Polly Hamlen
Nominating Committee:	Laura Everett
Prayer Ministry:	Beverly Pacheco
Search Committee:	Beth Chandler
Seminarian Support:	Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade Rev. Steven Vandergrift
Social Justice:	Neeka Stanley
Stewardship:	Ellen Snoeyenbos
Welcome Baby:	Barbara McQueen
Welcome Wagon:	Jean Vandergrift
Worship, Arts and Music:	Nanette Savides/Sarah Goplin

Welcome to Hope Church...

Welcome to all who have no church home, need strength, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe.

Welcome to new visitors and to old friends.

Welcome to grandparents, to mothers, fathers, and single people.

Welcome to people of all colors, cultures, abilities, and sexual orientations, to old and young, to believers and questioners – and welcome to questioning believers.

Welcome to everyone!

Tonight we are all invited to live into God's love, peace, and justice

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