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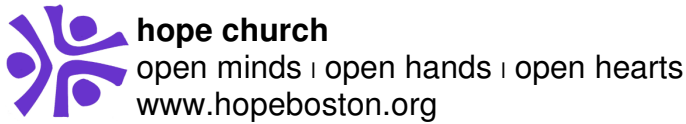
Sunday, September 13, 2009

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Search Committee Update

Dear Hope Church Family,

We wanted to provide an update on the Search process since many people have asked for a status report over the past few weeks. Although tempted, we did not take the summer off. The Pastor position was posted in early July and we received six profiles within the first forty-eight hours. Since then, we have received 40 additional profiles from a wonderfully talented and diverse pool of candidates. UCC and DOC candidates are applying from near and far. The typical profile is 26 pages so the committee has read over 1,000 pages of material.

Currently, we are preparing for first round interviews. However, we will continue to read profiles as they arrive since the posting remains live until someone is affirmed by the congregation. If we feel a connection with candidates after first round interviews, we will attend the worship service of those candidates to hear and see them preach.

After discernment (and reference checks), if all parties feel that this is where the Lord is leading us, then the Search Committee will negotiate salary and benefits with one candidate. The Leadership Circle and Stewardship and Finance Team will be involved as appropriate.

Although a package is negotiated, it will not be finalized until the congregation has an opportunity to meet the pastor (and her/his family) and hear the pastor preach. At that time, the congregation will be asked to vote to approve the Search Committee's selection. Per conference guidelines, the congregation is only presented with our final candidate.

While the vote doesn't have to be unanimous, most candidates will not accept the position unless 90% or more of the congregation votes in the affirmative. If the candidate and the Search committee cannot agree to terms or if the congregation doesn't vote to approve the candidate, the Search committee will go back to reviewing profiles and candidates and start the process again.

We hope this answers any questions that you may have and provides a clearer picture of where things stand.

Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

The Search Committee

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 find members of our prayer team are available to pray with 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

Gathering Music

“Jubilate Deo”

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Invocation

Confession, Assurance and Celebration

Prayer & Silence

Sung Confession:

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O God of my heart;
Nothing surpasses the love you impart—
You my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

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:

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine (3 Xs); let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Every-where I go, I’m gonna let it shine...

All—through the night, I’m gonna let it shine...

Call To Prayer

Hope Church Singers

Prayers of the People

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 the hymn "Al-le-lu-ia". The score is written for a piano accompaniment, featuring a treble and bass clef. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! (hum)". The score includes a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 3/4. The piece concludes with a fermata over the final note.

Scripture

Psalm 19
Mark 8:27-38

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

Sermon

SET YOUR FACE TO...ACTION

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

Hymn

"Lead me, Guide Me"

COMMUNION

Offering

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

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

Closing Hymn

"Siyahamba..."

Benediction

Postlude

Living Hope

CHILD CARE:

Child Care is available on the lower level of the church.
Our regular Child Care staff are Julie, Anne and Jessica.
Children's Church School will return in October
following our move to Jamaica Plain.

LIVING HOPE

WORSHIP THIS WEEK & BEYOND:

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

Please note: We are "trying" a change to the order of worship—our announcements will be offered immediately after the postlude, so as not to interrupt the experience of worship.

Today, Sunday, September 13, Kickoff Sunday Worship (5:30 pm worship): Rev. Wendy returns to the pulpit and begins a series of four sermons on hospitality, invitation and evangelism. The series is entitled "Set Your Face To..." and will be offered 9/13, 9/20, 10/11 & 10/25.

Next Sunday, September 20 (5:30 pm worship): Rev. Wendy Preaching, "Set Your Face To...Be Used"

Sunday, September 27, Social Justice Sunday

3:30 pm Local Food Pot Luck Supper—bring a pot made primarily from food produced nearby

5:00 pm CROP Walk for Hunger Recruitment Kickoff (sign up for Oct 24th walk)

5:30 pm Worship: Rev Wendy Preaching on themes of hunger and sustainable food production

SMALL GROUPS & MINISTRIES

Health Care is a Faith Issue: Please go to <http://www.ucc.org/justice/health/100k-for-health-care/> to sign the petition—100,000 signatures in 10 days!

In-Care Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 15, 6pm – 9pm at the Hope Office - 67 Poplar Street, Roslindale Sq.

Hope 101 will take place on Sunday, September 20, 4pm – 5pm at in the parlor at RCC - 25 Cummins Highway. If you want to join Hope – or just want to know more... come and share and learn. For more info contact Patti Ryan at 617-699-6146.

Welcome Wagon: will meet on Thursday, September 24, 6:30pm – 9:00pm. Help new visitors get more deeply involved at Hope Church. We meet at Patti Ryan's house for potluck supper, reflection, and business. Contact office@hopeboston.org for location.

Mark your calendars for September 27th from 3-5 pm for the Hope Local Potluck! Come share local food, learn about how our food system impacts the environment, workers, animals and each other, and think and pray about what a Christian response should be. Bring a dish to share, the main ingredient of which was grown within 50 miles of Boston. Don't be scared by the challenge - we have "cooking buddies" at the ready to help you try something new!

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).

“Taste of Roslindale” Tickets Available to benefit the RCC Food Pantry: Sponsored by Roslindale Village Main Street, the 3rd annual Taste of Roslindale benefit will bring together more than 22 local eateries all under the roof of St. Nectarios Church Hall. The event, held on September 24 from 6:30-9, will feature the many award winning and critically acclaimed food purveyors, restaurants and bakeries that fill Roslindale Village. Proceeds from this year's Taste will benefit the Roslindale Food Pantry. Funds will also support RVMS' efforts to bring holiday lighting to Roslindale Village. *Please see Fred Hayes after service or call the office 617-522-0600 for tickets which are \$25, In addition to the Church's supply, tickets are available at the Roslindale Farmers' Market, the Cooperative Bank of Roslindale, and Birch Street House and Garden. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.roslindale.net.*

Hope Church joins Central Congregational in hosting 16th Annual JP Open Studios: Sat, Sept 26 and Sun Sept 27 (11-6pm): Mark your calendar for fabulous art—and plan to sign up to meet and greet the community as we develop a Hope Church presence in JP. We are seeking a team to represent and welcome on Saturday and Sunday—and would like to offer baked goods, drinks and perhaps some FAIR Trade items for sale. Please contact Rev. Wendy if this idea sparks interest for you!! For more on this great, free event see www.jpopenstudios.com

Sounds of Concord presents an exciting evening of a cappella music at its Annual Show "7th" Heaven", Saturday September 26th at either 2 pm or 7 pm, at the John Glenn Middle School, 12 McMahon Road, Bedford, MA 01730. Tickets are \$15 in advance, (\$20 at the door), seniors are \$10 and students are \$5.00. Families are a maximum of \$40.00. For more information go to www.soundsofconcord.org or call 866-537-1584. For tickets e-mail tix@soundsofconcord.org or call 866-537-1584. Sounds of Concord supports a summer youth music camp among its programs. Hope Church's own Alan Bone is a member.

Book Drive: Please bring your gently used books to be donated to support the Prison Book Program and the City Mission Society. Bring them by Sept 27th to be taken to the donation site on Oct 3. Please also start bringing your magazines to be taken to the Kitty Dukakis Treatment Center on an ongoing basis! Books may be left at the church or at the office. Look for the special boxes!

The September Hope Do Drop In Book Group will meet Tuesday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m. for a potluck and discussion at the home of Angela Letizia and Judy Wagoner. Please RSVP to and get directions from Angela (anletizia@yahoo.com). Copies of THE RED TENT are available at the back of the sanctuary or at your local library. The novel offers the biblical story of Dinah (Genesis, Chapter 34) from Dinah's perspective. If you've ever read the "Rape of Dinah" you may have found this a difficult passage because of Jacob's sons' murderous behavior. In the Genesis passage, Dinah does not say a single word; what happens to her is recounted and characterized as rape by her brothers. Diamant lets us understand how Dinah possibly saw her story.

Save these Ordination Dates: Hope Church is graced to celebrate the ordinations of two of it's own in October. Melissa Kreider will be ordained on Oct. 4th, and Mark Longhurst will be ordained on Oct. 18th at the regular worship service at 5:30.

Join the Hope Team: Boston CROP Walk: Saturday, October 24th—the walk begins at Union UMC in the South End and ends in Jamaica Plain at Central Congregational/Hope Church/Hispanic Community Church. More details to follow. Get ready to walk, volunteer, recruit friends... raise money to overcome poverty and hunger through the work of Church World Service!

Project Think Different (Scherazade Daruvalla King, Executive Director) is the most recent recipient of a \$250 Fast Track Grant. Their mission is to use the media arts to empower disadvantaged youth to think differently, think BIG, and organize communities to build a national movement towards societal change to further the cause of social justice. Since many disengaged young people of color tune into mass media, Project Think Different began piloting programs that utilize these media to create solution-oriented, advocacy messages that educate a broader public about social justice issues and engage them in civic dialogue and positive action.



LEADERSHIP

Ministers: All of us!

Interim Pastor:

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade, pastor@hopeboston.org

Children's Church:

J.C. Mitchell, johnchristianm@yahoo.com

Administrative Manager:

Frederick Hayes, office@hopeboston.org,

Leadership Circle:

J Conlon, board@hopeboston.org (Moderator)

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:

Rev. Wendy

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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