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## **FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE**

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United Church of Christ  
Garden and Mason Streets  
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**FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC**  
**September 16, 2012**  
**THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

VOLUNTARY *Concerto in A Minor* Vivaldi/Bach

\*HYMN C-23 *Come, All You Thirsty*

\*GREETING Matthew Glidden

L: Sisters and brothers, God's peace to you!  
C: **And to the whole world, peace!**  
L: Welcome to peace makers, and doers of the word.  
C: **Welcome to praise singers, and seekers of truth.**  
L: Welcome to you who seek healing.  
C: **Welcome to you who offer hope.**  
L: Welcome to you, beloved children of God.  
C: **Our spirits are ready to worship God!**

\*PRAYER OF PRAISE

**All: We love you, God,  
for you have heard our cry for mercy.  
You have listened to us;  
we will call on you all of our days.  
You are gracious, and just, and compassionate.  
We offer to you a sacrifice of praise,  
and call on your holy name. Alleluia! Amen.**

WORDS OF WELCOME Dan Smith

ANTHEM *Wade in the Water* Traditional spiritual

*Wade in the water, children! God's gonna trouble the water.  
See that band all dressed in white? The leader looks like the Israelite.  
See that band all dressed in red? Looks like the band that Moses led.  
Wade in the water, children! God's gonna trouble the water.  
Look over yonder and what do I see? The Holy Ghost a comin' on me.  
You don't believe I've been redeemed? Follow me down to Jordan stream!  
Wade in the water, children! God's gonna trouble the water.*

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

*\*You are invited to stand. Hymns preceded by a "C" may be found in the beginning section of the hymnal. The C (Cambridge) - section contains hymns written and composed by current and past members of First Church.*

SILENCE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Compassionate God, remind us of the power  
of our words and actions.  
Forgive us for our thoughts, words, and deeds  
that do not reflect your love and wisdom.  
Give us grace to try again, and again,  
to share only your love, your peace, your grace,  
with our neighbors, ourselves, and our world. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

\*GREETING OF PEACE

\*HYMN 245

*Into My Heart*

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

INVITATION

ADDRESS

THE BAPTISMAL VOWS

\*THE CONGREGATION'S PROMISES

L: Jesus Christ welcomes everyone  
who desires new life  
into the faith and family of Christ.  
Do you who witness this sacrament  
promise these children of God your love, support and care?

**C: We do!**

L: Will you help them grow in faith  
and witness with them to the love and mercy of Christ?

**C: We will, with the help of God!**

L: Do you renew your own promises  
to live in the freedom of Christ, and resist the power of evil?

**C: We do, with the help of God!**

BLESSING OF THE WATER

## THE BAPTISMS

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

#### \*BLESSING

L: Sisters and brothers, let us ask God for a blessing!

**All: Holy God, Creator of us all,  
give to these souls strength for life's journey,  
courage in the time of trial,  
the joy of faith, the freedom of love,  
and the comfort of everlasting life.  
And may the grace of Jesus Christ,  
the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all forevermore. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN 310

*Wonder of Wonders, Here Revealed*

*Children from PreK to 7th grade are now invited to leave for church school. Teachers will meet children at the side door to accompany them to their classrooms. Parents can meet their children in Lindsay Chapel (through Margaret Jewett Hall and to the left) after worship.*

### PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

#### RESPONSIVE PSALM 19, selected verses

L: The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims God's handiwork.  
**C: Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.**  
L: There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard.  
**C: Yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.**  
L: God's law is perfect, reviving the soul;  
the decrees of God are sure, making wise the simple;  
**C: The precepts of our God are right, rejoicing the heart;  
God's commandment is clear, enlightening the eyes**  
L: The fear of God is pure, enduring forever;  
God's ordinances are true and righteous altogether.  
**C: More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;  
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**  
L: Moreover by them is your servant warned;  
in keeping them there is great reward.  
**C: Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts  
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.**

SCRIPTURE READING

James 3:1-12

SERMON

Reebee Girash

PRAYERS FOR CHURCH AND WORLD

Karen McArthur

L: God be with you.

**C: And with your spirit.**

L: Let us pray...(silence, intercessions, Lord's Prayer)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Please pray this prayer and address God in words most meaningful to your heart.)*

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*Virtute Magna*

Giovanni Croce

*Virtute magna reddebant apostoli testimonium resurrectionis Jesu Christi, domini nostri. Alleluia.*

*With great power, the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

*Alleluia.*

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Praise God, the source of life and birth,**

**Praise God, the Word, who came to earth,**

**Praise God, the Spirit, holy flame,**

**All glory, honor, to God's name. Amen.**

\*HYMN 356

*Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Send me, Jesus (Thuma Mina)*

Hymn 344

*The congregation is invited to join in the singing of this response.*

VOLUNTARY

*Psalm 19*

Benedetto Marcello

## **WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE...**

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, we are thankful that you are with us today, and we hope that you will stay for a bit after worship for refreshments and conversation. First Church is an open and affirming, just peace congregation of the United Church of Christ. If you'd like to know more about us, please introduce yourself to one of the ministers after church and explore our website at [www.firstchurchcambridge.org](http://www.firstchurchcambridge.org).

**Large print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available.**

**Please ask a greeter for assistance.**

Children of all ages are welcome in our worship. Picture books, children's Bibles and activity packets can be found in the Children's Book Corner located by the door to the parish building (to the right of the chancel). Children may visit the Book Corner at any point during worship.

Nursery care for infants, toddlers and preschoolers is located through that door and down the hallway (up four stairs to the door on the right). Fussy babies and their caregivers are invited to the Hastings Room, just across the hall from that same door, where the service is broadcast through speakers.

**PREACHING TODAY IS** Reebee Girash, Sabbatical Interim Minister. Assisting with worship are Dan Smith, Senior Minister and Karen McArthur, Affiliate Minister of Stewardship & Finance. Our liturgist is Matthew Glidden, member of the Building & Grounds Committee. Peter Sykes, Director of Music, is playing the organ and directing the choir. Today's Prayer of Praise is adapted from Psalm 119, *The Inclusive Bible*, and today's Declaration of Forgiveness is adapted from Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi.

The **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED** section of the bulletin is omitted from this online version to preserve the privacy of those mentioned. If you'd like more information on the people we're praying for this week, please contact the church office at [parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:parishadmin@firstchurchcambridge.org) or 617-547-2724 and we'll get the information to you.

## TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

**SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM ON DISABILITY Today at 12:30 p.m., Hastings Room** This forum will feature the PBS documentary, *Lives Worth Living*. Some people think of “disability” as a medical problem, a personal tragedy, or a social construct. It is also a social justice and civil rights issue. It is very difficult for people with disabilities to be active participants in the life of the church or society if they do not have access to the places of education, employment and worship. This film traces the development of the disability rights movement from the years following WW II, when thousands of disabled veterans returned home through to the passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act in 1990. Grab a light lunch during coffee hour and bring it with you to the Hastings Room at 12:30 p.m. to watch this film and join in a lively discussion. Sponsored by the First Church Disability/Access Team.

**NEWCOMER SESSION Today at 12:30 p.m., McKenzie Library** We are blessed to be graced by many visitors and newcomers to our church community. While we have always held newcomer sessions around a joining Sunday, we now offer monthly gatherings with a topical focus. Hopefully this will allow newcomers to get to know one another and to enter into engaging dialogue around topics ranging from our faith journeys to basic tenets of the Christian journey. We will also continue to share information about First Church and the UCC. Current members are also encouraged to attend to get to know people and share in the dialogue. Please fill a plate with lunch in Margaret Jewett Hall, and bring it with you to the Hastings Room.

**MENTAL HEALTH & SPIRITUALITY GROUP Today at 2:00 p.m., Tower Room** How do emotional struggles and mental health difficulties affect your relationship with God? Does your faith change your experience of mental health issues? Join us in the Tower Room each Sunday from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. as we hold these questions and our experiences in the healing light of Christ. The group is open: you may attend as often or as little as you like, and newcomers are always welcome. Talk to or e-mail Terry McKinney (tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org) or Carter West (stbosal@arczip.com).

**CONFIRMATION CLASS ORIENTATION Today at 4:00 p.m., Hastings Room** The Confirmation Class will have an orientation meeting for 8th and 9th graders and their parents this afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30 pm in the Hastings Room. Families will meet with co-leaders Sarah Higginbotham and Julie Rogers to learn more about the journey ahead.

**THIRD-SUNDAY JAZZ WORSHIP Today at 5:00 p.m. in Margaret Jewett Hall** We are thrilled that Carolyn Wilkins and friends continue to bring us vibrant and eclectic Jazz, Gospel, and African-American spirituals on the third Sunday of each month. Nancy Weil will continue to work with our staff to resource this service. Whether you are a Jazz regular or a curious newcomer to our afternoon worship, join us for communal prayer and Holy Communion. The service is will be followed by a time of fellowship.

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**NIGHT SONG: SOLEMN MYSTICAL COMPLINE Sundays in September and October at 8:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.** Night Song will continue its 8:30 p.m. Compline service through the end of October. The setting is simple, with no icons, very few candles and no incense. And there is no jazz instrumental component, making it 30 minutes in length and more traditional in nature. The music will be Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony. Night Song is based on Compline, the last daily service of Christian worship, dating back to monastic life in the Middle Ages. Offered in the quietness of the evening, Night Song invokes a sense of protection and peace for the night that is to come.

### **NO ORDINARY TIME: *Fall Adult Formation Opportunities***

With Dan on Sabbatical through January, Reebee Girash serving as Sabbatical Interim Minister, Terry now serving as half-time Minister of Mental Health & Healing, Julie Rogers among us as our Affiliate Minister of Youth & Young Adults, and Brent Coffin as Scholar-in-Residence, this fall and winter will be no ordinary time.

While there are seasons for proclamation, there are also seasons for deep listening. With so much new and changing, we have the chance to shift our awareness to listening deeply for how God is moving in our midst: sometimes stirring us, sometimes asking us to be still, meditating on where God is moving in our lives, the lives of others, and our congregation's future.

To reflect that, the theme of our adult formation activities during this season will be *No Ordinary Time: An Invitation to Listen and Learn*. Our 10 O'clock Hours will offer several opportunities to participate in this theme of listening and learning during a time of change. Starting on September 16th, our offerings will include:

- ◆ *Praying the Psalms*, in the Hastings Room, led by Terry McKinney and others: a six-week gathering to enter the Psalms more deeply, meditating on them, partnering in dialogue about their meaning to us, and praying about how they can and have shaped our lives.
- ◆ *Living the Questions Café*, in Margaret Jewett Hall: an opportunity to get to know one another better and explore our faith more deeply, where each week a theme is introduced and shared for meaningful discussion in small groups. Our time each week will close with prayer.

*Theme for Week One (9/23): Cathedral in Time*

How do you hope to enter a 'cathedral in time' this fall? What difference will it make to you, and to those around you?

*Scripture: "So then, a sabbath rest still remains for the people of God." –Hebrews 4:9*

## **FUTURE HAPPENINGS**

**FAMILY NIGHT RESUMES, Tuesday, September 18, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.** Family Night returns! Starting Tuesday, September 18, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., we'll gather every other week in Sage Hall for a simple potluck supper and a chance to share the joys and challenges of family life together. The main dish (usually pasta and sauce) is provided; bring a side dish, dessert, or drink to share. The fall schedule includes Family Nights on September 18; October 2, 16, and 30; November 13 and 27; and December 11.

**GREATER BOSTON INTERFAITH ORGANIZATION DELEGATE'S ASSEMBLY THIS THURSDAY** Join with GBIO this Thursday, September 20th from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Temple Isreal, Boston (477 Longwood Avenue) as we celebrate our recent Health Care Cost Control victory, prepare for our October Senate Candidate Accountability Action with Elizabeth Warren and Scott Brown and discern our future work together. Please email Karen Ann Zee at [achanx3@yahoo.com](mailto:achanx3@yahoo.com) if you plan to attend.

**GOT GIFTS?** Join us for the Gifts Discernment Coffee Hour next Sunday, September 23, to learn more about standing committees, groups and different ways to become involved. We'd love to hear about your passions, interests and talents!

**CAMBRIDGE CONCENTUS CONCERT** Cambridge Concentus, First Church's Ensemble in Residence, with Joshua Rifkin as conductor presents *A Royal Welcome!* J. Haydn's "Theresienmesse" in Bb Major and String Quartet Op. 77, no. 1 in G Major on September 23 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary. \$20 Suggested Donation ([www.cambridgeconcentus.org](http://www.cambridgeconcentus.org).)

**FIRST YOUTH GROUP GATHERING!** All FCC youth and friends between 8th and 12th grade are invited to our first youth group meeting of the year! We'll gather on Sunday, September 23rd in the McKenzie Library from 4 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. to get to know one another (or to reunite with one another after the summer) and to start planning a great year together! The youth group will typically meet every other Sunday (typically 1st and 3rd Sundays) between 4 p.m.- 5:30 p.m. but this will vary based on the activities and location. Please contact Julie Rogers, Affiliate Minister for Youth and Young Adults at [JRogers@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:JRogers@firstchurchcambridge.org) to be added to the Youth Group e-mail list and to be kept up-to-date on events!

**PARENTS' NIGHT OUT Friday, September 28** Families with young children (infants through elementary school) are invited to our first Fall Parents' Night Out on Friday, September 28, from **5:30 to 8:00 p.m.** Children play together in **Sage Hall**, our basement play space, under the supervision of a few volunteer parents and teenagers, while other parents enjoy an evening out. Pizza is provided for \$5/child, along with various craft activities geared to both preschool and older children. Contact Amy Matias, [amy.matias@verizon.net](mailto:amy.matias@verizon.net), if you'd like to participate. Teenagers who would like to organize games and activities for the younger children are most welcome — community service hours will be awarded. And save the date for our second PNO of the season, November 16.

**DAN'S SABBATICAL SEND-OFF, Sunday, September 30** Senior Minister Dan Smith will be on sabbatical October 1 - February 1. We plan to send him off with as many blessings and warm wishes as we can pack into Sunday, September 30. During Morning Worship we will have a liturgy of blessing for his time of rest and renewal. Dan and the congregation will also offer promises about his sabbatical time. After the worship service a luncheon is in the works. A number of folks will be working on this celebration. Contact Reebee Girash, [rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org), to get connected.

**BOOK GROUP: Hospitality, Food, and Communion** Sometime in October we'll have a three-session book group on Sara Miles' book *Take This Bread: The Spiritual Memoir of a Twenty-First-Century Christian*. Sara Miles writes: "One early, cloudy morning when I was forty-six, I walked into a church, ate a piece of bread, took a sip of wine.... This was my first communion. It changed everything.... I discovered a religion rooted in the most ordinary yet subversive practice: a dinner table where everyone is welcome." In this memoir we'll encounter communion theology, reflections on hospitality and radical inclusion, explorations of food justice issues, and a personal conversion story — all in an eminently readable narrative. Please let me know if you'd like to participate, and we'll find a time that works for all. — Reebee Girash, [rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org)

**PRAYERS AND PEDALS: A GROUP FOR CYCLISTS** For those who've done the Pan-Mass Challenge and those who bike to the closest T Stop, and those whose bikes keep whispering to you from the garage. For those who bike because it's green, because it's fun, because it's convenient, or because it's healthy. For those who ride recumbent and those who unicycle. Let's chat! Time to be determined based on who's interested. Contact Reebee Girash at [rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:rgirash@firstchurchcambridge.org).

**FALL FAMILY RETREAT, OCTOBER 13-14 - REGISTER NOW ONLINE** Families with children from infants to teenagers are invited to join us on the third annual Fall Family Retreat at Craigville Retreat Center on October 13-14, 2012. Spend 24 hours on the Cape with your church friends - we'll play, sing, eat, worship, laugh, and pray together. Registration is now taking place on our website - click on "Latest News" or visit the Children or Youth pages on the site.

### **GET INVOLVED**

**REGISTER YOUR CHILDREN & YOUTH FOR THE 2012-2013 PROGRAM YEAR** All children from infants to teenagers can be registered for programs at First Church. We have moved to an online registration form, found on our website. We invite parents to please take a moment to register your children, so that we can be prepared to welcome them into the Nursery, Church School, Confirmation Class, or Youth Group. Speak with Sarah Higginbotham if you have questions or concerns.

**NEW "MEMBERS" ONLY SECTION OF CHURCH WEBSITE** The new “members” only section of the website is up and running! Members and friends of First Church will be given a username and password to access this new section. Whether you have been a part of our congregation for a few weeks or for a lifetime, as an official member or a friend, you are welcome to sign on for access to our church directory, prayer requests, a First Church blog, small group announcements, board minutes, budgets, and more. Users will be able to update contact information, post photos and also email each other through our site (note: actual email addresses will remain hidden). In order to set up an initial version of our online member directory, we uploaded our current Parish List of contact information directly to the site. Your information will not be accessible to anyone but members and friends of our community. Please login and check it out!

**PASTORAL CARE TEAMS** Have you been interested in caring for fellow First Church folk who can't attend worship, could use extra support, or have something to celebrate? Our Pastoral Care Teams do just that by sending cards, making calls, bringing meals, and visiting. All these help remind people that they're a part of our First Church family, whatever their circumstances. If you have interest in participating or want to find out more, email Terry McKinney at [tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org](mailto:tmckinney@firstchurchcambridge.org), or call 781-643-7324.

**NIGHT SONG HELPERS NEEDED** Night Song is offering 1/2 hour Compline services at 8:30 on Sunday nights in our sanctuary from now through early November when they will return to their long services starting at 7. Do you attend these services regularly or are you looking for an extra reason to do so? Night Song is looking for volunteers to help set out candles, hand out service bulletins and count attendees. If you are willing to help now or beginning in November, please contact Night Song Artistic Director Daryl Bichel at [daryl@bichel.com](mailto:daryl@bichel.com). If you'd like to know more about Night Song, please visit our website and look under Worship, Music and Spiritual Life.

**EARTH STEWARDSHIP UPDATE** First Church Cambridge will receive \$100, thanks to the ten households that completed the free energy efficiency assessments with Next Step Living. Each completed efficiency assessment earns the church \$10, and each solar energy assessment earns \$50. If you are interested in signing up and learning about the rebates on work for which your home may be eligible, contact Susan Redlich (617-661-6462), member of the church's Earth Stewardship Team.

**HELP TUTOR ROXBURY STUDENTS** Nancy Kilburn is looking for volunteers to be trained as tutors for the Saturday School program at Roxbury Presbyterian Church Social Impact Center. Saturday School provides students from two struggling Roxbury schools: Higginson-Lewis and Dearborn Middle School, with an extra half day of learning each week. The tutor training is on September 22nd, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (breakfast & lunch provided) and the Saturday School classes are from 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. the six Saturdays from Oct. 13 - Nov. 17. Tutors are asked to make at least five out of the six Saturdays. Please contact Nancy at 617-445-6262 or [nkilburn@rpcsic.org](mailto:nkilburn@rpcsic.org) for more information or to volunteer. Thank you!

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## 2ND ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE FILM FESTIVAL 2012



Three Friday Evenings: Sept. 28, Oct 12, and 19

Three different, inspiring films showcase just such acts of courage and will leave you filled with hope! Come to one or all three. Brought to you by The Mission and Social Justice Committee, the Palestine/Israel Task Team, and the Beloved Community, whose members will lead post-film discussions. Each film will begin at 7 PM in Margaret Jewett Hall. Refreshments will be served.

"It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man (sic) stands up for an ideal or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he/she sends forth a tiny ripple of hope." —Robert F. Kennedy.



**September 28**  
**Home Front:**  
Portraits from  
Sheikh Jarrah

Four video portraits chronicling the resolve of a neighborhood in East Jerusalem and the support it receives from the most unexpected of places. A Palestinian teenager, an American born Israeli mother, a Palestinian community organizer and a former Israeli soldier non-violently resist the takeover of a neighborhood by Israeli settlers.



**October 12**  
**Kinyarwanda:**

Forgiveness is Freedom  
Winner of many prizes in film festivals this is the moving story of acts of courage and community during the Rwandan genocide. Directed by Alrick Brown, Kinyarwanda is based on true accounts from survivors who took refuge in the mosques opened to them by local imams. The Missions and Social Justice Committee has invited the Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center to participate in the showing of this film with a possibility it will also be shown there.



**October 19**  
**Can We Talk:**

Learning from  
Boston's Busing/  
Desegregation Crisis  
Commissioned by the Union of Minority Neighborhoods this film aspires to prompt a long over-due conversation about public education and racism, classism and social injustices that have plagued not only the Boston public schools, but the city of Boston as a community. Made by media producer Scott Mercer, the film contains many powerful stories of ordinary people. Donna Bivens, coordinator of the Boston Busing/Desegregation Project at UMN will be with us to lead the discussion.



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## Mission Moment

### Be Love

Like the image of ripples created in a pond from a dropped pebble, the Asian Rural Institute operates on the principle that the leaders they train will bring that knowledge to their own communities – creating a ripple effect of positive change. Since 1973, the organization has trained more than 1,100 rural development leaders. The graduates are not left to their own devices.

ARI maintains support and contact through an extensive graduate network, helping their emissaries to share the techniques they have learned and helping them to initiate programs in their communities. ARI staffer Yuko Endo was able to visit 23 graduates in the North-East Indian state of Manipur including Babycha Mangsatabam (2006), whose Conflict Widows Forum provides support for women by training them in organic farming, soap making, handicrafts and gender awareness; Kahling Toshang (2007), whose experience in ‘water-divining’ – an ancient art she learned during an ARI field trip – allowed her to locate 15 potential wells within her village that provide safe drinking water for the community; Hechin Haokip (2009), who lobbied for four years to attain passage of a domestic violence law to protect women. As director of Chandal District’s Center for Women and Girls, Haokip oversees the first registered service provider that offers counseling and legal services, court accompaniment and women’s concerns lobbying; and Menovino “Nino” Krose (2008) who was nicknamed “the garbage watch woman” by her community after she organized her neighborhood to clean up their garbage. Nino involved the school principal to teach students waste management, an activity that is now included as part of their class sessions. Her next project was a piggery to provide food and income for some of the poorest women in her village – a program that developed into production of fermented pig feed, a recipe Nino created and has now marketed to neighboring villages.

The practices and knowledge from ARI are creating ripples of positive change and empowering many in Manipur and beyond.

*September 2012*

**God is still speaking,**



**FIRST CHURCH IN CAMBRIDGE, CONGREGATIONAL, UCC**  
**Fall Program Highlights**

***WORSHIP***

Morning Worship, every Sunday at 11 a.m., Sanctuary  
Third Sunday Jazz Service with Carolyn Wilkins, 5 p.m., Margaret Jewett Hall  
Night Song, every Sunday at 8:30 p.m. (7 p.m. after 11/1), Sanctuary

***SPIRITUAL FORMATION FOR ALL AGES***

*Adult Formation 10 O'Clock Hours (starting Sunday, September 16):*

Living the Questions, Sundays at 10 a.m., Margaret Jewett Hall  
Praying the Psalms, Sundays at 10 a.m., Hastings Room

*For Kids and Families*

Tuesday Family Nights, starts Tuesday, September 18  
Parents' Night Out, Friday, September 28  
Fall Family Retreat to Craigville, Saturday and Sunday, October 13 and 14  
Family Choir, starts Sunday, October 21

*For Youth*

Bi-Weekly Confirmation Class, Sundays at 4 p.m.  
Bi-Weekly Youth Group, Sundays at 4 p.m.

*Small Groups*

Weekly Mental Health and Spirituality Group  
Weekly *Havruta* Text Study Groups  
Take This Bread Book Group  
Prayers and Pedals (for Cyclists)  
Young Adults 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Brunch  
Honeycomb Collaborative

***SOCIAL JUSTICE AND OTHER CHURCH ACTIVITIES***

Disability Forum, 9/16 at 12:30 p.m.  
Gifts Discernment Coffee Hour, 9/23 at 12:30 p.m.  
Fall Film Festival 9/28, 10/12 and 10/19 all at 7 p.m.  
Dan's Sabbatical Sendoff Service and Lunch, Sunday, Sept 30 at 12:15 p.m.  
Greater Boston Interfaith Org Candidates Forum with Elizabeth Warren and Scott Brown,  
10/14 at 7 p.m. at Temple Israel, Boston  
Annual Doris Beauvois First Church Shelter Lecture, 10/21 at 12:30 p.m.  
All Church Dance and Potluck, Nov 11 at 4 at 4 p.m.

## The Week Ahead

### Sunday, September 16

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, Margaret Jewett Hall
- 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sacrament of Baptism, Reebee Girash, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School Classes for Grades PreK-7
- 12:30 p.m. Social Justice Forum on Disability, Hastings Room
- 12:30 p.m. Newcomers Lunch, McKenzie Library
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class Orientation, Hastings Room
- 5:00 pm. Jazz Worship with Carolyn Wilkins, Margaret Jewett Hall
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

### Tuesday, September 18

- 3:45 p.m. Committee on Ministry review for Monica Maher, Second Church, Newton
- 5:30 p.m. Family Night, Sage Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Palestine/Israel Task Force, home of Marian Smith

### Wednesday, September 19

- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting, Dan Smith's office
- 7:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Dan Smith's office

### Thursday, September 20

- 7:45 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Hastings Room
- 7:00 p.m. GBIO Delegates Assembly, Temple, Israel (477 Longwood Avenue, Boston)

### Sunday, September 23

- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Coffee/Gathering Time, MJH
- 10:00 a.m. Christian Formation
- 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Dan Smith, preaching
- 11:20 a.m. Church School classes for grades PreK-7
- 12:15 p.m. Gifts Discernment Coffee Hour
- 2:00 p.m. Mental Health and Spirituality Group, Tower Room
- 4:00 p.m. Youth Group, McKenzie Library
- 8:30 p.m. Night Song Compline, Sanctuary

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## First Church Covenant Testimony

Adopted 1990

We believe that our covenant with God and each other calls us:

To love God with all that we are, and our close and distant neighbors as ourselves;  
To seek peace with justice and equity for all people;  
To engage in non-violent resistance to evil;  
To respect and preserve God's earth;  
To foster community across every barrier and division;  
To attend to God's unfolding and reconciling word;  
To support each other in our frailties and strengths, that we may embody that love which overcomes fear and death.

This we testify, confessing always our reliance on God's grace in Christ, and in the power of the Holy Spirit.



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