



The Clarendon Connection

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Celebrating a Church for All God's Children: More Light Sunday 2009

by Michael Adee, More Light Presbyterians

Now more than ever it is important for us, for our Church, to recognize and celebrate the presence and gifts of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender persons and their families in our local congregations. We believe in a Gospel and a Church for all God's children.

While we do recognize and give thanks for the extraordinary, history-making progress made during the Amendment 08-B Campaign,* we also reckon with the reality that its ratification was narrowly defeated. This is a time of mixed emotions, celebration and lamentation.

We celebrate that a record number of 77 presbyteries so far have affirmed fair and equal ordination standards; and we lament that 92 have held to the status quo of discrimination against faithful LGBT Presbyterians simply seeking to answer God's call to serve. It is time for us to gather in community in every possible congregation, MLP Chapter, campus or seminary group for a time of reflection, prayer, healing and solidarity.

More Light Sunday is June 7, 2009. The first Sunday of June is chosen for More Light Sunday in recognition that June is the tradition of LGBT or Gay Pride Month in most cities. Pride celebrations were first held in June to honor the anniversary of the Stonewall Riots in New York City in 1969, a watershed moment in the LGBT equal rights movement. We encourage each welcoming church, campus ministry or MLP Chapter to consider ways you can be part of your local or state Pride celebration. Learn more at www.mlp.org.

Boston Pride Week is Friday, June 5 to Sunday, June 14. For more information, visit www.bostonpride.org.



*Ordination Amendment 08-B, approved by the 216th General Assembly, is being considered by the presbyteries for ratification. A simple majority vote is needed for ratification. A "Yes" vote will enable the denomination to move forward together again as one church family committed to the equality of all of its members, and enable the ordination of LGBT members who are called to serve. A "No" vote will leave us mired in the same division, conflict, and unjust policies which have characterized the church for decades. Please keep the Presbyterian LGBT community and entire Church in your prayers.

Clarendon Happenings

Presbyterian Coffee Project



Presbyterian Coffee Project orders will be taken on June 7 for delivery on June 14. Orders can be emailed to Katherine (kath.gustafson@gmail.com) by Sunday afternoon, June 7.

Women's Horizons Bible Study

The Horizons Bible Study meets at Salam Lebbos's house in Arlington on Friday afternoons once a month. We gather at 3:30 p.m. and Bible study runs from 4 to 5 p.m. All women are welcome. Contact Val Donovan or Katherine Gustafson (kath.gustafson@gmail.com) for meeting dates and directions.

Introduction to Yoga

Come join our small class after coffee hour to practice mindful breathing and gentle yoga postures. Great for stress release, improved flexibility and strength. Contact Liz at cavatorta1@hotmail.com for meeting dates.

Congratulations!

Newsletter editor Ann Crews Melton married Ryan Wayne Warner on May 23 in Longview, Texas. Ryan is a North Dakota native and recent graduate of Berklee College of Music. Ann and Ryan will stay in Boston while Ann finishes her MA in Publishing & Writing at Emerson College.



Dates at a Glance

June 6	Liz Leavitt's Ordination
June 7	Coffee Orders
June 13	Goodbye for Voltaire
June 14	Coffee Delivery

Celebration and Goodbye Potluck/ BBQ for Voltaire Organo

Mary Reynolds' & Bill Bartin's Home
28 Howie St., Melrose
Saturday, June 13, 5-8 p.m.

Please join us on our tree-top deck for good eating and conversation, and perhaps a song, wishing Voltaire well as he completes his post-doc and returns to a job in the Phillipines. Lucky for us, he's worshipped with CHPC and been a stellar choir member for the past three years. Bring your favorite dish and beverage--we will have hamburgers/hot dogs and some chicken too. If anyone wants a veggie burger, let us know! Contact mreynolds105@yahoo.com for more info.

Help with Liz Leavitt's Ordination

If you can help with the reception for Liz Leavitt's ordination, contact Katherine Gustafson. We are still looking for some food items, flowers, and donations toward expenses. See back cover for more details.

CHPC Friends-

Thank you so very much for the lovely intern celebration and the beautiful cross necklace. It has been such a wonderful year for me here at Clarendon Hill, and I am grateful to all of you for hospitality this year and your well-wishes. I will cherish the cross for all of my ministry.

All the best,
Liz Leavitt

Calling All Kids (of All Ages)

We are going to be writing and putting together a play. Come join us during Sunday School time in June and July.

Sunday Worship at Clarendon Hill

9:45 a.m.	Choir rehearsal
10:30 a.m.	Worship
10:45 a.m.	Children's education
11:30 a.m.	Refreshments and fellowship

Communion will be celebrated on June 7.

**Surprise the Tender Alphabet:
Image Meets Text
5-26 June 2009
Opening reception 6 June 2009, 3-5 p.m.**

Curated by Ann Forbush and Jenny Lawton Grassl.

Surprise the Tender Alphabet: Image Meets Text is an exhibit of work by thirteen New England artists. The show incorporates painters, printmakers, photographers, sculptors and performance artists who embrace text or language in their artwork. Legible writing and poetry appear in some works, while others offer more ambiguous or subliminal messages. Our "alphabet" takes many forms, from intimate handwriting scrawled in a diary to disintegrating messages found on the street, allowing the fusion of words and images to seduce, comfort or incite.



Metal and Glass Ensemble

19 June 2009, 8 p.m.

www.myspace.com/metalandglass

\$7 donation

Metal & Glass Ensemble is a Boston-based improvisational group with a rotating membership who create acoustic drone-based music with bowed cymbals and other metal objects, and glasses tuned to a just-intoned 23-note octave. This just scale, employing whole-number ratios akin to a natural harmonic overtone series, is the only formal tuning used in the group. The bowed metal generates its own shifting but interrelated pitch classes, while the instrumental players contribute using a variety of microtonal intonations. In this way the music is liberated from the 12-tone equal-tempered octave, and explores a broad spectrum of harmonic relationships. The ensemble uses a structured improvisational scheme (such as a chart or graphic score) to give each performance a specific form. In some cases the structure is conceptual, expressed through verbal imagery. The music itself evolves gradually over time, often conveying a meditative quality.

The Bruno Raberg Nonet

24 June 2009, 8 p.m.,

www.brunoraberg.com

\$12, \$10 students with ID



Innovative bassist/composer Bruno Raberg will present a night of original music written for his all-stellar nonet. Raberg is a mainstay on the Boston scene and has six recordings in his name featuring Mick Goodrick, Donny McCaslin, Matt Wilson, Ben Monder, Chris Cheek and others.

Featured are trumpeter Phil Grenadier, who's currently a member of guitarist John Scofield Sextet, and Allan Chase, formerly with drum legend Rasheed Ali.



Upcoming Exhibit: Physical Digital

11 July-9 August 2009

Artists: Rachel Gargiulo, Ted Ollier, John Pyper, Liz Shepherd

Opening Reception: 11 July 2009, 3-5 p.m.

To volunteer to help with an event, contact Randy at rwinchester@artsomerville.org.

Lectionary Readings

June 2009

June 7

Isaiah 6:1-8
Psalm 29:1-11
Romans 8:12-17
John 3:1-17

June 14

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13
Psalm 20:1-9
2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

June 21

1 Samuel 17:32-49
Psalm 9:9-20
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

June 28

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27
Psalm 130:1-8
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

July 2009

July 5

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
Psalm 48:1-14
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

July 12

2 Sam. 6:1-5, 12b-19
Psalm 24:1-10
Eph. 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

July 19

2 Samuel 7:1-14a
Psalm 89:20-37
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 26

2 Samuel 11:1-15
Psalm 14:1-7
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

Church Assignments

	scripture	focus on mission	coffee hour	nursery
June 7	S. Donovan	P. Auger	Gustafson/Cavano	E. Schemerhorn
June 14	R. Winchester	H. Rantisi	Donovan	K. Gustafson
June 21	E. Sweeny	A. Kwaa	Schemerhorn	V. Donovan
June 28	C. Milanesi	S. Donovan	Siggers	E. Schemerhorn
July 5	M. Reynolds	T. Siggers	Augers	K. Gustafson
July 12	P. Beran	K. Graf	Milanesi/Kumpa	V. Donovan
July 19	J. Auger	R. Liberace	Camelio/Braga	E. Schemerhorn
July 26	J. Bray	M. Reynolds	Chapman-Adisho	K. Gustafson

If you would like to be added to the rotation for any of these ministry opportunities, please contact Ann Crews Melton, editor@clarendonhillchurch.org or 617.646.9690.

The Clarendon Connection is edited by Ann Crews Melton. Articles for the July issue are requested by June 25. Email editor@clarendonhillchurch.org with news, photos, tidbits, corrections or suggestions.

A Call for Nursery Volunteers

Why have a church nursery?

To ensure that CHPC is an inviting place to all, including families with young children.

What is involved? On your assigned Sunday:

- Arrive at church 5 to 10 minutes early;
- Greet families with small children as they come in, telling them that a church nursery is available and that you will be happy to accompany them to the nursery at any time during the service;
- Take care of the children during worship time. Books, toys, and drawing materials are available in the newly painted room;
- If you can't make your assigned Sunday, change with someone else on the list.

The need: Only a few are currently sharing the duty, which means they are missing the opportunity to be in worship several times a month. The more that sign up for this shared responsibility, the fewer times per year each is on duty.

Benefits: It is a great way to get to know the youngest members of our congregation and make them (and their families) feel welcome, not to mention just having a lot of fun.

If you are uncomfortable volunteering alone, sign up with a partner and share the joy of playing with young ones for an hour or less! Contact Ann to volunteer, editor@clarendonhillchurch.org.



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Rev. Karl Gustafson, Minister Augustus Kwaa, Parish Associate/Evangelist John Adams, Music Director Arnie James, Sexton

The Presbytery of Boston & the Presbytery of the Cascades
cordially invite you to a service of worship to ordain

Elizabeth Smith Leavitt

into the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament
in the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.
to be held

Saturday, June 6, 2009
at ten o'clock in the morning
at

Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church

A short reception will follow.



Parking is available at the West Somerville Neighborhood School, the parking lot of which can be accessed from Raymond St. Please note that most other parking around the church is neighborhood parking and requires a permit.

If you are in need of childcare for this occasion, please email leavitt.liz@gmail.com by June 1.