

WEEKS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, November 5th

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM

Diana Smith Meeting, Minister's Office, 12:30 PM

Social Justice Meeting, Chapel, 12:30 PM

Music Committee, Conference Room, 12:30 PM

Wednesday, November 8th

Soulful Sundown– Dinner Church, Chapel, 6:15 PM

Sunday, November 12th

Meditation, Parlor, 10:15 AM

Learning Community Meeting, Auditorium, 12:00 PM

Soul Matters, Parlor, 12:30 PM

**Denotes a non-church event, open to the public.*

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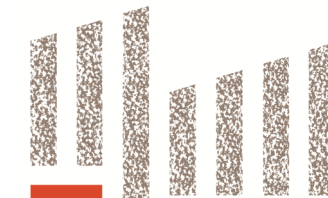
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Sunday, November 5 2017

Rev. Stephen Kendrick: "Somewhat of a Recluse"

Next Week: Rev. Stephen Kendrick, "Living on a Chance"

Soulful Sundowns are Wednesdays at 6:15

THIS WEDNESDAY November 8th: Dinner Church

~ 1st Wednesdays are **Vespers**, a reflective service;

~ 2nd Wednesdays are **Dinner church**, a meal-centered service;

~ 3rd Wednesdays are **Sanctuary Boston**, vibrant music,
real connection;

~ 4th Wednesdays are **Open Spirit**, an arts-based service.

Please join us after church **TODAY at 12:30**
for an important **Social Justice meeting in the Chapel**

Our top 3 agenda items are:

1) The Massachusetts criminal justice reform effort is **MOVING!** We need to make calls this week to push the House to match or exceed what the Senate has done. We have a short script for you to use to call your state Rep. If you can only stay for this short discussion and to get the script, please come.

2) We'll hear from Ellie about the plan for this year's December Vigil that we do annually in collaboration with the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence.

3) The struggle for affordable housing in the Back Bay/Boston has intensified with Boston Properties' plan to develop the space above Back Bay station. Old South Church, Trinity Church, and GBIO are negotiating to increase funding for affordable housing. There are 2 meetings to attend in November to support this effort. Join us today to learn more.

Check out the newly updated bulletin board in the Narthex for information about The Social Justice Community's work and how you can get involved.

Sunday, November 19:

"Taking on Prejudices"

Learning from Hopeful Examples of Interracial Collaboration in History and the Present

Paul Kendrick

12:30pm in the Auditorium; lunch at 12:15pm (suggested donation \$5)



PLEASE NOTE: DAYLIGHT SAVING
TIME ENDS TODAY!
SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR

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The Order of Service

We Gather Together

Gathering Music On a Clear Day You Can See Forever Burton Lane (1912-1997)
Christie Teeters, soloist

Welcome Rev. Tim House

***Hymn # 298** Wake, Now, My Senses SLANE

Chalice Lighting & Invocation

Love is the spirit of this church, And service its law. This is our great covenant:
 To dwell together in peace, To seek the truth in love, And to help one another.

The Work of Community

Time for All Ages Rev. Stephen Kendrick
 Children of new and returning families are invited to join Aisha for the children’s spiritual education session, held downstairs in the John Winthrop School.
Go now in peace. Go now in peace. May the love of God surround you everywhere, everywhere, you may go.

Greeting Your Neighbor

Affirmation # 123 Spirit of Life

Brief Announcements Rev. House

Finding Ourselves in the World’s Story

Musical Meditation Sing We and Chant It Thomas Morley (1557-1603)

Unison Reading # 704 “Give Them Not Hell”, by John Murray

Reading "Our Seventh Principle" by Forrest Gilmore Diana Smith & Aisha Ansano

Going Deeper

Prayer Aisha Ansano

***Hymn # 100** I’ve Got Peace Like a River WHITNEY

Sermon “Somewhat of a Recluse” Rev. Kendrick

Offertory Abendlied Josef Rheinberger (1839-1901)

*Bleib bei uns, denn es wird Abend werden, und der Tag hat sich geneiget.
 Stay with us, for the evening is nigh, and the day far spent.*

***Doxology**



Engaging the World in Service and Thanks

Charge Diana Smith

***Hymn # 6** Just As Long as I Have Breath NICHT SO TRAURIG

***Benediction** Diana Smith

Postlude Sonata II: *Allegro maestoso e vivace* – Fugue Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

*Please stand as you are able.

**Thank you to this Sunday's coffee hour host Rosemary Kean.
 The sign-up sheet is out if you can volunteer for 2018 coffee hours.**

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