

Spring 2015



Boston University Marsh Chapel

Termbook

FROM THE DEAN . . .

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the ministry of Marsh Chapel! Here you will find a heart in the heart of the global city and a worship service in the service of the global city. Here you will find passionate interest in matters related to gospel voice, personal vocation, and congregational volume. I look forward to knowing your name!

Please peruse the opportunities described herein for ministry, music, hospitality, and international engagement. Find your way to your own true interests in our midst. Get to know Br. Larry, Rev. Longsdorf, Dr. Jarrett, and Mr. Bouchard. I look forward to *their* knowing your name!

For Marsh Chapel to be the leading liberal pulpit in the country, the exemplary collegium for vocational discernment in our time, and the largest University congregation in the country, we need you. We need your Sunday presence, your tithing generosity, your acceptance of service roles, your prayer before worship and night and day, and mainly your own best self.

Our preaching this year will cycle around and through an engagement with ‘Spirit.’ We will of course follow the common lectionary and offer ordered 11 a.m. Sunday worship in the Marsh tradition. The sermons will ‘test the spirits to see if any be of God’ (1 John 4:1). They will speak with those who are spiritual but not necessarily religious.

In particular, the first Sunday sermons will explore ‘The Marsh Spirit.’ What is the particular, soulful spirit of our community here, after these sixty years? What makes ‘Marsh Chapel’ Marsh Chapel? Then also, once each month, a theme sermon will explore what the Spirit is saying to the Church on issues of the moment (the moral equivalents of war, religion on campus, safety and student life, drones, law and love in the United Methodist Church, and other). In Lent, we will debate Jonathan Edwards, but on the matter of Spirit.

So find your way to the Paraclete. Open your door to the ‘Spirit of Truth.’ Study a little about the Holy Spirit. Channel your inner Third Person persona. And get ready - the word this year: Spirit.

See you Sunday!

Bob Hill
Dean of Marsh Chapel

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Sunday mornings at Marsh Chapel are interdenominational Protestant worship services influenced by the University's traditional Methodist roots. They are broadcast year-round on WBUR 90.9 FM and streamed over the Internet at www.wbur.org. A podcast is available from iTunes® and the chapel website (www.bu.edu/chapel). Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month and on Easter Sunday.

An Intercessory Silent Prayer Group meets at 10:40 a.m. prior to each service.

January 18

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany

1 Sam. 3:1-20 ~ Ps. 139 ~ 1 Cor. 6:12-20 ~ John 1:43-51

Preacher: Dr. Peter J. Paris

Visiting Walter G. Muelder Professor of Social Ethics

Anthems: Deep River – arr. Roy Ringwald

Hymn to the Eternal Flame – Stephen Paulus

January 25

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Jonah 3:1-5, 10 ~ Ps. 62 ~ 1 Cor. 7:29-31 ~ Mark 1:14-20

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "Finding our Way"

Anthems: Das ist je gewißlich wahr – Schütz

Psalm 100 (Jauchzet dem Herrn) – Mendelssohn

February 1

The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

Holy Communion

Deut. 18:15-20 ~ Ps. 111 ~ 1 Cor. 8:1-13 ~ Mark 1:21-28

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "The Marsh Spirit"

Anthems: Kyrie (*Missa Papae Marcelli*) – Palestrina

Bless the Lord, O my Soul (*All-Night Vigil*) – Rachmaninoff

The Song of Saint Simeon – Richard Cornell

February 8

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

Is. 40:21-31 ~ Ps. 147 ~ 1 Cor. 9:16-23 ~ Mark 1:29-39

Preachers: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music

Cantata: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BWV 1 – J. S. Bach

February 15

Transfiguration Sunday/The Last Sunday before Lent

2 Kings 2:1-12 ~ Ps. 50 ~ 2 Cor. 4:3-6 ~ Mark 9:2-9

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "War and Peace"

Anthems: The Great Doxology (*All-Night Vigil*) – Rachmaninoff
O Lord, give thy Holy Spirit – Tallis

February 22

The First Sunday in Lent

Gen. 9:8-17 ~ Ps. 25 ~ 1 Pet. 3:18-22 ~ Mark 1:9-15

Preacher: Rev. Liz Douglass, Chapel Associate

Music offered by the Inner Strength Gospel Choir.

March 1

The Second Sunday in Lent

Holy Communion

Gen. 17:1-7, 15-16 ~ Ps. 22 ~ Rom. 4:13-25 ~ Mark 8:31-38

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "The Marsh Spirit"

Anthems: Kyrie (*Missa 'Ecce Sacerdos Magnus'*) – Guerrero
Lamb of God – F. M. Christiansen
Hear my prayer – Purcell

March 8

The Third Sunday in Lent

Ex. 20:1-17 ~ Ps. 19 ~ 1 Cor. 1:18-25 ~ John 2:13-22

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: Lenten Sermon Series: Jonathan Edwards

Anthem: Hear my prayer – Mendelssohn

March 15

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

Num. 21:4-9 ~ Ps. 107 ~ Ep. 2:1-10 ~ John 3:14-21

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: Lenten Sermon Series: Jonathan Edwards

Music offered by In Choro Novo.

March 22

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Jer. 31:31-34 ~ Ps. 51 ~ Heb. 5:5-10 ~ John 12:20-33

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: Lenten Sermon Series: Jonathan Edwards

Anthems: Song of the Passion – George Oldroyd

Yif ic of luvē can (from *Sacred and Profane*) – Britten

March 29

Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday

Mark 11:1-11 ~ Ps. 118

Is. 50:4-9a ~ Ps. 31 ~ Philip. 2:5-11 ~ Mark 14:1 – 15:47

Reading of the Passion Gospel with meditations and hymns.

Anthems: Hosanna to the Son of David – Weelkes

Solus ad victimam – Leighton

April 5

Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. – Sunrise Service (Warren Alpert Mall, BU Beach)

9:00 a.m./11:00 a.m. – Festival Eucharist (Marsh Chapel Nave)

Acts 10:34-43 ~ Ps. 118 ~ 1 Cor. 15:1-11 ~ John 20:1-18

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: “Fear and Trembling”

Anthems: Ecce vicit Leo – Peter Philips

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem – Stanford

If ye then be risen – Daniel Moe

April 12

The Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:32-35 ~ Ps. 133 ~ 1 John 1:1 – 2:2 ~ John 20:19-31

Preachers: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music

Cantata: Halt im Gedächtnis Jesum Christ, BWV 67 – J. S. Bach

April 19

The Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:12-19 ~ Ps. 4 ~ 1 John 3:1-7 ~ Luke 24:36b-48

Preacher: Ms. Jessica Chicka, Chapel Associate

Music offered by the Inner Strength Gospel Choir.

April 26

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:5-12 ~ Ps. 23 ~ 1 John 3:16-24 ~ John 10:11-18

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "Theodora"

Anthems: Rise up, my love, my fair one - Healey Willan
Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks - Howells

May 3

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

Acts 8:26-40 ~ Ps. 22 ~ 1 John 4:7-21 ~ John 15:1-8

Preacher: Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "The Marsh Spirit"

Anthems: Kyrie (*Missa Salve*) - Victoria
Festival Te Deum - Britten
O sacrum convivium - Victoria

May 10

The Sixth Sunday of Easter/"This I Believe" Sunday

Acts 10:44-48 ~ Ps. 98 ~ 1 John 5:1-6 ~ John 15:9-17

Speakers: Members of the Class of 2015

Anthems: Geistliches Lied - Brahms
I saw the Lord - Stainer

May 17

Ascension Sunday/University Baccalaureate

Acts 1:1-11 ~ Ps. 47 ~ Ep. 1:15-23 ~ Luke 24:44-53

The Baccalaureate speaker is announced in early May.

Anthems: The Road Home - Stephen Paulus
O clap your hands - John Rutter

Marsh Chapel remains open for Sunday services during the summer months.

Music for these services is provided by the Marsh Chapel Choral Scholars.

Sundays

COMMUNION

Marsh Chapel at Boston University is an interdenominational faith community and all are welcome and invited to participate in Communion. If you do not feel comfortable receiving the elements of Communion, you may, if you wish, come forward and receive a blessing instead. Simply let the server know when you approach. If you are unable to come forward, we will come to you with Communion or for a blessing—just raise your hand after the others have finished. We provide both wine (pulpit side) and an alcohol-free grape juice (lectern side). Gluten-free bread is available upon request.

HEALING PRAYER STATIONS AT COMMUNION

We offer prayer for healing at every Sunday Communion service except for Easter services. If, after partaking of Communion, you are moved to prayer for healing in an area of your life that calls for attention, with the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil (essential oil, with no additives), please join the members of the healing prayer group under the first windows on the pulpit side in the Nave. Please feel free to stay until you are prayed with as the service continues to hold us all in worship. Also, if you, clergy or laity, find yourself drawn to participate in the ministry of the healing prayer group, please contact Rev. Victoria Gaskell, Chapel Associate, vgaskell@bu.edu.

CHILD CARE

Marsh Chapel is pleased to offer childcare during Sunday morning services. Inquiries can be made in the main office on the lower level of the building.

PARKING

We are happy to provide free parking for the Sunday morning service (11:00 a.m.) in the lot behind the College of Arts and Sciences (accessible via Bay State Road).

WEEKDAY SERVICES

SUNDAY VESPERS

Sundays - 6:30 p.m. - Robinson Chapel

This less formal and more intimate service provides opportunity to explore and experience a variety of liturgical styles over the course of the semester. Various members of the ministry department staff, colleagues, and friends of Marsh Chapel provide leadership for each distinctive worship experience. This service always includes the celebration of the Eucharist (Holy Communion; The Lord's Supper). Dinner is provided following each service.

Special to this semester's Vespers series will be an on-going art and liturgy project during the season of Lent which will be displayed at Easter.

MONDAY MEDITATION

Mondays - 12:15 p.m. - Robinson Chapel

Breathe deeply and start off your week by getting balanced through meditation. Each Monday morning, a guided meditation is offered in Marsh Chapel. In these half-hour sessions, we open with a prayer for peace, join in a guided meditation from a variety of faith traditions, and meditate in a time of silence.

ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays - 5:15 p.m. - Nave

This service is sponsored by the Episcopal Chaplaincy and offers a moment of quiet reflection and communion.

SILENCE PRACTICE

Thursdays - 12:00 noon - Nave

Have a decision to make? Seeking balance? Overworked? Stressed? Anxious? Troubled? Wondering about the future? Don't just do something - SIT THERE! Come for five minutes or stay for the whole hour.

COMMON GROUND COMMUNION

Thursdays - 12:20 p.m. - Marsh Plaza

This public service of Holy Communion is blessedly brief, and the sacrament is available to passers-by until 1:00 p.m. The service is held weekly during the term while classes are in session.

SPECIAL SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday, February 18 - Nave/Robinson Chapel

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent, a time for penitence in preparation for Easter. Marsh Chapel offers several special services this day:

- 8:30 a.m. Ecumenical Morning Prayer (Nave)
- 5:15 p.m. Ecumenical Evening Prayer with Communion (Robinson Chapel)
- 6:00 p.m. Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service (Nave)

All services on Ash Wednesday offer the imposition of ashes.

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday, March 29 - Easter Sunday, April 5

A complete listing of Holy Week services is found on the next page.

"THIS I BELIEVE"

Sunday, May 10 - 11:00 a.m. - Nave

This annual Marsh Chapel tradition features reflections on personal faith offered by selected members of the Class of 2015.

UNIVERSITY BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Sunday, May 17 - 11:00 a.m. - Nave

Join us for this service of thanksgiving for the graduating class of 2015. Music is provided by the Marsh Chapel Choir (their final service of the academic year) and Majestic Brass. The Baccalaureate speaker is announced during the first week of May.

The week between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday is the most important season of the Christian year. It is a time when we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal, crucifixion, death, and ultimately his triumphant resurrection. The services listed below take place in the Marsh Chapel Nave unless otherwise noted.

Palm Sunday, March 29

11:00 a.m. Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service
The Liturgy of the Palms/The Liturgy of the Passion

This service includes a reading of the Passion Gospel interspersed with meditations and hymns.

Wednesday in Holy Week, April 1

5:15 p.m. Ecumenical Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday, April 2

6:00 p.m. Interdenominational Worship Service with Holy Communion

Good Friday, April 3

12 – 3 p.m. The Seven Last Words of Christ on the Cross

A service of word, meditation, music, and silence. Meditations are offered by Dean Hill and Boston University chaplains. The music offered is "Membra Jesu Nostrī" of Dietrich Buxtehude.

Holy Saturday, April 4

7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter (Robinson Chapel)

A service celebrating God's plan of salvation, the resurrection of Jesus, the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, and the rite of Confirmation. Rev. Dr. Robert Cummings Neville, Dean of the Chapel from 2003 until 2006, offers the sermon and celebrates the Festival Eucharist.

Easter Sunday, April 5

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service (Warren Alpert Mall, BU Beach)

9:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist (Nave)

11:00 a.m. Festival Eucharist (Nave)

Additional information regarding Easter Sunday services is found on page 4.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Located in the heart of a great university with a rich heritage, Marsh Chapel regularly offers settings for teaching, discussion, and conversation. For more information about the opportunities listed here, contact Br. Larry Whitney at 617.358.3392 or lwhitney@bu.edu.

MORNING STUDY GROUP: JESUS AND THE DISINHERITED

Sundays - 9:45 a.m. - Thurman Room

This semester the morning study group journeys with Howard Thurman, reading *Jesus and the Disinherited*. Free copies of the book will be made available to study members at no cost. Please join us for fellowship and conversation; all are welcome. (Contacts: Rev. Liz Douglass, imd@bu.edu; Rev. Jen Quigley, jenquig@bu.edu)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Sundays - 11:50 a.m. - Thurman Room

Marsh Chapel continues to offer religious education for children. Those interested are encouraged to leave the service during the last hymn for a time of lessons, crafts, and fun with Marsh Associate Jaimie Dingus. Our children's ministry is available every Sunday excluding Communion Sundays. (Contacts: Jaimie Dingus, jdingus@bu.edu; Rev. Jen. Quigley, jenquig@bu.edu)

READING THE BIBLE TOGETHER AT MARSH CHAPEL

Sundays - 12:30 p.m. - Thurman Room

Join Rev. Dr. Mark Yoon, University Chaplain for Evangelical Students, in a weekly study of the life and ministry of Jesus. No need to prepare; just show up, listen, discuss, and learn. (Contact: Br. Larry Whitney, lwhitney@bu.edu)

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

For the second year, the ministry staff of Marsh Chapel offers a daily emailed Lenten devotion as a series from Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday. Each email includes a scripture passage, reflection, and encouragement for further action or more information. Registration for the Lenten devotion is available on the Marsh Chapel website beginning in February. For more information, contact Jessica Chicka (jchicka@bu.edu).

STUDY RETREATS

February 28; May 2-4 ~ Marsh Chapel, Lower Level

The theme of our retreats this semester is *Howard Thurman: The Growing Edge*.

Study Retreats provide an opportunity to unite head and heart by putting study in the context of spiritual practice. Breakfast and lunch are provided, as is dinner during the final retreat at the end of term. The day begins with breakfast and Morning Prayer during which participants articulate what they intend to accomplish during the day. After a substantial period of study, participants gather for Mid-Day Prayer followed by lunch and then another study period. The day ends with Evening Prayer during which participants check in about what they accomplished, celebrating successes and encouraging one another to keep working toward unmet goals.

Participation in Study Retreats is free of charge and available to any and all Boston University students. For more information or to register for one of the retreats, visit the Marsh Chapel website under the "Life Together" tab. (Contact: Br. Larry Whitney, lwhitney@bu.edu)

DEAN'S CHOICE

Printed weekly in the Sunday worship bulletin

As part of our programmatic ministry, Dean Hill designates a special event every week as the "Dean's Choice." These events, chosen from across the life of the University, are spiritually enriching, life affirming, and personally educational. They include fine arts performances, lectures in the sciences and humanities, sporting events, and presentations related to theological and religious ideas. As a community of faith, we have the joy and privilege of worshipping and serving within a vibrant university, whose offerings frequently present modes of growth for us as individuals and as a congregation. We encourage you to consider each week's "Dean's Choice," and when possible, to attend those most meaningful for you.

MUSIC AT MARSH CHAPEL 14|15

Scott Allen Jarrett, DMA, Director of Music
Justin Thomas Blackwell, Associate Director of Music
617.358.3395; musicmar@bu.edu

THE BACH EXPERIENCE: The Eighth Annual Bach Cantata Series **Selected Sundays ~ 9:45 a.m./11:00 a.m.**

After a highly successful and rewarding year exploring the *Mass in B minor*, the Marsh Chapel Choir and Collegium return this year to the church cantatas of Johann Sebastian Bach. On four Sundays throughout the year, we explore an individual cantata, first with a 30-minute discussion of its musical and theological underpinnings, and second with a complete performance during the Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service.

9:45 a.m. - Discussion of the cantata of the day

10:15 a.m. - Complimentary breakfast

11:00 a.m. - Performance of the cantata in the 11:00 a.m. worship service

September 28, 2014	BWV 190: Singet dem Herrn ein neues Lied Cantata for New Year's Day
November 9, 2014	BWV 78: Jesu, der du meine Seele Cantata for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity
February 8, 2015	BWV 1: Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern Cantata for the Feast of the Annunciation
April 12, 2015	BWV 67: Halt im Gedächtnis Jesum Christ Cantata for the Sunday after Easter

CONCERTS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

All concerts and services are held in the nave of Marsh Chapel.

October 17, 2014 8:00 p.m.	Parent's Weekend Concert BACH Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf, BWV 226 BARBER Agnus Dei (after <i>Adagio for Strings</i> , Op. 11) HOWELLS Requiem (1932) SCHOENBERG Friede auf Erden, Op. 13 Marsh Chapel Choir
December 12, 2014 6:00 p.m.	University Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols
December 14, 2014 11:00 a.m.	Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols

February 28, 2015 8:00 p.m.	RACHMANINOFF All-Night Vigil (Vespers), Op. 37 Marsh Chapel Choir
April 3, 2015 12:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Ecumenical Good Friday Service BUXTEHUDE Membra Jesu Nostr Marsh Chapel Choir and Collegium
April 25, 2015 7:30 p.m.	HANDEL Theodora, HWV 68 Marsh Chapel Choir and Collegium

ENSEMBLE-IN-RESIDENCE: LORELEI

Beth Willer, Founder and Artistic Director

Dedicated to the expansion of repertoire for women's voices, Lorelei Ensemble works to expose lesser-known early music from the Medieval through Baroque periods, while collaborating with living composers to produce innovative programming that speaks to a wider audience.

Concerts

October 31, 2014 (8 p.m.)/November 2, 2014 (3 p.m.) ~ Marsh Chapel, Nave
January 24, 2015 (8 p.m.) ~ Jordan Hall, New England Conservatory
May 22, 2015 (8 p.m.) ~ Marsh Chapel, Nave

INNER STRENGTH GOSPEL CHOIR

Herbert S. Jones, Director

Concerts - 7:30 p.m. - Marsh Chapel Nave

Friday, November 21, 2014
Friday, April 17, 2015

Sunday Services

November 16, 2014
February 22, 2015
April 19, 2015

THURMAN CHOIR

Announced Sundays - 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. - Robinson Chapel

In the spirit of Dean Howard Thurman's visionary ministry of a "common ground," the Thurman Choir is open to any and all members of the Marsh Chapel community who wish to lift their voice in song as a community of common faith. The choir sings in worship three Sundays a semester and provides the music for the Candlelight Christmas Eve Service. No audition or previous experience is required, and a multi-generational experience is encouraged. (Contact: Music at Marsh Chapel; musicmar@bu.edu)

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

It is important, from time to time, to rest, relax, and have some fun. All are welcome to join us for these fellowship events.

MEALS

One of the most important parts of our life together is the ministry of food. Greet old friends, meet new faces, and break bread together at any or all of these meals hosted by Marsh Chapel. (Contact: Kaitlin Noe, knoe@bu.edu)

Coffee Hour	Every Sunday - 12:00 noon - Marsh Room
Community Dinner	Every Monday - 6:00 p.m. - Marsh Room
Potluck Lunch (in lieu of Coffee Hour)	February 1; March 1; April 5; May 3

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUNDAY LUNCHEON

2nd Sunday of the month after worship (2/8, 3/8, 4/12, 5/10)

Join us after Chapel worship on the second Sunday of every month to eat delicious food, share in fellowship, and discuss theology, scripture, and worship. (Contact: Rev. Brittany Longsdorf, britt1@bu.edu)

PAINTING IN THE SPIRIT

Friday, February 6 - 7:00 p.m. - Thurman Room

Join the Global Ministries Department for a two-hour long spiritual painting class. Learn about painting as a devotional practice, enjoy some snacks, and put paint to canvas. Those with no painting experience and well-practiced painters welcome. Space is limited, so reserve your spot quickly. (Contact: Rev. Brittany Longsdorf, britt1@bu.edu)

MEN'S FORUM: BU BASKETBALL

Saturday, February 14 - 1:00 p.m. - Agannis Arena

The men of the chapel and community join together every year for an afternoon of fellowship. This year, they will attend the BU basketball game on February 14, when the Terriers play Loyola University Maryland. For more information, contact Jay Reeg at jayreeg@rcn.com.

HYMN SING

Sunday, March 8 - 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Marsh Chapel chapter members Alice de Koning and Yrjo Koshinen host a hymn sing at their home. Gather around the piano and sing your favorite hymns. If you have a favorite that is not in the Chapel hymnal, feel free to bring the music and we will make copies to share and sing together. Coffee, tea, and refreshments are served, with sweets and savories to enjoy. (Contact: Kaitlin Noe, knoe@bu.edu)

GLOBAL MEDITATION RETREAT

Saturday, March 28 - 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. - Marsh Chapel, Lower Level

Immerse yourself in an afternoon of meditation to find balance, peace, and connection with the Divine. Learn different meditations from around the globe and from a variety of faith traditions. Lunch is provided. (Contact: Rev. Brittany Longsdorf, britt1@bu.edu)

PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 29 - 12:30 p.m. - Dean Hill's Residence

Bob and Jan Hill host a Palm Sunday Luncheon this year. The program includes a talk by Dean Ken Freeman of the School of Management titled "Ethical Leadership." To reserve your seat, contact Kaitlin Noe at knoe@bu.edu or speak to Bob or Jan Hill directly.

EASTER FAMILY SERVICE PROJECT

Saturday, April 4 - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Thurman Room

All families and other members of the Marsh Chapel community are invited to join chapel staff in decorating and preparing our space for Easter. Food and fun provided! (Contact: Br. Larry Whitney, lwhitney@bu.edu)

DINNER AROUND THE WORLD

Wednesday, April 8 - 5:00 p.m. - Meet on Marsh Chapel Steps

Join us for a progressive dinner at different International cuisine locations. We will enjoy European appetizers, an Asian main course, and South American dessert as we traverse through Boston in fellowship learning about culture and food. Reservation required. (Contact: Rev. Brittany Longsdorf, britt1@bu.edu)

WOMEN'S FORUM

Sunday, April 12 - 12:30 p.m. - Dean Hill's Residence

Jan Hill hosts this year's Women's Forum, featuring a talk by Dean Gail Steketeer of the School of Social Work titled "Hoarding." To reserve your seat, contact Kaitlin Noe at knoe@bu.edu or speak to Jan Hill directly.

GLOBAL STRESS RELIEF DAY

Friday, May 1 - 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Marsh Chapel, Lower Level

During the fury of exams and final projects, take a moment to breathe and get balanced in Marsh Chapel. Our Stress Relief Day has relaxation techniques from all around the globe: massage, yoga, tea, henna, meditation, and more. All of it is free and Boston University international students and friends are welcome to stop by to take a break and de-stress. (Contact: Rev. Brittany Longsdorf, britt1@bu.edu)

FELLOWSHIP and ADVOCACY GROUPS

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

Tuesdays ~ 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. ~ Thurman Room

The International Fellowship is a group that creates safe, sacred spaces for fellowship, relational ministry, and spiritual exploration. Primarily, we do this by cooking cultural foods together, sharing in the meal, and discussing spirituality and cultural heritage. This group is open to people of all nationalities and religions and it thrives on diversity. Our goal is to form relationships at the table and to seek wisdom, comfort, counseling, and spiritual growth through those relationships. (Contact: Rev. Brittany Longsdorf, britt1@bu.edu)

BOSTON UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST FELLOWSHIP

Every other Wednesday ~ 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. ~ Thurman Room

Methodist undergraduates meet for good company, good conversation, good food, and Communion once a month. The first gathering of the semester is on January 21. (Contact: Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell, vgaskell@bu.edu)

ABOLITIONIST CHAPEL TODAY

Sundays (February 22, March 22, April 26) - **12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**

Marsh Chapel is reaching out in conversation with individuals and groups at Boston University and in the Massachusetts Abolitionist Network to raise awareness, educate, and involve people directly against the crime of modern-day slavery/human trafficking.

Modern-day slavery is the world's second-largest criminal activity, involving more than 27 million people held in situations of forced labor/debt bondage, sexual exploitation, child soldiering, and/or sale of body parts. At least 1 million people live in slavery situations in this country alone, some of them in Boston. The good news is that many exciting things are being done, in Boston and around the world, to stop modern-day slavery/human trafficking.

For more information, to extend the conversation, or to join the monthly research and program group (dates listed above; all meetings with complimentary lunch) contact Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell, Chapel Associate, at vgaskell@bu.edu.

OUT TO LUNCH

Br. Larry takes various faculty members out to lunch to discuss their vocational trajectory, that is, how and why they went into the field they went into. A schedule of faculty members, dates, and locations is available on the Marsh Chapel website at <http://www.bu.edu/chapel/life/vocation/out-to-lunch>. Join us for lunch, hear from the faculty member of the day, and ask questions. (Contact: Br. Larry Whitney, lwhitney@bu.edu)

EARTH DAY OBSERVANCE AND SERVICE PROJECT

Join the Marsh Chapel community as we observe Earth Day by participating in the Charles River Watershed Association's Annual Earth Day Cleanup. Volunteers will help to keep our backyard clean by participating in a half-day cleanup of the Charles River, followed by a picnic. Additional information about the importance of Christian engagement with environmentalism will be provided to those who sign up for the program or who request it individually. For questions or to volunteer, contact Jessica Chicka, Chapel Associate for Lutheran Ministry (jchicka@bu.edu).

INTERFAITH COUNCIL

The Interfaith Council works to promote understanding and cooperation between all religious and non-religious traditions through education, in order to achieve religious literacy; through discussion, to enable open and honest communication; and by coming together over shared values through service. For meeting times and information about other events, see the Interfaith Council blog at <http://buifc.wordpress.com>.

OUTLOOK: LGBTQ MINISTRY

OUTlook, Marsh Chapel's LGBTQ Ministry, is a community where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer/questioning students—and their allies—can safely explore spirituality without fear of judgment or discrimination. We are a group of people who view spirituality and sexuality as something to discover and embrace, not ignore or oppress. When we say "all people are invited," we mean it. Information about meetings and special events is available on the Chapel website. (Contact: Rev. Liz Douglass, imd@bu.edu)

ADDITIONAL FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Additional fellowship groups are available at Marsh Chapel, including:

Women's Forum (Contact: Jan Hill, 96jphill@gmail.com)

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Families with Children (Contact: Br. Larry Whitney; lwhitney@bu.edu)

Sunday Morning Intercessory Prayer Group

(Contact: Rev. Holly Benzenhafer-Redford; hollybr@bu.edu)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Getting to Marsh Chapel

Marsh Chapel is accessible via the MBTA Green Line B Train (Boston University Central) and the No. 57 Bus (St. Mary's Street). Free parking is available for the Sunday morning service (11:00 a.m.) in the "J lot" behind the College of Arts and Sciences (accessible via Bay State Road). On occasion, this lot may be closed on Sunday mornings for other official University functions. For all other parking needs, parishioners are advised to find on-street parking on Commonwealth Avenue, St. Mary's Street, Bay State Road, or other nearby streets. For directions to Marsh Chapel, visit our website at www.bu.edu/chapel/directions.

Child Care

Child Care is available during the Sunday morning service. Inquiries may be made in the main office located on the lower level of the chapel. In addition, Children's Worship Bulletins are available in the narthex at the beginning of the service for those interested.

Handicapped Accessibility

A wheelchair lift is located at the west door of the Chapel on the Marsh Plaza level. This lift allows for access between Marsh Plaza and the Sanctuary level of the chapel. For access, please ring the bell located next to the lift. A member of the Chapel staff will be happy to assist you.

Reservations

Marsh Chapel may be reserved by individuals or organizations for concerts, recitals, lectures, and ceremonies. In addition, Marsh Plaza and Warren Alpert Mall (BU Beach) may also be reserved, although use of those spaces is generally limited to Boston University student groups and departments. Applicants are requested to thoroughly review the Space-Use Policy found on our website (www.bu.edu/chapel/reservations) before submitting the required online application. Further inquiries may be made by calling Ray Bouchard at 617.358.3390.

Marsh Chapel Broadcasts

Sunday Morning services are broadcast on WBUR 90.9 FM and streamed over the Internet at www.wbur.org. A weekly podcast of the Sunday morning service is available through iTunes®.

Online Resources

The Marsh Chapel website (www.bu.edu/chapel) resources include a sermon archive, a bulletin archive (including bulletins for upcoming Sunday services), a list of upcoming events, staff biographies, online applications for weddings and other space requests, and a link to our podcast of Sunday morning services. For the most recent information on Marsh Chapel events, join the Marsh Chapel Facebook™ page (www.facebook.com/MarshChapel) or follow us on Twitter™ (www.twitter.com/MarshChapel).

Weddings, Funerals, and Memorial Services

Marsh Chapel is available for weddings, funerals, and memorial services. Scheduling preference is given to members of the Marsh Chapel and Boston University communities. Further information, including an online wedding application, is available on the “Worship” page of our website (www.bu.edu/chapel/worship). Funeral and memorial service requests must be made by phone. To request the use of Marsh Chapel for a funeral or memorial service, or for more information on any of the services listed above, please call the main office at 617.353.3560.

Baptism and Confirmation

Baptism and Confirmation classes are offered on an individual basis and may be scheduled by contacting Dean Hill directly (617.358.3394; rahill@bu.edu.) The Sacrament of Baptism and the rites of Confirmation are administered during the Great Vigil Service on April 4, 2015. Roman Catholics interested in receiving the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation should contact the Boston University Catholic Center at 617.353.3632.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is available from any chaplain at Boston University. To request a meeting, contact the chapel office at 617.353.3560 or chapel@bu.edu. Alternatively, fill out the pastoral contact form on the website at www.bu.edu/chapel/contact. We are happy to arrange a meeting with a chaplain appropriate to your faith community and need.

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All are invited to contribute to the life and ministry of Marsh Chapel through time, talents, gifts, and service. Financial contributions may be sent to us at Marsh Chapel, Boston University, 735 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02215. Alternatively, credit card contributions may be made online through our website at www.bu.edu/chapel/stewardship.

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- To receive print mailings, please contact the chapel office at 617.353.3560.
- To receive information about becoming a member of the Marsh Chapter congregation, please contact the chapel office at 617.353.3560.
- To speak with the Dean, please call 617.358.3394.
- To obtain offering envelopes for weekly tithes and gifts, please call Ray Bouchard at 617.358.3390.
- To express interest in endowing the future of Marsh Chapel through planned giving, please call Dean Hill at 617.358.3394.
- To learn about current ministry at Marsh Chapel, please visit our website at www.bu.edu/chapel.
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