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Hymn Festival

Please join us for the Hymn Festival during the service on November 23rd, featuring Triton Brass.

First Edition

Sermons

Sunday, November 9, “Let There Be Peace on Earth, and Let It Begin with...Religion”, Rev. Stephen Kendrick

Stephen writes... “You might think that the biggest player in world peace would be religion, yet you probably aren't thinking that is true. I had the chance to reflect on this when I attended an international conference sponsored by the International Association of Religious Freedom in Birmingham, England, this August. Not only was it stimulating to be among leaders from so many religions (at least the liberal wing of them), but our theme speaker was Karen Armstrong, whose new book directly confronts the issue of whether religion creates or subdues violence around the world. This is a tough, and tormenting topic, but people of all faiths around the globe are being forced to confront it now. And so I will, too.”

Sunday, November 16, “The (New) Eight Fold Path—A Handy Guide to Modernity”, Rev. Stephen Kendrick

Stephen writes... “Maybe you haven't gotten the memo yet, but we aren't 'modern' people anymore, but something called 'Post Modern.' I honestly don't know why this is so, but I am assured (by academics like my daughters) that this is true. So you need a guide to this state of affairs, and like the Buddha under the Bo tree, I am now prepared to unveil the new Eight-fold path to, if not Enlightenment, than at least how to be a sane, balanced soul in an age of chaos. (I would have given you Ten new Commandments, but we Post-Moderns don't have that long an attention span...)”

Sunday, November 23, Thanksgiving and Hymn Festival, “When Singing is Appropriate”

Sunday, November 30, “If I Had a Tape Measure”, Sam Teitel

Sam writes... “What is does it really mean to work? Is work just what we do from day to day to earn money, or can work mean something more than that? During this service we will be exploring the different things that people mean when they talk about their work, and thinking about all of the different spiritual lessons we can learn from the work we do, both as individuals and as a Unitarian Universalist community. ”



Thanksgiving Community Meal

Please join us for our Annual Thanksgiving Community Meal, Thursday, November 27, noon in the Auditorium. Everyone from our congregation and the surrounding community is invited to come together for an afternoon of celebration, good company, and delicious food. Neighbors and friends are encouraged to come join in the feast by lending a helping hand, by making a donation or by bringing a dish ample enough to share. For more information, Mike Sullivan will have sign-up sheets during Fellowship hour or contact him at msullivan2202@aol.com or 617-623-7449.

World of Wonder

Please welcome our new Childcare Assistant, Sabina Repetto! Sabina is an undergraduate student at Emmanuel College studying Psychology with a background of teaching at her hometown YMCA in Merrimack, NH. We are delighted to have her as a part of our team. Jasmine and Sabina warmly welcome parents and caregivers to bring infants and children under 4 years old downstairs before the 11:00am service. The Yellow Room is especially designed for young children to explore, rest, and play.

WOW Kids is our program for older children. The theme for November is "Caring and Sharing". Children will explore the importance of showing others we care through our words and actions. Through out the month, kids will be encouraged to share their feelings and express gratitude.

Please join us on **Sunday, November 16th** for a "Family Holiday Makeover" in the Auditorium. Breakfast will be served at 9:30am. The program at 10:00am is designed for children and adults to be more intentional in planning a fun and meaningful holiday season. This is also a good opportunity to connect with other families with young children. Hope to see you there!

For more information, please contact Rev. Amy Freedman, amy@firstchurchboston.org.

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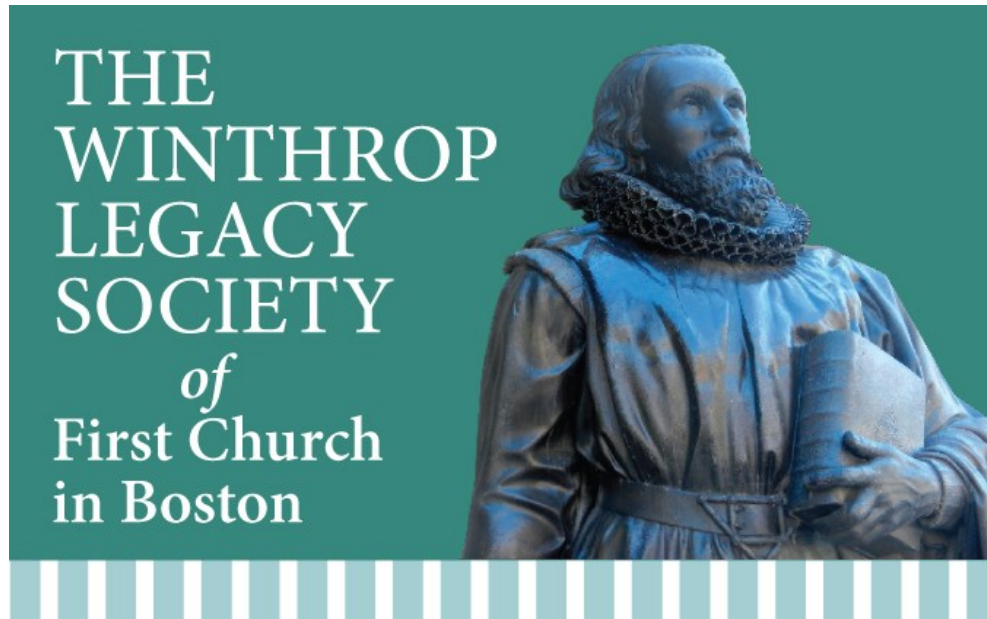
Before rushing headlong into the Holiday Season, families are invited to a special gathering in the Auditorium. Rev. Amy Freedman and Peter Bowden will offer a program designed to help you create holiday traditions your family will REALLY enjoy together. Parents, children, grandparents, and caregivers will be invited to share favorite memories and reflect on what matters most. Whether you are an interfaith family, combining different cultures, or love the holiday season, we will offer resources for planning even more joyful and memorable celebrations. Join us for food, music, and fun activities to engage all ages! For more information, please contact Rev. Amy Freedman, amy@firstchurchboston.org.



Learning Community continues Wednesday Evening, November 19



First Church violinist-in-residence Dorian Komanoff Bandy will present a lecture entitled, "Bach's Lyre: The Unaccompanied Violin in 17th Century Germany". The dinner program begins at 5:30 PM and the presentation at 7 PM. Please contact zach@firstchurchboston.org if you would like to have dinner.



The Winthrop Legacy Society

One year ago the Trustees of First Church in Boston launched *The Winthrop Legacy Society*, a named bequest society designed for those among us who want to remember First Church in their wills. This year we're resending the materials to our most dedicated members and donors who want to insure the future of our free faith and our glorious meeting house. When you open the materials, please take a few minutes to consider how you might make a promissory gift of any size that will be gifted to First Church in the future. Our Trustees have embraced the Winthrop Legacy Society and have already, or are in the process of, designating a portion of their respective estates to First Church.

When you receive the letter package, please read over the material and consider checking off one of the little white boxes on the green card that indicates you have already, or are ready to remember First Church in your estate plans. Please then return the enclosed card in its addressed envelope to First Church. If you wish to learn more, or have any questions about *The Winthrop Legacy Society* that you would like to discuss with one of the Trustees, please call Grace Gregor at (617)859-0627 or Howard Fuguet at (617) 661-0547.

With our warmest best regards,

The Trustees of First Church in Boston

Howard Fuguet, Chair; Grace Gregor, Robert Hughes, Janine Mudge-Mullen and Mark Nielsen

Happy Go Potlucky!

Join us for the annual Happy Go Potlucky on Saturday, December 6, at 6 pm. Bring a dish to share, enjoy connecting with engaged people and maybe take home some fabulous prizes. Can you donate any useful and fun items?

Contact Polly Jo Kemler for information about donations, Barbara Gangemi concerning the potluck and sign up for the event in the narthex or at <http://www.firstchurchboston.org/happy-go-potlucky>.