



**SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009**

***THIS SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE***

**Sunday, May 10, 10am**

**Music Sunday at First Parish**

**The Holocaust Cantata: Music from the Camps**

**First Parish Choir and guests Kathryn Rosenberg, piano, and Sarah Freiberg, cello**

This Sunday, May 10, the First Parish of Sudbury choir will present the "Holocaust Cantata: Songs from the Camps" during the Sunday morning worship service. With music composed by Donald Mc Cullough and English lyrics and readings translated by Marcin Zmudzki, the Cantata threads together songs and readings that capture the experiences of prisoners incarcerated in Nazi concentration camps. The service begins at 10 a.m. and is open to all.

There is no plot or story behind the Holocaust Cantata, according to the composer. Each piece represents a different person, time or camp, but taken together, they offer nakedly honest responses to unthinkable experiences. For the inmates, say the program notes from the premier performance, "music functioned as something more than a light in the darkness; its very existence was a form of spiritual resistance in an environment where such resistance risked instant extermination." It is both "spiritual sustenance" and "spiritual resistance" that the First Parish choir will be exploring in the context of worship.

The piece is both jarring and uplifting, says Debra Morris-Bennett, First Parish Music Director. The words, both spoken and sung, offer a raw look at the role of music in one's very survival. "Remarkably," says Morris-Bennett, "the overall effect is one of the resilience of the human spirit." Composer Donald Mc Cullough discovered the Kulisiewicz collection at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum and immersed himself in the words of the prisoners, eventually choosing certain songs for his cantata. Lyricist Denny Clark translated the original Polish texts into English. The readings are based on interview transcripts, historical data and the story of Irena Augustynska Kafka.

**Creating Partnerships to Improve and Enhance Women's Lives: A Conference for UU Women**

May 9, 2009, Location: First Parish in Waltham

8:45 AM to 3:30 PM. Registration including lunch is \$25, with discounts for ministerial students and multiple participants from a congregation or organization. The program features reflections and inspirations from the International Convocation of U\*U Women, held recently in Houston, presentations from New England women about area projects that respond to the major initiatives that emerged from ICUUW—education, ending violence against women, and health care, and an appearance by EMMA'S REVOLUTION! Come and share worship, singing, laughing, eating, and networking. Consider forming a new network of New England UU Women (Ballou Channing, Northern New England, Clara Barton, and Mass Bay Districts).

To register: contact Pat Manley ([patmanley@verizon.net](mailto:patmanley@verizon.net))

**Discuss the Candidates For UU President: Laurel Hallman and Peter Morales**

- Tuesday, May 26 at noon in The Commons during Tuesday BYO-lunch
- Sunday, May 31 in the Library at 11:45am



*In the Spotlight:*  
**Community & Hospitality  
 Committee**

***What the CHC is all about:***

The mission of the “CHC” is to, working with the Community Life and Communications Coordinator, attract, welcome and integrate visitors to FPS, help interested returning visitors find ways to be involved and engaged at FPS, and to help all members and friends remain engaged with our congregation’s ministry in ways that “feed their spirits.” This group has a hand in lots of community events and activities, bringing members and friends together, and collaborating with other committees and groups, too.

There are many different ways to be involved with CHC, some one-time tasks and some ongoing. There are many tasks big and small, some which can be done with others, some to be done at home at one’s convenience. This is definitely a multi-faceted committee in terms of the opportunities to participate.

***What the committee members would like you to know:***

- “We have fun at our meetings and working together on our projects.”
- “It’s really rewarding to get to know newcomers.”
- “Talking to newcomers helps me be in touch with the reasons I love FPS, want to be involved, and want to help us grow.”

***For more information:*** CHC Chairperson: Ginny Steel or CHC Chairperson for 2009-10: Ginny Doxsey

***Please stop by the CHC table*** during Social Hour on May 17 to hear more, straight from the members of the committee, about why they choose to share their gifts with the CHC at First Parish.

## **The Bulletin Board**

**Summer Services**—lay-led worship from June 21-Sept 6  
 Signup board in Parish Hall  
 (looking for musicians, breakfast providers, speakers)  
*For more information, contact Fran Sharp*

**Relay for Life**  
 At the Peter Noyes School  
 May 16-17  
 All welcome to participate; special invitation to cancer survivors to join in the Opening ceremony, survivor walk and reception  
*For more info:*  
[www.relayforlife.org/lincolnsudburyma](http://www.relayforlife.org/lincolnsudburyma)

**In the Spotlight**  
*at the committee fair Sunday May 17:  
 Religious Exploration Committee, Green Sanctuary Committee, Community and Hospitality Committee*  
*See next week's Connector for information about these committees*

**Connecticut River Valley Great Spring Water Event**  
 with UU Mass Action, the UUSC and the Clara Barton District in Bernardston, MA Sat. May 30 from 10am-10pm  
*For more information [Click here](#)*