

Presbytery of Boston
E-Connection
December 8, 2009

**“The Case for the Commonwealth Against
Slots & Casinos”**

“This **Thursday, December 10th, from 7:00-8:30 pm**, former Governor Michael Dukakis and First Lady Kitty Dukakis and former Attorney General Scott Harshbarger will be featured in a panel of presenters making the case against legalizing Class 3 gambling in Massachusetts.

The free event at Faneuil Hall, entitled ‘**The Case for the Commonwealth Against Slots & Casinos,**’ will be moderated by US Senate candidate and City Year co-founder **Alan Khazei***, and will also include **State Senator Susan Tucker**, Kathleen Conley Norbut, President of **USS Mass**, and Jim Rubens, Board Chair of the **Granite State Coalition Against Expanded Gambling**.

The event sponsor, United to Stop Slots in Mass. (USS Mass), is a non-partisan statewide organization of activists and concerned residents who believe that the economic and social costs of legalizing predatory slot machine gambling far outweigh any short-term tax or job benefits. We are calling for:

- a comprehensive independent analysis of the costs and benefits of legalizing Class 3 gambling in Massachusetts, and
- a moratorium on any legislative action to legalize Class 3 gambling until and unless such analysis shows a clear and sustainable benefit to the Commonwealth and its residents.

We hope you will join us at the event, whichever side of the debate you are on. If you share our concerns about the adverse consequences of legalizing Class 3 gambling and would like to support our efforts, or if you want more information about the issue, we encourage you to visit www.uss-mass.org or contact Kathleen Norbut at ussmass@gmail.com. And, of course, feel free to forward this invitation to anyone else who might be interested.”

Presbyterian Women -- Coming Events

“Leaving FOOTPRINTS in the Sand” – The Spring Spiritual Retreat will be held at Christ the King Retreat House in Syracuse, NY, April 23 – 25, 2010. The retreat leader is Barbara Johnson from Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery. The cost for two nights lodging (single room), all meals, and the program is \$195.00 prior to April 9, 2010 and \$215.00 after that. The registration deadline is April 15. Scholarships are available. For more information, contact Gail Banks at 105 Whedon Rd., Apt. 20, Syracuse, NY 13219.

“Celebrating a Decade of Sisterhood” – The 2010 Women’s Healing Retreat will be held at St. Joseph by the Sea in South Mantoloking, NJ, Friday, April 30 – Monday, May 3, 2010. For more information, contact Kim Nodoro at 5 Coolidge Ct., Califon, NJ 07830 or kimno@aol.com.

Horizons Bible Study Workshop – “Journeys through Revelation: Apocalyptic Hope for Today” by Barbara Rossing. The workshop will be held at the Stony Point Conference Center in Stony Point, NY, May 14 – 16, 2010.

“Meeting Our Sisters in South Dakota” - September 9 – 16, 2010. PW’s 2010 USA Mission Experience will provide an opportunity to meet with Presbyterian sisters living on reservations in four locations in South Dakota. Visit www.pcusa.org/nativeamerican to learn more.

A Sweet the Sound Christmas

Old American Christmas songs, Caroling, Candlelight
featuring Burns and Lorraine Stanfield
Saturday, December 19, 4 - 5:30 p.m.
Central Congregational Church / Hope Church,
85 Seaverns, Jamaica Plain, MA
Free will offering to support local community work.

December Salon at the Nave Gallery

“Fine Art at Affordable Prices by Over 75 Artists”

December 3-6 and December 10-13

Opening Reception, Dec. 3, 6-9 pm

Featuring music by Starnes and Shah.

Closing Tea, Dec. 13, 2-5 pm. Music by Stephen Konrads and Tom Janovitz

For more information see: www.navegallery.org

“Church Outside The Box” - A Conversation with Rev. Bill Golderer

Andover-Newton Theological Seminary, January 21-22, 2010

<u>Friday, Jan. 21</u> Worcester Hall (Peck Conference Room) 6pm: Dinner 7-9pm: Remarks and Conversation	<u>Saturday, Jan. 22</u> Worcester Hall (Large Classroom) 9:30am: Continental Breakfast 10-11:30am: Workshop
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*Cost: \$15 (includes admission to both events, dinner, and breakfast).
Please RSVP at email@spear1968.com or 978 587 2125.

Bill Golderer is the founding pastor of the Broad Street Ministry in the heart of the Arts District of Philadelphia, an emergent Christian community that emphasizes hospitable outreach, civic involvement, and creative expression. Prior to that, Bill has served as founding Director of the Center for Church Life at Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City, where he was also a lecturer in Reformed theology at Union Theological Seminary. Prior to *that*, he served as Associate Pastor at the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

Learn more about Rev. Golderer and his current ministry at www.BroadStreetMinistry.org

Sponsored by the Presbytery of Boston

Upcoming Workshops at Stony Point

January 14-16 - led by PC(USA) Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy Coordinator, Chris Iosso. It will be a lively conversation about race, economic justice and the church. Cost: \$200.

March 21-23 – “*Ministering to the Missing Generation*,” led by author The Reverend Carol Howard Merritt, pastor at Western Presbyterian Church, Washington D.C. Cost is \$230.

For more information, see www.stonypointcenter.org

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Priscilla and Bart Kelso are grateful for having been spared injury in a car accident on December 1 on Route 128 in the evening rush hour, while en route to a church event. Please pray for Priscilla for her required follow-up medical procedures this month.

Alice Hageman had knee replacement surgery at the beginning of December and requests your prayers for rapid healing and restored mobility. Cards are, of course, always welcome.

Continued prayers for Elder Kathy Ryan, Elder, Ft. Square, who was recently diagnosed with lymphoma.

Horatio Valdez II requests your continued prayers for his mother, Myriam Quinonez de Valdez, and his family.

E-Connection Classifieds

* A member of the Hyde Park church has a sister in Nigeria who is starting a new Presbyterian Church there. She is interested in finding some choir robes in good condition for an adult choir. They are not focused on any particular color, although they do not want black. If you can donate choir robes in various sizes for about 30 people, please contact Beth Wieman at ew8181@aol.com.

* Church of the Covenant is currently seeking applicants for the position of YOUTH DIRECTOR. Applicants are requested to post or e-mail a letter expressing interest and a resume *to*:

Church of the Covenant
Attn: Youth Director Search Committee
67 Newbury Street
Boston, MA 02116
cotcbos@hotmail.com

Applications received by November 30, 2009 will be given first consideration. Please contact me if you have questions or require additional information. Thank you for your interest and assistance.

Sincerely,

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Personnel Committee
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