

Presbytery of Boston
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Bread for the World Sunday

“Bread for the World Sunday is an opportunity for churches to renew their commitment to ending hunger and poverty in God’s world. Worshiping communities across the country will join together in lifting up their voices on behalf of hungry people.

This fall as churches renew their commitment to ending hunger, Bread for the World celebrates its 35th anniversary! On October 18 – or another Sunday before Thanksgiving – churches from many faith traditions will observe Bread for the World Sunday. Through education, prayer, and music, worshipping communities will lift up their voices on behalf of hungry people in our own country and around the world.

The Reflection Resource features a scripture and sermon study on Mark 10:35-45 by Dr. John Buchanan, editor and publisher of *Christian Century*. A new sacred song composed by Marty Haugen and special prayers for the day are also included. Bulletin inserts and offering envelopes (while supplies last) are also available. All are free of charge!

By taking part in Bread for the World Sunday, you will join others as we rejoice in our calling as Jesus’ disciples – equipped and emboldened to act, creating hope and opportunity for hungry people.”

The Reverend John M. Buchanan, pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago (PCUSA) and editor of *Christian Century*, wrote the worship materials for “Bread for the World Sunday.”

Excerpt from <http://www.bread.org/> See this website and also www.breadstore.org for resources to download and for more information.

Form of Government Task Force

The final draft of the report of the Form of Government Task Force to the 219th General Assembly (2010) is available on our website. Go to: www.presbyteryofboston.org and click on the “About Us” tab at the top. You will see a drop-down menu; select “Resources” and then “Form of Government.” The report is also posted under “Links” (219th GA) on the “About Us” page. The Task Force’s website is: www.pcusa.org/formofgovernment.

Rules of Non-Parliamentary Procedure

From Assoc. of Stated Clerks Newsletter (October 1997); author unknown

Point of Personal Outrage

At any time during a meeting, when participants become extremely upset they shall have the right to interrupt any other speaker, will not be required to wait for recognition by the Chair, and have the obligation to speak at a volume considerably higher than required for normal conversation.

Point of Irrelevant Interaction

Irrespective of the motion on the floor, the participant shall have the right to monopolize the meeting for not more than five minutes while discoursing on a point of relevance which escapes all other participants.

Point of Personal Attack

In response to a point raised by another speaker, the participant shall have the right to reply by launching a personal attack. At no time shall the point itself be addressed.

Point of Associative Guilt

The participant shall have the right to impugn the membership of any other member by alleging that he or she was, might be, has a cousin who is, or may have great-grandchildren who will belong to any and all organizations designated by the participant as dedicated to the destruction of the group.

Point of Contempt

The participant shall have the right to rant, throw papers on the table, shake his or her head vigorously, or otherwise demonstrate contempt for the proceedings.

Point of Harassment

The participant shall have the right to introduce irrelevant motions for the sole purpose of delaying the meeting. It is only permissible to resort to a point of harassment when an imminent vote is obvious.

Point of Redundant Information

This is not to be confused with the more familiar Apoint of information.@ Whereas a point of information is a request for information from the Chair, a point of redundant information entitles the participant to tell those in the meeting something they already know.

Point of Redundancy

This motion entitles the speaker to make a point made by another participant no more than five speakers earlier.

Point of Pious Posturing

This motion entitles the participant to make reference to any local or national bylaw that allegedly supports his or her point of view. A correct quotation immediately disqualifies the point.

Point of Grudge

Entitles the participant to raise an issue debated by the organization not less than five years earlier for which the participant has not yet forgiven those involved.

Catherine MacDonald

Presbytery Day 2009: “Changing World, Emerging Church”

Don't miss this year's Presbytery Day! Our special guest will be Rick Ufford-Chase, Co-Director of Stony Point and Former Moderator of General Assembly. Rob Mark and Rick Spalding will be offering worship opportunities, and there will be workshops on campus/young adult ministries, technology, incarnational congregations, and new models for parish sharing. The ever-popular Blue Ribbon Barbeque is providing lunch, and a John Calvin birthday party is also included! Presbytery Day will take place at the Presbyterian Church in Needham on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Registration is \$15. We encourage you to sign up soon by sending an email to the presbytery office (presbyteryofboston@verizon.net) or calling us at 978-365-5200. A copy of the flyer is available on the home page of our website, linked to the announcement posted there (www.presbyteryofboston.org). For additional information, please contact the presbytery office.

“Livening Up Services: Cameroonian Influence at Clinton Church”

from the Worcester Telegram & Gazette, October 5, 2009

Go to the following link to read a recent article about the Presbyterian Church in Clinton. Great publicity for their mission fundraising effort!

<http://www.telegram.com/article/20091005/NEWS/910050330/1116>

Board of Pension News

Attention Church Treasurers and Business Administrators: Salary Change Form to Come Online!

We are pleased to announce that church treasurers and business administrators will be able to submit their 2010 salary changes online. This new feature will be accessible through Benefit Connect, the Board's secure benefits Web site.

Once a church treasurer or business administrator registers on Benefits Connect, he or she will be granted access to this new feature. Changing or confirming salaries will be completed through an easy-to-follow online process.

Church treasurers and business administrators will receive more information in the coming months.

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Tax Tips Webinar for Ministers and Churches Coming December 9

Mark your calendar: This year's Tax Tips event is scheduled for December 9. Registration will open in mid-October, so watch Pensions.org and your email for announcements.

New this year, the popular session will be presented as a Webinar, enabling members to both see and hear the presentation online. (Members can still call in if they do not have access to the Web.)

Check www.Pensions.org for further information.

October Is Pastor Appreciation Month!

So many pastors serve the church with so much energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, it stands to reason that churches would want to say "thanks" to them and to their families in tangible ways. October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We'd like to encourage you to show your appreciation.

HERE'S THE DEAL! Send us a note or email to the office. In your personal expression of appreciation for your pastor, be sure to include their name, the church, and your name. Keep these brief and focused. For example: Hawkins Memorial Presbyterian Church expresses appreciation for dedicated service by Pastor George Whipple and his family, wife Janice, and children: Lauren, John, and Will.

Pastors will be recognized at the November Presbytery meeting. One of the pastors receiving notes of appreciation will be selected via a random drawing to receive a special gift. Send in as many expressions of appreciation as you want, though it will not affect the odds of the drawing.

Ordination Anniversaries

Sen-Yuan Su	11/6/83	26 years
Bart Kelso	11/21/82	27 years
Phillip Lin	12/66	43 years
Allison Moore John	12/5/99	10 years
Nancy Kilgore	12/9/84	25 years
Bob Ferguson	12/21/64	45 years
Sally Newhall	12/26/76	33 years
Pat Kepler	12/27/64	45 years
William Newman	12/30/79	30 years

Congratulations and thank you!

Prayer Concerns & Celebrations

Prayers for Healing for Mary Brondyke

Prayers for strength for Don Wick

Prayers of thanksgiving for Beverly Shank's successful eye surgery

Presbytery of Boston Meetings

OCTOBER

16-17 – Synod

16 – CEM, 2:00

19 – S&B, 7:00

20 – ICL, 3:30

21 – Trustees, Noon

22 – Council, 7:00

NOVEMBER

2 – **Reports Deadline**

16 – Presbytery Meeting, Fourth Presbyterian Church, S. Boston

The Parish Paper

The *Parish Paper* is an ecumenical newsletter which offers “ideas and insights for active congregations.” It is published monthly, and each edition has a thematic focus. These newsletters are available to you through the Presbytery of Boston website. Our back issues begin with May 2008, and some of the more recent editions are: “Church Website Basics” (March 2009), “Shepherding Congregations through Grief Storms,” (August 2009), and “Seven Roads to a Multicultural Congregation” (November 2009).

We encourage you to go to the “Newsletters” page at www.presbyteryofboston.org and select “Parish Paper” from the drop-down menu. You are entitled to copy and distribute these issues for your congregation’s staff, lay leaders, and constituency. If you have any questions about the copyright guidelines for using the *Parish Paper*, please check with the Presbytery of Boston office.

The Challenge of Adapting to Change

The Rev. Jill Hudson, middle governing bodies coordinator for the council and the Office of the General Assembly, gave the presentation, "Barbecueing the Sacred Cows: Creating the Change Environment," to the General Assembly Mission Council on September 24. Jerry Van Marter interviewed Jill for the Presbyterian News Service and his article is available online at: www.pcusa.org/pcnews/2009/09829.htm

E-Connection Classifieds

Lovely new condominium available in historic Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, for short term visits:

2 furnished bedrooms (2 queen sized beds, ceiling fans), living room, dining room, kitchen with dishware, 3 ½ bathrooms, balcony with view of city and Caribbean sea, marble floors & mahogany cupboards, screens, security guard. In Gazcue, near national libraries & art centers, subway, United States embassy.

Available: September 1-December 31, February 1-April 30, July 1-31 (not January, May-June, August).

Contact Aida Spencer 978-468-4318, 978-646-4084, aspencer@gcts.edu.

Rent: \$100/day (\$100 deposit)

OR 7 days \$600 (1 day free) (\$200 deposit)

OR \$1000/2 weeks (2 days free)

OR \$2000/4 weeks or 1 month (4 days free) and renter pays electricity (\$1000 deposit). Deposit is returned if apartment is in the same condition in which it was received.

Optional: transportation from airport \$50.

Intergenerational Reading Group

This fall, Rev. Kevin Manuel will be gathering a group of 7-10 people from at least three congregations to discuss sections of the book, *The Church of All Ages*. The book's topic concerns intergenerational worship, and the group participants will discuss both ideas from the book and practices from their respective congregations. More information will be forthcoming.

Climate Convocation with Bill McKibben

In anticipation of the October 24th International Day of Climate Action (<http://www.350.org/>), writer and environmentalist Bill McKibben will offer his penetrating insights on global and local efforts for climate justice and the individual, institutional, and political change the crisis demands. People of faith and people of conscience, educators and community leaders, scientists and students will meet on Sunday, October 18, 2:00, at Memorial Church, Harvard University to hear a common call to action. Together we can make it clear that the world needs an international plan that meets the latest science and safeguards our irreplaceable earth for future generations. A downloadable poster in pdf format for this event will be available at <http://www.macucc.org/president/ClimateConvocation.htm>.

Events Calendar

Oct. 18 – *Climate Convocation with Bill McKibben*, at Memorial Church, Harvard University, **Cambridge**, at 2:00 pm.

“*One Book, Many Voices*,” with Liz Walker. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Bible Society, at Wilson Chapel, ANTS, **Newton Centre**. 7-9 pm with reception to follow. Also on October 19-22 at other locations in MA. Contact the MBS for more information: admin@massbible.org or 617-969-9404.

Oct. 22-24 – “*World Mission Celebration ‘09*” **Cincinnati, OH**. Register online or call (800) 728-7228, x5729. Early registration discount through Sept. 15.

CANCELLED: “*Words That Matter: A Poetry & Liturgy Workshop with Poet Ann Weems*,” Evensong Retreat Center, **Harwich Port**, Cape Cod. For further information, call 508-432-0027 or go to www.evensongretreat.com

November 14 – **Presbytery Day 2009:** “*Changing World, Emerging Church*.” SpecialGuest, Rick Ufford-Chase. At the Presbyterian Church in **Needham**, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

December 3 – *The Saint John Bible Exhibit and Lecture*, Salem Covenant Church, 215 Mountain Street East, **Worcester**. At 7:00 p.m. Join us for a public showing of the Wisdom, Prophets, and Psalms volumes of the Saint John's Bible Heritage Edition. Followed by a lecture with Father Eric Hollas, OSB, Senior Associate for Arts and Culture, Saint John's University & Jim Triggs, Executive Director of the Heritage Program. Please contact Nathan at admin@massbible.org or call 617-969-9404 with any questions.