



The Clarendon Connection

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New Face at Clarendon Hill Presbyterian: Kelsey Rice Bogdan

If you've been in the Sunday School room lately, you may have noticed some new furniture off in the corner. Clarendon Hill has another intern... sort of. I'm Kelsey Rice Bogdan, third year Harvard Divinity School student and project coordinator for the New England Presbyterian Campus Initiative (NEPCI). I am working here full-time during the week this summer, and will continue working here during the academic year as a field education student. Since August 17 marks Higher Education Sunday in the Presbyterian calendar, I wanted to introduce myself and invite you to participate as a congregation in the work I'll be doing from this little corner of the church basement.

NEPCI is the outcome of a grant proposal written to New England's presbyteries last fall by Clarendon Hill's own Karl Gustafson and Gusti Newquist. NEPCI seeks to investigate the current state of campus ministries throughout New England, engage in ecumenical conversations around what others are doing in the region, and work toward a common mission statement and strategy in the future. That's a lot for one project to tackle! But even more than these nuts and bolts that make up my day-to-day job, I hope that this project will get all of us—people like you here at Clarendon Hill, campus ministry practitioners, denominational support people—talking about campus ministry with a renewed sense of the possibilities. We have more than 200 accredited colleges and universities in New England, including community colleges, private liberal arts colleges, public universities, profit institutions. More than 45 of those colleges are in the Boston area

and for-alone, and may be less "religious" in the conventional sense, but they're interested in spirituality, justice and reconciliation, and the progressive faith alternatives that congregations like Clarendon Hill have to offer. Although I have no easy answers to the challenges at this stage in my work, I have already seen how much growth is possible through engagement with campus ministries—not only growth in college communities, but growth for congregations and individuals who are called to take this journey. I hope some of you, or all of you, at Clarendon Hill will join me on the path.

I'm looking forward to meeting more of you as my work continues. If you have questions or just want to share your thoughts, please feel free to contact me! You can reach me at NEPCI.Coordinator@gmail.com, at (617) 625-4824, or grab me on Higher Education Sunday, August 17, at church. I would love to hear your thoughts and ideas!



Clarendon Happenings

Equal Exchange Coffee

Katherine will take the Equal Exchange coffee order on Sunday, August 3, for delivery on August 10. Equal Exchange sent a notice which indicates that due to higher organic coffee expenses and other rising costs, the average price of coffee will go up 45 cents per pound as of August 1. See p. 5 for more.

Presbyterianism: Past, Present and Future

Join this discussion group to learn about Presbyterianism and how it is evolving and changing. We will meet at 7 p.m. on August 5 & 12. All are welcome to attend!

Writing Group

The writing group will meet on Wednesday, August 6 & 27 at 7:30 p.m. in the Green Room. Please join us!! We will begin with a group check-in, move through 1-2 writing exercises, share as we feel moved, and finish with a group check-out. We are open to everyone, regardless of previous writing experience, and will tailor each session to the needs and interests of those who attend. Contact Rachel, reichiru@gmail.com, for more details.

Introduction to Yoga

Come join our small, half-hour class after coffee hour (Sunday, August 10 & 24) to practice mindful breathing and gentle yoga postures. Great for stress release, improved flexibility and strength. If interested, please email Liz at cavatorta1@hotmail.com.

Pastor Karl on Vacation

Karl will be away from August 20-31. If you have pastoral needs during this time, contact Rod MacDonald, 781-272-9190; or Elliot Hipp, 781-630-3728.

Sunday Worship at Clarendon Hill SUMMER SCHEDULE

9:15 a.m. Choir rehearsal
10:00 a.m. **Worship***
11:00 a.m. Refreshments and fellowship

*Worship will begin at 10 a.m. until August 31. Children's Education and the regular worship schedule will resume in September.

So You Think You Can Teach?

Sunday School begins in September. CHPC rotates teachers, with each volunteer teaching for a month. The Logos multi-age curriculum is user friendly. Please consider signing up for a month or more. Contact Karl if you are interested (pastork@clarendonhillchurch.org), or sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

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● **Clarendon Hill's Facebook Account** ●
● Missing Clarendon Hillers halfway through the ●
● week? Want to make church friends digital friends? ●
● Clarendon Hill has a new facebook account at ●
● <http://groups.to/clarendonhill/> ●
● For more information about how to set up a ●
● Facebook account, contact Rachel at ●
● reichiru@gmail.com. Come join us! ●
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Somerville Early Head Start

We are accepting donations for Somerville Early Head Start. Items most needed include:
crackers
cereal
macaroni
canned black beans
rice in boxes (rather than plastic bags)
baby formula
diapers
peanut butter
Thank you in advance for your donations!

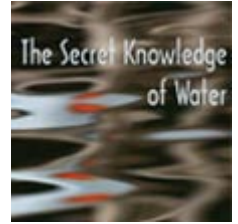
Dates at a Glance

August 3	Coffee Orders
August 5	Presbyterianism Discussion
August 6	Writing Group Session Meeting, 7 p.m.
August 10	Coffee Delivery Yoga
August 12	Presbyterianism Discussion
August 17	Higher Education Sunday
August 24	Yoga
August 27	Writing Group

The Secret Knowledge of Water

July 18-August 17, 2008

Curated by Karl Gustafson



Artists: Moira Barrett, Ellie Brenner, Matt Carrano, Heather Classen, Stan Czesniuk, Christine Destrempe, Angela Devenney, Gary Duehr, Ruth Hamill, Liz Johnson, Shelley Loheed, Denyse Murphy, Greg O'Brien, Dan Osterman, Kathleen Rugh, Cathy Schaefer, Jane Sherrill, Laura Torres, Emile Tubenfeld



Five Knives at the Nave

2 August 2008, 7 p.m.

Five musicians from across the Northern Hemisphere will gather to perform an evening of musical exploration and improvisation.

Chinapainting: www.chinapaintingmusic.com

Comprised of Daryl Shawn (Oaxaca, Mexico) and Jim Goodin (Brooklyn, NY). Goodin and Shawn collaborated online and by the Spring of 2007, had released two CDs. That August, they met in person for the first time and played several East Coast venues. They continue to work together online and this appearance in Boston is part of an extended tour for 2008.

Tim Nelson: www.myspace.com/nimbletunes

Multi-instrumentalist Tim Nelson (Cape Elizabeth, Maine) is another looper who cites eclectic influences ranging from Robert Rich, Terje Rypdal, Brian Eno and Steve Tibbets to his daughter Chloe, Gyorgy Ligeti, Edgar Varese, Arvo Part, and John Coltrane, to name but a few of the many.

Dennis Moser: www.sonicbids.com/usr/bin2

A Massachusetts newcomer, Dennis Moser, aka "usr/sbin", aka "AldoManutio Abruzzo", is proof that Texas is a cultural nation unto itself and capable of many surprises. Growing up on the Gulf Coast, studying trombone, classical guitar, and Renaissance lute, he is the epitome of a non-typical Texas musician.

Rob Byrd: www.robbyrd.com

Rob Byrd has an army, right here in Somerville, MA ... For many years guitar player Rob Byrd has been performing improvised ambient music in a wide variety of settings from the legendary CBGB's in New York City to the Burning Man festival in the Nevada desert.

Jason Anderson, Strand of Oaks, and Gregg Porter

8 August 2008, 8 p.m., \$5

An evening of intimate, uplifting music in a truly beautiful space. Three friends, bandmates and kindred songwriters play their hearts out on this very special Friday night.



Yael Bat-Shimon

Sunday, 24 August 2008 at 3 p.m.

www.myspace.com/yaelbatshimon

Yael was a big hit at the Somerville Open Studios Music Fest on May 4th. Her performance on August 24 will include guest artists.

Yael Bat-Shimon studied violin solo performance in Paris with Mme Miriam Solovieff. She received her BA from Harvard in Literature, specializing in French Feminisms. Yael pursued graduate study in violin performance and contemporary improvisation at the Peabody Institute of Music in Baltimore and at the New England Conservatory in Boston. She also holds an MA in Jewish Studies from Hebrew College. Most recently, she has been creating and performing music for choreographers of modern dance as well as exploring improvisation both with musicians from non-Western traditions and with performers from different artistic media.

Lectionary Readings

August 2008

August 3

Genesis 32:22-31
 Psalm 17:1-7, 15
 Romans 9:1-5
 Matthew 14:13-21

August 10

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28
 Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
 Romans 10:5-15
 Matthew 14:22-33

August 17

Genesis 45:1-15
 Psalm 133:1-3
 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
 Matthew 15:(10-20) 21-28

August 24

Exodus 1:8-2:10
 Psalm 124:1-8
 Romans 12:1-8
 Matthew 16:13-20

August 31

Exodus 3:1-15
 Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c
 Romans 12:9-21
 Matthew 16:21-28

September 2008

September 7

Exodus 12:1-14
 Psalm 149:1-9
 Romans 13:8-14
 Matthew 18:15-20

September 14

Exodus 14:19-31
 Psalm 114:1-8 or
 Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21
 Romans 14:1-12
 Matthew 18:21-35

September 21

Exodus 16:2-15
 Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45
 Philippians 1:21-30
 Matthew 20:1-16

September 28

Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16
 Philippians 2:1-13
 Matthew 21:23-32

A Call for Nursery Volunteers

Why have a church nursery?

To ensure that CHPC is an inviting place to all, including families with young children.

What is involved? On your assigned Sunday:

- Arrive at church 5 to 10 minutes early;
- Greet families with small children as they come in, telling them that a church nursery is available and that you will be happy to accompany them to the nursery at any time during the service;
- Take care of the children during worship time. Books, toys, and drawing materials are available in the newly painted room;
- If you can't make your assigned Sunday, change with someone else on the list.

The need: Only a few are currently sharing the duty, which means they are missing the opportunity to be in worship several times a month. The more that sign up for this shared responsibility, the fewer times per year each is on duty.

Benefits: It is a great way to get to know the youngest members of our congregation and make them (and their families) feel welcome, not to mention just having a lot of fun.

If you are uncomfortable volunteering alone, sign up with a partner and share the joy of playing with young ones for an hour or less! Contact Ann to volunteer, anncrews@gmail.com.

Church Assignments

	scripture	focus on mission	coffee hour	nursery
August 3	C. Milanesi	H. Rantisi	Gustafson/Cavano	N. Jirmanus
August 10	E. Sweeny	R. Liberace	Donovan	A. Chapman-Adisho
August 17	R. Winchester	S. Donovan	Schemerhorn	K. Gustafson
August 24	M. Jirmanus	M. Reynolds	Siggers	E. Schemerhorn
August 31	P. Beran	J. Auger	Jirmanus	V. Donovan
Sept. 7	A. Kwaa	K. Graf	Augers	N. Jirmanus
Sept.14	P. Auger	S. Lebbos	Milanesi/Kumpa	K. Gustafson
Sept. 21	H. Rantisi	J. Bray	Camelio/Braga	V. Donovan
Sept. 28	L. Cavano	P. Beran	Reynolds/Graf	E. Schemerhorn

If you would like to be added to the rotation for any of these opportunities, please contact Ann Crews Melton, anncrews@gmail.com or 617.646.9690.

The Clarendon Connection is edited by Ann Crews Melton. Articles for the September issue are requested by August 25. Email Ann at anncrews@gmail.com with news, photos, tidbits, corrections or suggestions.



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Price Increases Mean Higher Prices for Farmer Co-operatives

by Anna Utech, www.equalexchange.com

Due to higher organic coffee and cocoa prices and other rising costs, Equal Exchange needs to increase coffee, chocolate and cocoa prices. The new prices will be effective August 1, 2008. Higher Prices for farmer co-operatives are the main reason for our price increases. We should all be proud of having created a new and expanding market for fairly traded organic coffee and cocoa beans. At times demand outstrips supply. This increasing demand, coupled with speculators moving their money from stocks and banking to commodities, causes higher prices. Currently Equal Exchange is paying well above the commodities market and Fair Trade minimum prices for most of our coffee.



In addition, increased fuel costs have led to higher costs for Equal Exchange, from shipping coffee, tea and cocoa to the U.S., to delivering finished product to customers. The falling value of the U.S. dollar abroad also affects Equal Exchange and our farmer partners. Coffee and cocoa are traded in U.S. dollars, so our farmer partners urgently need higher prices to cover costs. And as our cocoa and chocolate are manufactured in Canada and Switzerland, respectively, the U.S. dollar pays for less than in years past. Although costs are rising, Equal Exchange is glad to support our farmer partners with higher prices.

Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church participates in Equal Exchange's interfaith program through the Presbyterian Coffee Project. For more details about how to order, see page 2.