MARQUAND READER

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**The Newsletter of Marquand Chapel at Yale Divinity School**

**THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND**

*Services begin at 10:30 a.m. All are Welcome!*

**Tuesday January 17 A Service of the Word. Preacher:** Jason Land, Student Government President, and Graduating Student.

**Wednesday January 18 Embrace. Speaker – The Dean of Chapel.**

**Thursday January 19 Sung Morning Prayer: Come, Light of Lights**

**Friday January 20 Community Eucharist. Presider: Joyce Mercer**

**WELCOME BACK!**

We live, as they say, in interesting times. This week will no doubt be filled with all kinds of emotion and opinion. As last semester drew to a close, we reminded ourselves that Chapel is a place of welcome regardless of political leanings; what matters in this place is that we come together to pray and listen—and, as we do so, to offer God’s welcome to one another. As an ecumenical Chapel, it is central to our identity that we gather in God’s presence despite—or even because of—our differences in thought and practice. At this time of heightened emotion, let’s guard our community spirit and offer one another the forgiving embrace of God’s love.

**CHAPEL TEAM CHANGES**

We say **thank you** to Lisa Eleck and Jessica Jones who served as Chapel Ministers during the Fall Semester. Each of them created some wonderful services, and were treasured members of the team, and we are going to miss their presence on the team as well as their excellent work!

We say **welcome** to two new Chapel Ministers. Ann Jacob, back from her semester away, will join the team to curate services in our regular schedule, and we are delighted to have her back in Chapel. Brian M. Smith is joining the team to curate a new (pilot) Monday evening event—see below for details.

**NEW EVENING EVENT: Fire Circle Fellowship**

The first meeting of this student-run evening event for fellowship, worship, installation, and prayer will be on Monday, January 23rd at 7:00 pm, and then every two weeks. How will we create a fire indoors? Join us on January 23rd to find out…

COMING SOON IN MARQUAND – a few more highlights for your calendar.

Monday January 23 7:00 p.m. Fire Circle Fellowship

Tuesday January 24 10:30 a.m. Damien Sneed, Gospel Singer and Musician

Wednesday February 1 10:30 a.m. Café Worship

Monday February 20 10:30 a.m. Nicola Slee, feminist theologian and liturgist, speaking on “The Christa”.

Friday February 24 10:30 a.m. Jonathan Rundman, Lutheran contemporary liturgical musician

Monday April 3 10:30 a.m. Admitted Students’ Day (M.A.R.)

Tuesday April 4 10:30 a.m. Margaret Kibben, US Navy Chief of Chaplains, preaching

Wednesday April 5 10:30 a.m. Admitted Students’ Day (M.Div)

Monday April 17 7:00 p.m. The Big (Easter) Hymn Sing—with Mark Miller and others

Friday April 21 10:30 a.m. Rev. Matt Fitzgerald, Preaching

Friday April 28 10:30 a.m. Community Eucharist for the last day of classes.

**GREENING THE CHAPEL**

It’s a phrase thatsummons up a vision of Christmas preparations. But, as you know, we have all been working together on long term strategies to reduce our use of energy in Chapel. Here is the latest news:

**TURN OFF THE LIGHTS!**

One way we can take care of the environment is to ensure that the lights are switched off when there is no-one in Chapel. Our facilities manager has completed a re-organization of our lighting, which is now 100% low-energy LED lighting, and we have moved the furniture to ensure that the light switches are easily accessible. **Thank you Steve Percival, Sandy Lynch, Kevin McKoy, Jean-Fritz Guerrier and Dax Crocker!** If you are the last to leave Chapel, please find the light switch (on the right as you face the main exit doors) and press the button all the way at the bottom. Thank you!

**PAPER REDUCTION SURVEY: RESULTS AND PROVISIONAL DECISIONS**

Thank you to everyone who sent us feedback on our exploration of ways to reduce our paper usage. Your comments were helpful, and we would be happy to give anyone a copy of the summary of the survey who would like to see it. In brief, these are the results, in descending order of popularity, and our provisional decisions for the Spring semester:

**1. Usage of a minimized half-sheet bulletin, with just songs and essential service information: More than 95% either loved this, or found it acceptable.** We will definitely continue with this on days when it is appropriate to the service.

**2. Powerpoint screen to replace bulletins: Over 60% either loved it, or found it acceptable**. We will continue with this, but following your comments, a) only use it in services it suits well, b) invest in software to ensure good visibility, c) improve our skills in using slides in the worship context, d) provide a few large print bulletins for those who struggle with visibility.

**3. Shared bulletins (1 bulletin per 2 people): 58% either loved it, or found it acceptable.** We will continue with this on a few occasions this semester, and then ask for further feedback.

**4. Downloadable bulletin onto your mobile device: almost 73% reported negatively.** The main reasons were technological glitches, and the wish to be screen-free for one moment in a screen-dominated day.We will therefore not pursue this option at this time.

If you would like to see the full details of the survey, please let us know, or read the copy on the Chapel noticeboard. We will seek your further input at the end of the semester.

**OUR NEXT PROJECT**

We are currently working on a new and improved, easy-access, online version of the Marquand Reader that will make all our communications paper free, and more informative, with easy access to archives. Watch this space for forthcoming news on that!

**IT TAKES A VILLAGE…**

Thank you so much to everyone who gave us input, suggestions and help last semester. Please do continue to give us your ideas or suggestions in making the Chapel more ecologically responsible.

**The Marquand Chapel Team**

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| *Dean of Chapel* | The Rev’d Dr Maggi Dawn |
| *Director of Chapel Music (Interim)* | Mrs Sara O’Bryan |
| *Gospel and Inspirational Ensemble* | Mark Miller, Lecturer in Sacred Music |
| *Sacristan* | Margaret McGhee |
| *Chapel Ministers**Archivist* *Chapel Choir Director* *Organ Scholars* | Dax Crocker, Ann Jacob, Jason Land, Robert Laughton, Megan McDermott, Kevin McKoy, Jillian Morrison, Evan Parke, Johnson Ramsaur, Brian M. Smith, Liesl Spitz, Susan WentzyAndrew Doss Matthew Cramer Christopher Keady, Nicholas Quardokus, Gabriel Benton |

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