

FROM THE DEAN . . .

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the varied ministry of Marsh Chapel at Boston University, Fall 2017! We look forward to getting to know you: as you sign up to sing in a choir, as you volunteer to usher or greet, as you attend a fellowship or study group, and especially as you worship with us on Sunday at 11:00 a.m.



The envisioned mission of Marsh Chapel is to be “a heart in the heart of the city, and a service in the service of the city.” To that end, Dr. Jarrett will invite you to vocal expressions of faith in the life of our music program. To that end, Ms. Chicka will invite you to global outreach in our work with international students. To that end, Br. Whitney will invite you to take part and take leadership in campus student ministry. To that end, Mr. Bouchard will solicit your support for work and works in hospitality.

This year, with our emphasis on “voice, vocation, and volume” in our shared life, we are using as a focus for our work the word “remembrance.” Our fall and spring term worship and community life are laden with moments of remembrance: on September 17, we remember Elie Wiesel; on October 29 (and again in November), we remember Martin Luther; in Lent 2018, we remember

Thomas Merton; and in April 2018, in the week following Easter, we remember the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Come and join us throughout this year in a special season of remembrance.

Where I can be personally helpful to you, and where our staff, chaplains, and campus ministers can be a benefit and blessing to you, do not hesitate to call upon us.

John Wesley famously called for a means of grace to “spread scriptural holiness and reform the nation.” Now that was a big dream! May grace expand and extend in meaning for us in the fall term, 2017.

Grace and peace,

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FIRST WEEK ACTIVITIES: SEPTEMBER 3 – 10

New and returning students are invited to join together for a variety of fellowship activities during the first week of classes. For more information about any of these events, contact Br. Larry Whitney at lwhitney@bu.edu or Chaplain Jessica Chicka at jchicka@bu.edu.

Matriculation Service

Sunday, September 3 — 11:00 a.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

Labor Day

Monday, September 4

“A Sabbath rest still remains for the people of God; for those who enter God’s rest also cease from their labors as God did from his. Let us therefore make every effort to enter that rest” (Hebrews 4:9-11a)

First Day of Classes Breakfast

Tuesday, September 5 — 8:00-10:00 a.m. — Marsh Room

Religious Life Fair and Ice Cream Social

Wednesday, September 6 — 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. — Marsh Plaza

Marsh Chapel Garden Party

Thursday, September 7 — 4:30-6:00 p.m. — BU Beach

Marsh Chapel Choir Auditions

Thursday, September 7 — 6:00-9:00 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

The Greening of the Dorms

Friday, September 8 — 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. — Marsh Plaza

Food Service and Fellowship

Saturday, September 9 — 6:30 p.m. — Thurman Room

Interdenominational Protestant Worship Service

Sunday, September 10 — 11:00 a.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

BBQ Lunch

Sunday, September 10 — 12:00 noon — BU Beach

Sunday mornings at Marsh Chapel are interdenominational Protestant worship services influenced by the University's traditional Methodist roots. They are broadcast year-round on WBUR 90.9 FM and streamed over the Internet at www.wbur.org. A podcast is available from iTunes® and the Chapel website (www.bu.edu/chapel). Communion is offered on the first Sunday of each month and on Easter Sunday.

September 3

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost/University Matriculation
Holy Communion
Ex. 3:1-15 — Ps. 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b — Rom. 12:9-21 — Matt. 16:21-28
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel
Sermon: "Spiritual Life in College"
Anthems: Bless the Lord, O my soul — Carson Cooman
Hear My Prayer — Moses Hogan
Venite comedite — Byrd

September 10

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Ex. 12:1-14 — Ps. 149 — Rom. 13:8-14 — Matt. 18:15-20
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel
Sermon: "A Season of Remembrance"
Anthems: Ubi caritas — Duruflé
O how amiable — Vaughan Williams

September 17

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Ex. 14:19-31 — Ps. 114 — Rom. 14:1-12 — Matt. 18:21-35
Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel
Sermon: "Remembering Elie Wiesel"
Anthems: Cantique de Jean Racine — Fauré
Magnificat (Collegium Regale) — Howells

September 24

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Ex. 16:2-15 — Ps. 105:1-6, 37-45 — Philip. 1:21-30 — Matt. 20:1-16
Preachers: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel
Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music
Cantata: Siehe zu, daß deine Gottesfurcht, BWV 179 — J. S. Bach

October 1

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday/International Student Sunday

Ex. 17:1-7 — Ps. 78:1-4, 12-16 — Philip. 2:1-13 — Matt. 21:23-32

Preacher: Ms. Jessica Chicka

University Chaplain for International Students

Anthems: There God Is — Dominick DiOrio

Aquésta me guiaba — Ryan Cayabyab

October 8

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ex. 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 — Ps. 19 — Philip. 3:4b-14 — Matt. 21:33-46

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "Toward a Common Hope"

Anthems: Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace — S.S. Wesley

Jubilate Deo — Richard Dering

October 15

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ex. 32:1-14 — Ps. 106:1-6, 19-23 — Philip. 4:1-9 — Matt. 22:1-14

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "How to be Happy in College"

Anthems: Down by the Riverside — arr. Moses Hogan

O clap your hands — Rutter

October 22

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Ex. 33:12-23 — Ps. 99 — 1 Thess. 1:1-10 — Matt. 22:15-22

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "What a Friend We Have in Paul"

Anthems: Bogoroditse Dyevo (Vespers) — Rachmaninoff

My soul, there is a country — C. H. H. Parry

October 29

Reformation Sunday

Deut. 34:1-12 — Ps. 90:1-6, 13-17 — 1 Thess. 2:1-8 — Matt. 22:34-46

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "A Mighty Fortress"

Anthems: Populi omnes — Martin Roth

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott — Melchior Franck

November 5

All Saints' Sunday

Holy Communion

Rev. 7:9-17 — Ps. 34:1-10, 22 — 1 John 3:1-3 — Matt. 5:1-12

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "A Communion Meditation: In Remembrance"

Anthems: O quam gloriosum — Victoria
O how glorious is the kingdom — Basil Harwood
Justorum animae — Byrd

November 12

The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 — Ps. 78:1-7 — 1 Thess. 4:13-18 — Matt. 25:1-13

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Christopher Boyd Brown
Associate Professor of Church History, STH

Music offered by the Inner Strength Gospel Choir

November 19

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Judges 4:1-7 — Ps. 123 — 1 Thess. 5:1-11 — Matt. 25:14-30

Preachers: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel
Dr. Scott Allen Jarrett, Director of Music

Cantata: Christus, der ist mein Leben, BWV 95 — J. S. Bach

November 26

The Last Sunday after Pentecost/The Reign of Jesus Christ, King

Ezek. 34:11-16, 20-24 — Ps. 100 — Ephes. 1:15-23 — Matt. 25:31-46

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "The Adventure of Faith"

Anthems: Sedebit Dominus Rex — James MacMillan
Festival Te Deum — Britten

HEALING PRAYER STATIONS

We offer prayer for healing at every Sunday Communion service. If, after partaking of Communion, you are moved to prayer for healing in an area of your life that calls for attention, with the laying on of hands and/or anointing with oil (essential oil, with no additives), please join the members of the healing prayer group under the first windows on the pulpit side of the Nave. Also, if you, clergy or laity, find yourself drawn to participate in the ministry of the healing prayer group, please contact the Rev. Victoria Gaskell, Chapel Associate, at vgaskell@bu.edu.

December 3

The First Sunday of Advent

Holy Communion

Is. 64:1-9 — Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19 — 1 Cor. 1:3-9 — Mark 13:24-37

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "A Communion Meditation"

Anthems: O frondens virga — Drew Collins

O lieber Herre Gott — Schütz

Audivi vocem de caelo — John Taverner

December 10

The Second Sunday of Advent

The Forty-Fourth Service of Christmas Lessons and Carols

Is. 40:1-11 — Ps. 85:1-2, 8-13 — 2 Pet. 3:8-15a — Mark 1:1-8

Music includes a selection of Christmas carols, motets, and anthems with brass, organ, and timpani.

Marsh Chapel remains open for Sunday services during the Winter Break.

Music for these services is offered by the Marsh Chapel Choral Scholars.

December 17

The Third Sunday of Advent

Is. 61:1-4, 8-11 — Ps. 126 — 1 Thess. 5:16-24 — John 1:6-8, 19-28

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "Coming Toward Christmas"

December 24

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sam. 7:1-11, 16 — Luke 1:46b-55 — Rom. 16:25-27 — Luke 1:26-38

Preacher: The Rev. Dr. Robert Allan Hill, Dean of the Chapel

Sermon: "The Mystery of Incarnation"

WEEKDAY SERVICES

MONDAY MEDITATION

Mondays — 12:15–12:45 p.m. — Robinson Chapel

Breathe deeply and start off your week by getting balanced through meditation. In these half-hour sessions we invite you to join in a guided meditation from a variety of faith traditions, and meditate in a time of silence.

ECUMENICAL EVENING PRAYER

Wednesdays — 5:15 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

This service is sponsored by the Episcopal Chaplaincy and offers a moment of communion and quiet reflection.

SILENCE PRACTICE

Thursdays — 12:00 noon — Marsh Chapel Nave

Have a decision to make? Seeking balance? Overworked? Stressed? Anxious? Troubled? Wondering about the future? Don't just do something — sit there! Come for five minutes or stay for the whole hour.

COMMON GROUND COMMUNION

Thursdays — 12:20 p.m. — Marsh Plaza

This public service of Holy Communion is blessedly brief, and the sacrament is available to passers-by until 1:00 p.m. The service is held weekly during the term while classes are in session.

Additional services are listed on page 9 under “Marsh Connections.”

SPECIAL SERVICES

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT/WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 1 — 11:00 a.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

Come to Marsh Chapel for a Sunday service specifically dedicated to Boston University's wonderfully diverse international students. Chaplain Jessica Chicka preaches a multicultural-themed sermon, and a lot of tasty international snacks are served afterwards in the Marsh Room of Marsh Chapel. This is a great opportunity for international students to make new friends and get better connected with the Marsh Chapel community.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS LESSONS AND CAROLS

Friday, December 8 — 6:00 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

Sunday, December 10 — 11:00 a.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

Join the Boston University community for the Forty-Fourth Annual Service of Lessons and Carols. The liturgy takes as its model the famous service from King's College, Cambridge and is one of the most popular University events of the year. An open house follows the Sunday service on Dec. 10.

A "BLUE CHRISTMAS" SERVICE

Sunday, December 10 — 3:00 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

This service is a time when we can recognize the "blue" feelings we may have during the Christmas season, acknowledge the reasons for them, and offer these feelings to God. In the midst of the surrounding holiday cheer, some of us mourn a loved one, or feel particularly lonely in our challenges, or struggle with the dark and the cold. In this service, we share in song, scripture, prayer, candlelight, reflection, and the solace and hope of knowing that we are not alone.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES

Sunday, December 24 — 11:00 a.m./7:30 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

This year, in addition to our regular Sunday morning service, Marsh Chapel holds a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 7:30 p.m. Our annual Christmas Eve services are a time of joyful celebration and quiet meditation. The music this year is offered by the Marsh Chapel Thurman Choir.

Throughout the semester, Marsh Chapel is host to numerous guests from within and outside the Boston University community. We highlight several of these groups here, in furtherance of our mission to be “a heart in the heart of the city, and a service in the service of the city.”

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Roman Catholic Mass

Sundays — 12:30 p.m./6:00 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

Weekly Compline Service

Mondays — 7:00 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

School of Theology Worship Service

Wednesdays — 11:15 a.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

RELIGIOUS GROUPS

Asian-American Christian Fellowship

Sundays — 7:30 p.m. — Thurman Room

RUF Reformed University Fellowship Bible Study

Mondays — 7:00 p.m. — Robinson Chapel

InterVarsity Graduate Student Lunch

Tuesdays — 11:30 a.m. — Marsh Room

Falun Dafa Club

Tuesdays — 6:30 p.m. — Robinson Chapel

InterVarsity Fellowship

Wednesdays — 5:30 p.m. — Marsh Room

BU Episcopal Dinner

Wednesdays — 6:00 p.m. — Thurman Room

BU Zen Society

Wednesdays — 7:30 p.m. — Marsh Room

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Located in the heart of a great university with a rich heritage, Marsh Chapel regularly offers settings for teaching, discussion, and conversation.

MORNING STUDY GROUP

Sundays — 9:45 a.m. — Thurman Room

In honor of Dean Hill's ten years of service and leadership at Marsh Chapel, this semester we'll be reading *Village Green: Sermons from Asbury First United Methodist Church*. We will read and discuss some of the Dean's sermons, consider the differences and similarities in ministry contexts between Rochester and Boston, and learn about how sermons get written. We might even have a special appearance from Dean Hill himself at the end of the semester! (Contact: The Rev. Jen Quigley, jenquig@bu.edu)

Special Note: As always, books are free to anyone who wants to join. However, Dean Hill has ordered these books at his publisher's rate (half off). If you're willing to make a donation of the book cost (\$23), we will cover the cost of the book and give the other half as a donation to the Dean's Endowment Fund. Books are available in the Chapel Office.

TAKE NOTE

Sundays — 10:35–10:45 a.m.—Robinson Chapel

This brief and informal session is designed to enhance congregants' experience of the music offered each week in the 11:00 a.m. Marsh Chapel worship service. Curated by Patrick T. Waters, a weekly host will offer insights to the anthems, hymns, service music, and/or organ repertoire that so richly adorn worship at Marsh Chapel. In addition to biographical information about composers and their compositions, attendees learn useful suggestions for possibilities of active listening to the day's musical selections.

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION

Sundays — 11:50 a.m. — Thurman Room

Our children's education ministry is available every Sunday. Those interested are invited to leave the service during the last hymn for a time of lessons, crafts, and fun with Marsh Associate Devin Harvin. (Contact: Devin Harvin, धारविन@bu.edu)

BIBLE STUDY

Sundays — 12:30 p.m. — Thurman Room

Don't rush off after coffee hour—join us in the Thurman Room to study God's word. Bible Study is held each Sunday, with an emphasis on discernment, fellowship, and faith formation. It's led this year by Bill Cordts, a 2011 STH graduate and Marsh Chapel alumnus. Bill is a candidate for ordination in the United Church of Christ and has led Bible Study for several years at his home church in Newton Highlands, where he serves as a lay minister. (Contact: Bill Cordts, wmcordts@gmail.com)

“TALK TO ME” OFFICE HOURS

Dates and times to be announced

Each week, Chaplain Jess Chicka sets out on the BU Campus to have impromptu conversations with students about anything and everything. Come find her and her red inflatable hammocks somewhere on BU's campus! To find out where Jess is, follow us on:

Instagram: [@marshchapel735](https://www.instagram.com/marshchapel735)

Facebook: Marsh Chapel at Boston University

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

For the fifth year, the ministry staff of Marsh Chapel offers a daily emailed Advent devotion from the first Sunday of Advent until Christmas Day. Each email includes a scripture passage, reflection, and encouragement for further action or more information. Registration for the Advent devotion is available on the Marsh Chapel website beginning in early November. (Contact: Chaplain Jessica Chicka, jchicka@bu.edu)

DEAN'S CHOICE

Printed weekly in the Sunday worship bulletin

As part of our programmatic ministry, Dean Hill designates a special event every week as the “Dean's Choice.” These events, chosen from across the life of the University, are spiritually enriching, life affirming, and personally educational. They include fine arts performances, lectures in the sciences and humanities, sporting events, and presentations related to theological and religious ideas. As a community of faith, we have the joy and privilege of worshipping and serving within a vibrant university, whose offerings frequently present modes of growth for us as individuals and as a congregation. We encourage you to consider each week's “Dean's Choice” and, when possible, to attend those most meaningful for you.

MUSIC AT MARSH CHAPEL 17|18

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Considered to be one of the most vibrant parts of the greater university community, Music at Marsh Chapel enjoys a rich heritage of quality music making both in worship and concert. The principal organizations are the Marsh Chapel Choir, the Inner Strength Gospel Choir, and the Marsh Chapel Thurman Choir. For tickets or questions, contact the Music at Marsh Chapel office at the phone number or email address listed above.

CONCERTS AND SPECIAL SERVICES

HANDEL *Judas Maccabaeus*, HVW 63

Friday, October 20, 2017 — 8:00 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave
Marsh Chapel Choir and Collegium
Scott Allen Jarrett *conducting*

University Service of Lessons and Carols

Friday, December 8, 2017 — 6:00 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave
Sunday, December 10, 2017 — 11:00 a.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave
Marsh Chapel Choir
Boston University School of Theology Seminary Singers
Majestic Brass

BACH *The Passion According to St. John*, BWV 245

Sunday, March 18, 2018 — 2:30 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave
Marsh Chapel Choir and Collegium
Ruben Valenzuela *conducting*

BUXTEHUDE *Membra Jesu nostri*, BuxWV 75

Good Friday, March 30, 2018 — 12:00–3:00 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave
Marsh Chapel Choir and Collegium
Scott Allen Jarrett *conducting*

BERNSTEIN *Chichester Psalms*

BACH *Lobe den Herrn, meine Seele*, BWV 69a

Saturday, April 28, 2018 — 8:00 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave
Marsh Chapel Choir and Collegium
Scott Allen Jarrett *conducting*

THE BACH EXPERIENCE

Selected Sundays — 9:45 a.m./11:00 a.m.

In this, the eleventh season of *The Bach Experience*, we present four cantatas that Bach composed in his first four months at Leipzig. Each *Bach Experience* Sunday begins at 9:45 a.m. with a 30-minute discussion of the work's musical and theological significance. After a complimentary breakfast, the *Experience* continues with a complete performance of the cantata during the Sunday morning service.

September 24, 2017	<i>Siehe zu, daß deine Gottesfurcht, BWV 179</i> Cantata for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
November 19, 2017	<i>Christus, der ist mein Leben, BWV 95</i> Cantata for the Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity
February 11, 2018	<i>Erforsche mich, Gott, und erfahre mein Herz, BWV 136</i> Cantata for the Eighth Sunday after Trinity
April 15, 2018	<i>Lobe den Herrn, meine Seele, BWV 69a</i> Cantata for the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

INNER STRENGTH GOSPEL CHOIR

Herbert S. Jones, Director

CONCERTS

Saturday, October 14, 2017 — 12:30 p.m. — Steps of Marsh Chapel
Friday, November 17, 2017 — 7:30 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave
Friday, April 27, 2018 — 7:30 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

SUNDAY SERVICES

November 12, 2017; February 25, 2018; April 22, 2018

THURMAN CHOIR

Sundays (see below) — 12:30-1:30 p.m. — Robinson Chapel

In the spirit of Dean Howard Thurman's visionary ministry of a "common ground," the Thurman Choir is open to any and all members of the Marsh Chapel family who wish to lift their voice in song as a community of common faith. The choir sings in worship several Sundays a semester and provides the music for the Christmas Eve Service. No audition or previous experience is required, and a multi-generational experience is encouraged.

REHEARSALS

September 10/24; October 8/22; November 5/19; December 10

SUNDAY SERVICES

October 15; November 26; December 24

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

It is important from time to time to rest, relax, and have some fun. All are welcome to join us for these fellowship events.

MEALS

One of the most important parts of our life together is the ministry of food. Greet old friends, meet new faces, and break bread together at any or all of these meals hosted by Marsh Chapel.

Coffee Hour	Every Sunday — 12:00 noon — Marsh Room
Community Dinner	Every Monday — 6:00 p.m. — Marsh Room
Covered Dish Lunch	September 3, October 1, November 5, December 3

DEAN'S GARDEN PARTY

Thursday, September 7 — 4:30–6:00 p.m. — BU Beach

To mark the start of the academic year, join the Dean of the Chapel and the Marsh Chapel community for an outdoor garden party, complete with iced teas, snacks, and lawn games. The gathering is open to all—staff, students, friends, and colleagues alike. We hope you will join us for this convivial moment of fun and fellowship.

PAINTING IN THE SPIRIT

Friday, September 29 — 7:00 p.m. — Marsh Room

Join the Global Ministries Department for a two-hour spiritual painting class. Learn about painting as a devotional practice, enjoy some snacks, and put paint to canvas. Both those with no painting experience and well-practiced artists are equally encouraged to attend. Space is limited, so reserve your canvas quickly! (Contact: Chaplain Jessica Chicka, jchicka@bu.edu)

BREAK THE CHAINS! HOLIDAY COFFEE HOUR

Sunday, November 12 — 12:00–1:30 p.m. — Marsh Chapel, Lower Level

Presented by Abolitionist Chapel Today

Join us for resources, samples, and Internet links for welcome and guilt-free holiday gifts and entertaining. Enjoy a complimentary fair trade soup, bread, coffee, tea, and dessert lunch. Learn from a brief and hopeful presentation on modern-day slavery. Consider easy ways you can make a difference to break the chains of millions of women, men, and children in the US and around the world. (Contact: The Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell, vgaskell@bu.edu)

MARSH CHAPEL CHRISTMAS TREE TRIMMING

Thursday, December 7 — 5:00-6:30 p.m. — Marsh Chapel Nave

Join Dean Hill and Br. Larry Whitney as we decorate the Marsh Chapel Christmas tree, enjoy some Christmas cookies, and sing a few Christmas carols—all in preparation for the annual Lessons and Carols Service. (For more information on the Lessons and Carols service, see page 8)

GLOBAL STRESS RELIEF DAY

Wednesday, December 13 — 10 a.m.-5 p.m. — Marsh Chapel, Lower Level

During the fury of exams, papers, and final projects, take a moment to breathe and get balanced in Marsh Chapel. Our Stress Relief Day has relaxation techniques from all around the globe: massage, tea, henna, meditation, coloring, board games, and more. All of it is free and all Boston University students are welcome. So stop by for a few minutes or all day to take a break and de-stress. (Contact: Chaplain Jessica Chicka, jchicka@bu.edu)

500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION

500TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Tuesday, October 31 — All Day — Marsh Plaza/Marsh Chapel

On October 31, 1517, Martin Luther nailed ninety-five theses to the doors of the Wittenberg Cathedral to protest against the corrupt practices within the Catholic church, spurring what we now know as the Protestant Reformation. Join us as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation with a series of interactive educational opportunities as well as a few moments for food and fellowship.

FILM SCREENING: *LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION*

Tuesday, October 31 — 6:00-8:00 p.m. — Marsh Chapel, Lower Level

Join us for a screening of PBS travel host Rick Steves's film *Luther and the Reformation*. Himself a life-long Lutheran, Steves produced the film to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the Protestant Reformation. Learn more about the history of the Reformation and its religious, political, and social effects on the world. A brief discussion follows the film, and a German-themed dinner is provided. (Contact: Chaplain Jessica Chicka, jchicka@bu.edu)

FELLOWSHIP and ADVOCACY GROUPS

ABOLITIONIST CHAPEL TODAY

Sundays (9/24, 10/22, 11/12, 12/10) — 12:30–2:00 p.m. — Thurman Room

Marsh Chapel is reaching out in conversation with individuals and groups at Boston University and in the Massachusetts Abolitionist Network to raise awareness, educate, and involve people directly against the crime of modern-day slavery/human trafficking.

Modern-day slavery is the world's second-largest criminal activity, involving more than twenty-seven million people held in situations of forced labor/debt bondage, sexual exploitation, child soldiering, and/or sale of body parts. At least one million people live in slavery situations in this country alone, some of them in Boston. The good news is that many exciting things are being done, in Boston and around the world, to stop modern-day slavery/human trafficking.

For more information, to extend the conversation, or to join the monthly research and program group, (all meetings with complimentary lunch) contact the Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell, Chapel Associate, at vgaskell@bu.edu.

CREATE SPACE

Tuesdays — 3:00–6:00 p.m. — Marsh Chapel, Lower Level

Feeling crafty? Want to learn how to knit or make paper cranes? Create Space is a time and place to let your creative juices flow. We supply origami paper, coloring books, yarn, knitting needles, and other craft supplies to give you an opportunity to connect your brain with your fingers and mindfully create. Once a month, we use our creative juices to “craft for a cause,” making items that can be donated to those in need. (Contact: Chaplain Jessica Chicka, jchicka@bu.edu)

GLOBAL DINNER CLUB

Tuesdays — 6:00–8:00 p.m. — Thurman Room

The Global Dinner Club is a group that creates safe, sacred spaces for fellowship, relational ministry, and spiritual exploration. Primarily we do this by cooking cultural foods together, sharing stories, and discussing culture. This group thrives on diversity, and is open to people of all nationalities and religions. (Contact: Chaplain Jessica Chicka, jchicka@bu.edu)

BOSTON UNIVERSITY UNITED METHODIST FELLOWSHIP

Every other Wednesday — 5:30–7:30 p.m. — Thurman Room

Methodist students from across the university meet for good company, good conversation, good food, and Communion once a month. The first gathering of the semester is on September 6. (Contact: The Rev. Victoria Hart Gaskell, vgaskell@bu.edu)

RELIGION ON TAP

Dates to be announced in the Sunday morning bulletin

Religion on Tap is a casual gathering during which Boston University friends, faculty, staff, and (21+) students from all different faiths and walks of life can join together to have a drink (alcoholic or non-alcoholic, according to your comfort level and/or religious tradition); talk about faith, God, and life; and be in authentic community together. (Contact: Chaplain Jessica Chicka, jchicka@bu.edu)

ADDITIONAL FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Additional fellowship groups at Marsh Chapel include:

Women’s Forum (Contact: Jan Hill, 96jphill@gmail.com)

Men’s Fellowship (Contact: Jay Reeg; jayreeg@rcn.com)

Mid-Life Fellowship (Contact: Robert Hill; rahill@bu.edu)

Families with Children (Contact: Br. Larry Whitney; lwhitney@bu.edu)

STUDY RETREATS

October 14 & December 14–15 — Marsh Chapel, Lower Level

Study Retreats provide an opportunity to unite head and heart by putting study in the context of spiritual practice. Each day begins with breakfast and Morning Meditation, during which participants articulate what they intend to accomplish during the day. After a substantial period of study, participants gather for Mid-Day Meditation, followed by lunch and another study period. The day ends with Evening Meditation, during which participants check in about what they accomplished—celebrating successes and encouraging one another to keep working toward unmet goals. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are provided.

Participation in Study Retreats is free of charge and available to all Boston University students. For more information or to register online, visit the Marsh Chapel website under the “Life Together” tab.
(Contact: Br. Larry Whitney, lwhitney@bu.edu)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Getting to Marsh Chapel

Marsh Chapel is accessible via the MBTA Green Line B Train (Boston University Central) and the No. 57 Bus (St. Mary's Street). Free parking is available for the Sunday morning service (11:00 a.m.) in the "J lot" behind the College of Arts and Sciences (accessible via Bay State Road). On occasion, this lot may be closed on Sunday mornings for other official University functions. For all other parking needs, parishioners are advised to find on-street parking on Commonwealth Avenue, St. Mary's Street, Bay State Road, or other nearby streets. For directions to Marsh Chapel, visit our website at www.bu.edu/chapel/directions.

Child Care

Child Care for the 11:00 a.m. Sunday morning service is available each week. Inquiries may be made in the main office located on the lower level of the chapel. In addition, Children's Worship Activity Bulletins are available in the narthex at the beginning of the service for those interested.

In compliance with Boston University's Protection of Minors Policy, the parents/guardians of participating minors must execute the Boston University Parental Acknowledgment, Consent, and Release from Liability Form before minors can be left in our care.

Handicapped Accessibility

A wheelchair lift is located at the west door of the Chapel on the Marsh Plaza level. This lift allows for access between Marsh Plaza and the Sanctuary level of the Chapel. For access, please ring the bell located next to the lift. A member of the Chapel staff will be happy to assist you.

Reservations

Individuals or organizations can reserve Marsh Chapel for concerts, recitals, lectures, and ceremonies. In addition, Marsh Plaza and Warren Alpert Mall (BU Beach) may also be reserved, although use of those spaces is generally limited to Boston University student groups and departments. Marsh Chapel requests that applicants thoroughly review the Space-Use Policy found on our website (www.bu.edu/chapel/reservations) before submitting the required online application. Further inquiries may be made by calling Ray Bouchard at 617.358.3390.

Marsh Chapel Broadcasts

Sunday Morning services are broadcast on WBUR 90.9 FM and streamed over the Internet at www.wbur.org. A weekly podcast of the Sunday morning service is available through iTunes®.

Online Resources

Online resources (www.bu.edu/chapel) include a sermon archive, a bulletin archive (including bulletins for upcoming Sunday services), a list of upcoming events, staff biographies, online applications for weddings and other space requests, and a link to our podcast of Sunday morning services. For the most recent information on Marsh Chapel events, join the Marsh Chapel Facebook™ page (www.facebook.com/MarshChapel) or follow us on Twitter™ (www.twitter.com/MarshChapel).

Weddings, Funerals, and Memorial Services

Marsh Chapel is available for weddings, funerals, and memorial services. Scheduling preference is given to members of the Marsh Chapel and Boston University communities. Further information, including an online wedding application, is available on the “Worship” page of our website (www.bu.edu/chapel/worship). Funeral and memorial service requests must be made by phone or email. To request the use of Marsh Chapel for a funeral or memorial service, or for more information on any of the services listed above, please contact the main office at 617.353.3560 or email at chapel@bu.edu.

Baptism and Confirmation

Baptism and Confirmation classes are offered on an individual basis and may be scheduled by contacting Dean Hill directly (617.358.3394; rahill@bu.edu). The Sacrament of Baptism and the rites of Confirmation are administered during the Great Vigil Service on March 31, 2018. Roman Catholics interested in receiving the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation should contact the Boston University Catholic Center at 617.353.3632.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral care is available from any chaplain at Boston University. To request a meeting, contact the chapel office at 617.353.3560 or chapel@bu.edu. Alternatively, fill out the pastoral contact form on the website at www.bu.edu/chapel/contact. We are happy to arrange a meeting with a chaplain appropriate to your faith community and need.

Stewardship

All are invited to contribute to the life and ministry of Marsh Chapel through time, talents, gifts, and service. Financial contributions may be sent to us at Marsh Chapel, Boston University, 735 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, Massachusetts 02215. Alternatively, credit card contributions may be made online through our website at www.bu.edu/chapel/stewardship.

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- You may sign the red “Ritual of Friendship” notebooks on Sunday morning, checking the box “member of this church.”
- You may speak with the Dean about your interest, either by phone or in person. (617.358.3394)
- You may ask to be received as a member at the conclusion of a worship service (often on a communion Sunday, the first Sunday of the month), responding to questions of faith found in our hymnal at page 33ff.
- You may stand and answer these questions during our Easter Vigil service in the spring each year, following a meeting or meetings with the Dean.

What if I am a member of another church? Can I belong here too?

Definitely. It is important to remember that, first and foremost, you are a member of the family of God. Many people who are members of another church choose to make Marsh Chapel their second church home and be recorded as a member here as well. We welcome you to do this.

If you would like to join in a more informal fashion, we can most certainly accommodate that as well. Dean Hill is always happy to discuss those matters on an individual basis. Dean Hill can be reached at 617.358.3394 or by email at rahill@bu.edu.

COMMUNICATIONS

How to Communicate at Marsh

- To note your weekly presence in Sunday morning worship, please sign the red "Ritual of Friendship" notebooks passed down the pew during the offertory.
- To receive our e-newsletter, *Common Ground*, please sign up on our website at www.bu.edu/chapel.
- To receive print mailings, please contact the chapel office at 617.353.3560.
- To receive information about becoming a member of the Marsh Chapter congregation, please contact the chapel office at 617.353.3560.
- To speak with the Dean, please call 617.358.3394.
- To obtain offering envelopes for weekly tithes and gifts, please call Ray Bouchard at 617.358.3390.
- To express interest in endowing the future of Marsh Chapel through planned giving, please call Dean Hill at 617.358.3394.
- To learn about current ministry at Marsh Chapel, please visit our website at www.bu.edu/chapel.
- To get to know the current Marsh Chapel membership, please visit Coffee Hour following worship.

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