

MARQUAND READER

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A newsletter furthering the educational mission of Ecumenical Daily Worship at YDS.

THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

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

- Monday, February 21:** *Labyrinth Walk*, with music for prayer and reflection offered by Bradley Abromaitis, viola, Nicholas Lewis, clarinet, and Jessica Petrus, soprano
- Tuesday, February 22:** *Making a Home in Exile*, graduating student Lisa Levy preaching, with music by the Marquand Gospel Choir
- Wednesday, February 23:** *Sung Morning Prayer*, a setting by John Tirro
- Thursday, February 24:** *Soul Warming: A Service of Self-Care*, during All-School Conference
- Friday, February 25:** *Community Eucharist on YDS Day of Service*, Prof. Willis Jenkins preaching and Prof. Harlon Dalton presiding

Walking the Labyrinth

One benefit of having flexible seating in our chapel is that it allows us to rearrange our space daily in a wide variety of formations. By far the most complex arrangement we have attempted in this space is the labyrinth. Using our chairs, combined with stones, cushions, and other material, on Monday we will again create an intricate walking path designed for prayer and meditation. This ancient Christian practice dates beyond Christian history into the Greco-Roman era.

On Monday as you approach the chapel, you will notice that the atmosphere is more quiet than usual. As always, you are encouraged to leave your coats and backpacks in the narthex. If it helps your practice, you are also welcome to remove your shoes and socks. Entering the chapel one at a time, please feel free to walk at your own pace, to pass others or let them pass you, and to sit when and as you like as you navigate the labyrinth of chairs. Soft meditative music will alternate with periods of silence. You are welcome to walk the labyrinth two or more times if you wish.



Chartres labyrinth from the organ loft.

While we travel the labyrinth as individuals, and without speaking, we also travel it at the same time as others. In this way, our labyrinth walking becomes a time of corporate as well as individual contemplation. Please join us on Monday for this unique experience.

Community Eucharist on Day of Service

By Alex Peterson

Friday is the final day of the All-School Conference, and is focused on a Day of Service engaging the broader New Haven community. We here at YDS regularly come together for a number of purposes and activities, from classes to lunchtime talks to worship services. What could it mean for us to come together to serve the broader New Haven community? Throughout the day there will be several opportunities not only to engage in dialogue about service but also to actually offer support to various local agencies.

We will kick off our day with our regular Community Eucharist. Dr. Willis Jenkins will preach and Dr. Harlon Dalton will preside. Whether or not you are participating in the Day of Service, please join us for worship. Since the beginning of the term, we have been collecting non-perishable food items outside the chapel doors, freely offered to any in our community who have need, with the remainder given to Loaves and Fishes ministry at St Peter and St James church. In addition, this Friday we will also be collecting personal hygiene items (toothpaste, toothbrush, shampoo, soap, comb etc.) for toiletry kits to be assembled here on campus Friday afternoon and given to Columbus House. You are invited to bring any of these items or not, as you are so moved, but *there is no requirement that you do so*.

It is clear that a few hours of service will not fully address the many needs we will encounter through our service at nonprofit agencies throughout New Haven. Yet, we can all make a positive impact on our community by opening ourselves up to learning about the issues and concerns of our neighbors and opening up doors for relationship-building and future partnership.

You are welcome to join for any part of the day and especially for the volunteer activities in the afternoon. To sign-up, go to <http://tinyurl.com/ydsserves>.

Welcoming Our Visitors

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
~ Hebrews 13:2

It may surprise you to learn that nearly every day in Marquand, we are blessed with visitors. Whether prospective students, faculty candidates, visiting family members, or simply curious souls, Marquand Chapel is home to many who worship in our midst although they are unfamiliar to us. And, although we tend to think of ourselves as a welcoming worship community, often those who are new to us can be overlooked. The next time you see a visitor—or even someone you don't recognize—approach them after the service, extend the peace of Christ, and welcome them to our worship. In doing so, you may make a friend, meet a colleague, or simply be introduced to a new and interesting person. Remember the charge of Hebrews 13:2: "Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it."

Also, please move to the middle of the row when you take your seat in chapel, so that those who come later can still find a place to seat themselves.

Marquand Chapel Ministry

Do you love to
worship in Marquand?
Are you interested in
learning more about
worship and
ecumenism?



The Marquand Chapel Team is searching for **Chapel Ministers** for the '11-'12 year. Our Chapel Ministers work as a team and with members of the YDS community to imagine, plan, and carry out each of the services that comprise the Marquand worship program.

Chapel Ministry is a supervised ministry internship, and is open to 2nd and 3rd year students. Students should have a strong interest in crafting liturgy and in ecumenism. We are seeking out folks who:

- are creative and passionate
- are able to work well in a group setting
- have strong communication skills
- are strong leaders
- are eager to learn about liturgical traditions and practices.

If you are interested in being a Chapel Minister, have questions, or would like more information, please speak with Christa Swenson (christa.swenson@yale.edu).

The Marquand Reader is edited by the chapel staff and issued every Monday when classes are in session. It highlights the week's services and other special opportunities and events. Additional articles by the Chapel Staff and the faculty in Liturgical Studies will explore historical, liturgical, and denominational topics, in order to further the educational goals of Marquand Chapel. Contact one of the chapel staff if you have any suggestions, comments, or questions.

The Marquand Chapel Team:

Adele Crawford, *Interim Dean of Chapel* * Colin Britt, *Acting Director of Chapel Music*

Christa Swenson, *Liturgical Coordinator*

Kyle Brooks, Christian Brost, James deBoer, Alex Peterson, *Chapel Ministers*

Mark Miller, *Gospel Choir Director* * Sara Marks and Michael Sansoni, *Chapel Choir Directors*

Nat Gumbs, Benjamin Straley, Noah Wynne-Morton, *Organists*