

# 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 28:** Graduating student Susan Rainey Dankel preaching

**Tuesday, March 1:** *A Service of Praise and Worship*, led by Evangelical Fellowship

**Wednesday, March 2:** *Sung Morning Prayer*, a setting by John Tirro

**Thursday, March 3:** *Word and Worship*, Hoskins Visitor the Rev. Heidi Neumark preaching

**Friday, March 4:** *Community Eucharist*, led by Yale Black Seminarians, Jennifer Leath, preaching and presiding

**Roundtable Discussion – Monday, February 28, 12:30-1:15 p.m. in the Common Room**

*There will be no services during Spring Break; we will resume our schedule Monday March 21.*

## Welcome Hoskins Visitor the Rev. Heidi Neumark

On Thursday we welcome The Rev. Heidi Neumark, this year's Hoskins Visitor, to Marquand Chapel. Rev. Neumark will also be speaking at the Pastor's Study lunch and conversation in the Common Room on Thursday at 12:30 p.m.

Rev. Neumark has served as Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church of Manhattan since 2003. For nineteen years prior, she was pastor of Transfiguration Lutheran Church in the South Bronx. She was a founding member of South Bronx Churches, an ecumenical community organizing group that trained local leaders, built hundreds of low-cost homes, and established a top-ranked public high school.

Rev. Neumark grew up in New Jersey. She completed her undergraduate studies at Brown University and received her Masters in Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. She spent a year at an ecumenical seminary in Argentina where she also worked with Servicio Paz y Justicia, a human rights organization.

In addition to being a local pastor, Rev. Neumark preaches and speaks at events around the country. She also enjoys writing. Her experiences in congregational and community ministry in the Bronx led to a highly acclaimed book, *Breathing Space: A Spiritual Journey in the South Bronx* (Beacon Press). She has a chapter on ministry at Trinity in *Getting On Message: Challenging the Christian Right from the Heart of the Gospel*. Presently, she is working on a book about the discovery of her Jewish roots and the story of her grandfather who died at the Terezin concentration camp. She is married to Gregorio Orellano and they are the proud parents of Ana and Hans.



## Round-Table Discussion

Join Adele Crawford, Colin Britt and Christa Swenson on Monday for another roundtable discussion of worship in Marquand Chapel. Bring your lunch and bring your thoughts, ideas and questions for our ecumenical worship life in Marquand. Monday, February 28, 12:30-1:15 PM in the Common Room.

# Reflections on Being a Chapel Minister

As spring break draws nigh and you continue to think about a supervised ministry for next year, we invite you to consider being a chapel minister for Marquand! Below are reflections from current chapel ministers about their experiences working for the chapel program. If you have any questions about being a chapel minister, please feel free to contact any of these current chapel ministers.



Kyle Brooks (Chapel Minister 2010-2011, [kyle.brooks@yale.edu](mailto:kyle.brooks@yale.edu))

Serving as a Chapel Minister in Marquand Chapel is a wholly unique experience, and perhaps the most challenging, enlightening, and invigorating internship I've ever pursued. It is an opportunity to immerse yourself in a world of liturgy, traditions, and practices beyond the ones you've grown accustomed to. To serve the YDS community in this way is a great joy and responsibility. It has compelled me to consider what it truly means to love your neighbor and care for them in building a space for worship. This position has helped me to consider the contours of my faith in a deeply reflective way. I have grown and stretched in ways that will aid my future endeavors, ministerial and otherwise.

James deBoer (Chapel Minister 2010-2011, [james.deboer@yale.edu](mailto:james.deboer@yale.edu))

Marquand Chapel has been integral to my time here at YDS and also to the formation of my own Christianity. I have been blown away on many occasions by the creativity, sharing, diversity, perceptiveness, and care, of students, staff, and faculty in worship. My role as a chapel minister has been a great opportunity to learn more about what goes into making liturgy happen. I have been able to work closely with student preachers, guest preachers, student groups, etc., learning quite a lot about what is central for others' experiences of faith. I've also had the chance to try new things from time to time. I'm confident that anyone considering work in congregations, chaplaincy, or faith-based organizations will find chapel minister skills and knowledge enjoyable and very helpful.

Alex Peterson (Chapel Minister 2010-2011, [alexander.peterson@yale.edu](mailto:alexander.peterson@yale.edu))

From my first day on campus, Marquand chapel been one of the most vibrant and vital aspects of YDS for me. It has encouraged, strengthened, challenged, and allowed me to question my view of the Divine, while simultaneously encouraging the growth of community. This community is why I chose YDS, what I sought here, and what I have found here. Through worship, Marquand helped foster this community; through my internship, Marquand has deepened this community. I came in believing in the power of community and worship, and I leave a more passionate believer in these. I also leave with an appreciation for the power of liturgy, the joy of planning a service and transforming a space, and a new respect for the power of community here at YDS.

***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*