

MARQUAND READER

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THIS WEEK IN MARQUAND

SERVICES BEGIN AT 10:30. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Monday, April 9 (10:30am): Graduating student EMILY KUHN, preaching.
(7:00pm): EASTER REJOICING. *Note:* We gather for this service around the fire on the Quad (weather permitting), or in the Common Room in case of inclement weather.
Tuesday, April 10: Worship led by the Yale Black Seminarians, with DR. WARREN H. STEWART, SR., the 2007 Hoskins Visitor, preaching.
Wednesday, April 11: SUNG MORNING PRAYER: Songs from the Americas.
Thursday, April 12: A SERVICE OF PRAISE, SONG AND PRAYER, led by the Evangelical Fellowship.
Friday, April 13: ECUMENICAL EUCHARIST in light of ecclesial rules on sexuality and Ordination. *Note:* Bread and Wine will not be distributed at this service.

EASTER REJOICING: WHERE, WHEN, AND WHY?



This **Monday night at 7:00pm**, we will gather around a fire **on the Quad** (weather permitting) to begin our yearly Easter Rejoicing service. At our Advent service last December, we ended the service around a fire on the Quad, surrounded by the refugee shelters, and relating the unresolvedness of Advent with the profound insecurity experienced by displaced peoples around the world. As we gather once more around the fire, we instead turn our attention to the ways in which the joy of Easter is expressed in the experiences of people around the world: in the foods, stories, traditions, and songs

of communities around the globe. Again, in an effort to avoid using disposable cups, the Marquand chapel team is joining with the YDS Environmental Concerns Committee in gathering donated cups or mugs for use during the service; please place them on the pew outside the Marquand sacristy and restrooms, or just bring them to the service. You may

wish to mark those cups you wish to keep with your initials for easy identification, and remember to retrieve them after the service.

Many of us have already been involved in multiple Easter services; thus we might ask, **“Why do we have yet another service on Monday night?”** Easter, like Christmas and other major holidays and seasons throughout the year, finds the most elaborate and festive liturgical celebrations in the church paired with the most extended family and domestic celebrations and traditions. Likewise, these seasons, marked by especially beautiful and memorable hymns, anthems, masses, and liturgical music, also are filled with countless folk carols, dances, and other “extra-liturgical” music. Whether we work in a church or not, many of us are exhausted by Sunday’s celebrations, and have yet to clean up the leftover mess.

It is here where Christ’s resurrection greeting comes in just a little later: “χαίρετε” (literally, “Rejoice!”; Matthew 28:9). He appears and greets the women at his tomb, who have already heard the Good News from the Angel. They are already exhausted by preparing the week’s Passover meals, performing Jesus’s burial, and mourning their friend and teacher. Likewise, this Easter Monday, after so many liturgies, choirs, brass fanfares, and organs have been working overtime for the past week, after we have already heard the Good News and gone back to our daily routines, we find an unexpected commandment to rejoice: to have fun, to celebrate not only in Church but in the midst of our domestic and family traditions, and to be ministered to, just when we have been ministering at an intense level all week.

In addition, we are reminded that Easter is not only the “Sunday of the Resurrection” as such, but extends concentrically through the whole of Christian worship: through the Easter Season (through the next 50 days until Pentecost), through each Sunday assembly which commemorates the resurrection, and indeed every day we proclaim the risen Christ in worship. Come and rejoice, for He is Risen!

THE HOSKINS VISITOR



Warren H. Stewart, Sr

Warren H. Stewart, Sr., senior pastor at the First Institutional Baptist Church of Phoenix, AZ, is the 2007 Hoskins Visitor to the Yale Divinity School campus. The Hoskins Visitor is a Christian leader invited to YDS to meet with students, faculty and staff to discuss issues related to the reform and renewal of the church. Stewart will be on campus April 10-11.

Reared in a Christian family and African-American church environment, Stewart has served the First Institutional Baptist Church since, 1977. He was appointed executive secretary of the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., in

November 1994 and served through January 2005.

Stewart holds an A.A. degree from Coffeyville Community Junior College, Coffeyville, KS ; a B.A. from Bishop College, Dallas, TX ; an M.Div. and S.T.M. from Union Theological Seminary, New York City ; and a D.Min. from the American Baptist Seminary of the West, Berkeley, CA. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree from Ottawa University, Ottawa, KS, and is the recipient of the Award of Excellence in Black Church Studies from the Ecumenical Center for Black Church Studies, Los Angeles.

He is the recipient of numerous awards and commendations from churches, colleges, civic and community organizations, locally, statewide and nationally, including selection in 1993 by *The Phoenix Gazette* as "one of ten people whose achievements had the most notable effect on...Arizona."

Stewart is the author of *Interpreting God's Word in Black Preaching*, and *How to Handle Giants: Sermons to African-American Youth and Their Mentors*. He has taught at Ottawa University-Phoenix Campus, Phoenix Seminary and Fuller Theological Seminary, and has served as chair of the board of trustees of the American Baptist Seminary of the West.

Stewart has traveled and preached extensively throughout the United States and internationally, including a three-week preaching mission, sponsored by the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Foreign Mission Board, to several African countries, including South Africa.

He served as the first general chairperson for ARIZONANS FOR A MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. STATE HOLIDAY and also organized and led VICTORY TOGETHER, INC., a broad-based coalition that campaigned for a Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil Rights Day in Arizona, which was passed in the 1992 general election.

Stewart will be preaching in Marquand Chapel this Tuesday. For a complete schedule of events, visit: http://www.yale.edu/divinity/news/070319_news_stewart.shtml

ORDINATION ISSUES

Many leadership roles in Marquand chapel are held by students and others in the community who are not ordained but for whom Marquand may be a place to develop liturgical skills, often in the expectation that she or he will be ordained in the future. In the inviting of this leadership, as in other aspects of worship, Marquand seeks to be an open and inclusive place for all people. Yet, because of the particular difficulties of negotiating Eucharistic practice in an ecumenical setting, the Marquand Chapel Worship Guidelines ask that the presider for Friday Eucharist be ordained or authorized to celebrate communion according to the polity of her or his own denomination. Thus, Eucharist always has an ordained or authorized presider, who is sometimes a guest from outside the Marquand community. In this situation, Marquand is particularly tied to the polity of various denominations, in part because of ecumenical consensus around

Eucharistic practice, but largely so that the leader is not acting in contradiction to rules incumbent upon him or her by the fact of ordination or authorization to a particular tradition. Yet, the Marquand Chapel team is also aware that many in this community who would otherwise seek ordination are excluded by their traditions' polity. Others who might not themselves be excluded have chosen to boycott ordination or abstain from a Eucharist they nonetheless find exclusive. Specifically, gender and sexual orientation remain at the forefront of polity debates in many denominations, and of the sensitivities of many in this community.

Thus, as we gather for our weekly Eucharist this Friday, we seek to express the grief, frustration, and division many individuals and church communities have experienced in relation to these issues. Please note that bread and wine will not be distributed at this service.

NEW SUNG MORNING PRAYER SERIES

This week, we begin a setting of Sung Morning Prayer, which may familiar to some of us from the Spring of 2006: "Songs from the Americas." We will sing songs from North, Central and South America, and the Caribbean Islands; from Native American, African American, and other historical and contemporary American songwriters, composers, and worship traditions.

The Marquand Reader is edited by the chapel staff and issued every Monday when classes are in session. It both reflects on past services and highlights upcoming services and other special opportunities and events. Additional articles by the Chapel Staff or the faculty in Liturgical Studies will explore historical, liturgical, theological and ecumenical topics, in order to further the educational goals of Marquand Chapel. Contact Prof. Garrigan if you have any suggestions, comments, or questions.

The Marquand Chapel Team:

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