Hello, Beautiful Friends:

Where did the summer go? Alas, time does fly when you are having fun!

My summer has indeed been fun and productive. Along with my annual sojourn to North Carolina, I sailed along the Mediterranean with Harvard alums as a lecturer on the *Voyage to the Lands of Gods and Heroes*. What a treat! Spending time with members of the alumni network and their families rivaled the breathtaking views from atop the islands of Santorini and Crete. The summer also allowed me to attend to my own research and writing. I began the month of August in Canterbury at the University of Kent giving the keynote plenary lecture to the International Society for Media, Religion, and Culture. To be sure, having leading scholars in the field engage my current research proved beneficial for my next book project on religious broadcasting. It was time well spent.

Fortunately, the ministry of the Memorial Church ran like a well-oiled machine. Sedgwick Chaplain to the University Reverend Dr. Lucy Forster-Smith, along with our amazing staff, presided over an efficient and effective summer. Worship services provided spiritual nourishment to guests and local residents. Our new bell was installed atop the church steeple. We owe a debt of gratitude to our property manager, Gail Oliver, for overseeing this massive project. And the church staff continues to finalize plans for the upcoming academic year.

Both new and old friends will grace the MemChurch pulpit this Fall Term. Noted author Reverend Deb Richardson-Moore, Senior Pastor of the Triune Mercy Center in Greenville, South Carolina, and Reverend Dr. Emilie Townes, Dean of the Divinity School at Vanderbilt University, are joining us for the first time. We will also welcome back Reverend Dr. Alison Boden, Dean of Religious Life and the Chapel at Princeton University, and Reverend John Finley IV, Head of the Epiphany School in Boston. If you cannot join us in the sanctuary, be sure to listen to us on Harvard’s radio station, WHRB.

Moreover, the Faith & Life Forum extends its commitment to presenting leading scholars and religious intellectuals each week. A few faculty members from Harvard Divinity School are prepared to provide us a glimpse into their sabbatical research. Theologians-in-Residence Mayra Rivera Rivera, Associate Professor of Theology and Latina/o Studies, and Charles Stang, Associate Professor of Early Christian Thought, will share their latest book projects. We are also thrilled that local author Florence Ladd is coming to discuss her latest novel *The Spirit of Josephine: A Family Reunion in Paris*. Be sure to review the full Fall Term schedule so that you do not miss a moment.

Finally, I would like to mention a few staff changes that have taken place since Spring Term. We said goodbye to Associate University Organist and Choirmaster Christian Lane and longtime Church Sexton Richard Campbell. Both served the Memorial Church for many years, and the entire University was enriched by their presence. We wish them God’s blessings in their future endeavors.

Yet fond adieus often give way to fresh opportunities. We are thus pleased to welcome Thomas Sheehan, our new Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster. Thomas is an incredible young talent, and great addition to our music department under the supervision of Gund University Organist and Choirmaster Edward E. Jones. You can read more about Thomas on the church website. Mark your calendars for our Organ Recital Series, as well as the Fall Term UChoir Concert. This year the UChoir is celebrating the 300th anniversary of the birth of German composer Christoph Willibald Gluck.

In sum, I look forward to another incredible year at the Memorial Church. We are a central site of human connection on Harvard’s campus — a place to share, a place to care, a place to give, and a place to just simply live. We are a space of grace for all of God’s children!

Come grow with us.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday services are broadcast on Harvard’s radio station, WHRB 95.3 FM. For those outside the Cambridge area, WHRB provides live Internet streaming from its web site www.whrb.org. Services take place at 11:00 a.m. eastern time.

August 31: Freshman Sunday
Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton
Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church
Anthems: Bernstein — “Urah, hanevel, v’chinoir” from Chichester Psalms
Byrd — Haec dies

September 7: First Sunday of Fall Term
Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Lucy A. Forster-Smith
Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church
Anthems: Parry — I Was Glad
Haydn — “The Heavens Are Telling” from Creation

September 14
Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton
Anthems: Mathias — Let the People Praise Thee
Martin — Jubilate

September 21
Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton
Anthems: Byrd — Sing Joyfully
Weelkes — O Lord Arise

September 28
Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Alison L. Boden
Dean of Religious Life and the Chapel, Princeton University, NJ
Anthems: Howells — Magnificat (Collegium Regale)
Bainton — And I Saw a New Heaven

October 5
Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton
Anthems: Schubert — Mass in G Major
Mozart — Ave verum Corpus

October 12: Institution Service for the New Senior Minister
Preacher: Rabbi Patricia Karlin-Neuman
Senior Associate Dean for Religious Life, Stanford University, CA
Anthems: Paulus — Pilgrims’ Hymn
Cooman — New Commission

October 19
Preacher: The Reverend Jedediah Mannis
Founder, The Outdoor Church of Cambridge
Anthems: Parker — Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal
Hogan — Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

October 26
Preacher: Deb Richardson-Moore
Pastor, Triune Mercy Center, Greenville, SC
Anthem: Bach — Komm, Jesu komm

November 2: Commemoration of All Saints & All Souls
Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton
Anthem: Fauré — Requiem (excerpts)

November 9: Commemoration of Benefactors & of The War Dead
Preacher: Colonel Everett Spain
Academy Professor, United States Military Academy at West Point
Anthems: Vaughan Williams — Lord, Thou Hast Been Our Refuge
Parry — My Soul, There Is A Country

November 16
Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Emilie M. Townes
Dean of the Divinity School and E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
Anthems: Brahms — “How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place” from A German Requiem
Phillips — The Risen Sun

November 23
Preacher: Alanna Copenhaver
Ministry Fellow in the Memorial Church
Anthem: Britten — Hymn to St. Cecilia

November 30: The First Sunday of Advent
Preacher: The Reverend John H. Finley IV
Co-Founder and Head of Epiphany School, Boston, MA
Anthems: Shumway — Schenectady
Ingalls — The Appletree

December 7: The Second Sunday of Advent
Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton
Anthems: Howells — Communion Service (Collegium Regale)
Howells — A Spotless Rose

December 14: The Third Sunday of Advent
Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Stephanie A. Paulsell
Houghton Professor of the Practice of Ministry Studies, Harvard Divinity School; Affiliated Minister in the Memorial Church
Anthems: Pettman — The Angel Gabriel
Goldschmidt — A Tender Shoot

December 21: The Fourth Sunday of Advent
Preacher: To Be Announced…

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Wednesday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.
On Christmas Eve a service will be held to celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord with hymns and Holy Communion. Professor Jonathan L. Walton will preach.

December 28: NO SERVICE — WINTER RECESS

January 4
Preacher: To Be Announced…

January 11
Preacher: To Be Announced…
January 18: Commemoration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Walter Fluker
Martin Luther King, Jr. Professor of Ethical Leadership, Boston University School of Theology

January 25: Last Sunday of Fall Term
Preacher: Professor Jonathan L. Walton

MORNING PRAYERS IN APPLETON CHAPEL

Monday – Saturday in Term, 8:45 – 9:00 a.m.
Beginning Tuesday, September 2
Consisting of music, prayer, and a brief address given by a member or friend of the University, this service is a great way to start the day.
The first week’s speakers will be:

Monday, September 1
No Service — Labor Day Holiday

Tuesday, September 2
Drew Gilpin Faust
President of Harvard University

Wednesday, September 3
Jonathan L. Walton
Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church

Thursday, September 4
Lucy A. Forster-Smith
Sedgwick Chaplain to the University and Senior Minister in the Memorial Church

Friday, September 5
Rakesh Khurana
Dean of Harvard College

Saturday, September 6
Alanna Copenhaver
Ministry Fellow, The Memorial Church

COMPLINE

Thursdays, September 4, October 2, November 6, and December 4 at 10:00 p.m.
This twenty-minute service is sung in the candlelit space of Appleton Chapel.

FAITH & LIFE FORUM

Sundays, September 14 – December 7, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
The Faith & Life Forum explores matters of faith and public life. Each week we hear from leading thinkers as it pertains to matters of ultimate concern such as love, justice, suffering, and salvation. The presentations take place in the Pusey Room of the Memorial Church and begin at 9:30 a.m. Come for coffee at 9:00 a.m.

September 14
Jonathan L. Walton
Plummer Professor of Christian Morals and Pusey Minister in the Memorial Church

September 21
Ali Asani
Professor of Indo-Muslim and Islamic Religion and Cultures, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, Harvard University

September 28
Alison L. Boden
Dean of Religious Life and the Chapel, Princeton University, NJ

October 5
Mayra Rivera Rivera
Associate Professor of Theology and Latina/o Studies, Harvard Divinity School

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Jedediah Mannis
Founder, The Outdoor Church of Cambridge

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November 16
Emilie M. Townes
Dean of the Divinity School and E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Professor of Womanist Ethics and Society, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

November 23
Florence Ladd
Author

November 30
John H. Finley IV
Co-Founder and Head of Epiphany School, Boston, MA

December 7
To Be Announced…

BIBLE STUDY

Professor Jonathan L. Walton will lead these evening discussion sessions aimed at teaching and facilitating a socio-historical reading of the Bible, using the same exegetical method he employs when preparing his Sunday morning sermons.

Wednesdays, October 1, November 5, February 11, March 11, and April 15, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY CHOIR CONCERTS

Evensong
Sunday, October 5, 4:00 p.m.

Gluck’s Orfeo ed Euridice
Sunday, October 19, 4:00 p.m.
Concert performance featuring the Harvard University Choir and Grand Harmonie, in celebration of the 300th anniversary of the birth of Christoph Willibald Gluck.

HBCO Concert
Sunday, November 16, 7:00 p.m.
Phoebe Carrai, director. Featuring the Choral Fellows of the Harvard University Choir.

105th Annual Christmas Carol Services
Sunday, December 14, 5:00 p.m.
Monday, December 15, 8:00 p.m.
Doors open one hour before the services. Admission is free; an offering for charity is collected.

Looking Ahead! Spring 2015

Holy Week Musical Meditation
Tuesday, March 31, 8:00 p.m.
Featuring the Choral Fellows of the Harvard University Choir and members of HBCO

HARVARD UNIVERSITY CHOIR
Arts First Performance
Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m.
George Frideric Handel’s Athalia
Featuring the Harvard Baroque Chamber Orchestra

TUESDAY ORGAN RECITAL SERIES
Admission is free to all recitals.

September 9, 7:30 p.m.
Thomas Sheehan
Assistant Organist and Choirmaster, The Memorial Church

September 23, 7:30 p.m.
John Robinson
Director of Music, The Church of St. Paul and St. Paul’s Choir School, Cambridge, MA

October 7, 7:30 p.m.
Stuart Forster
Director of Music and Organist, Christ Church, Cambridge, MA

October 21, 7:30 p.m.
Christopher Marks
Assistant Professor of Organ, University of Nebraska–Lincoln

November 4, 7:30 p.m.
Anthony Hammond
English Concert Organist and Cochereau Biographer
lecture-recital on the life and music of Pierre Cochereau

November 18, 7:30 p.m.
Crista Miller
Director of Music and Cathedral Organist,
Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, Houston, Texas

HARVARD ORGAN SOCIETY

Midday Recital Series
Thursdays, October 2 – November 20, 12:15 – 12:45 p.m.
Recitals are performed on the organ in Christ Church, Cambridge (0 Garden St). The series is free and open to the public; audience members are encouraged to bring a lunch.

October 2
Andrew Sheranian
Organist and Master of Choristers, Parish of All Saints, Boston, MA

October 9
To Be Announced…

October 16
Thomas Sheehan
Assistant University Organist and Choirmaster, The Memorial Church

October 23
Steven Young
Professor of Music, Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, MA

October 30
Members of the Harvard Organ Society

November 6
Mary Fiske
Assistant Organist, St. John’s Episcopal Church, Beverly Farms, MA

November 13
Ian Tomesch
Music Director and Organist, Berkeley Divinity School, New Haven, CT; Organ Scholar, Christ Church, New Haven, CT

November 20
Wyatt Smith
Institute of Sacred Music, Yale University, New Haven, CT

HALLOWEEN ORGAN RECITAL
Midnight between Friday, October 31 and Saturday, November 1
The annual Halloween recital will be performed by members of the Harvard Organ Society on the Skinner organ in the Memorial Church. Admission is free and open to the public.