December 2nd -- Rev. FRANKLIN HOBBS & GERRY SCOPPETTUOLO
"World AIDS Day: State of Emergency for People of Color"

Healing Our Land successfully lobbied for the passage of an HIV State of Emergency in the City of Boston in 2005 with the help of a community coalition led by faith leaders from the Black Community. However, much still needs to be done to assure that the resources appropriated every year make a real difference to the communities devastated by this preventable disease.

Minister Franklin Hobbs is the director of Healing Our Land and a longtime activist and initiator of HIV State of Emergency Declaration. Gerry Scoppettuolo is a member of ACT-UP Boston and the Peoples Power Assembly.

December 9th -- LOIE HAYES
"Climate Solutions, Here and Now"

Loie Hayes is a coordinator with Boston Climate Action Network. She has been organizing on climate issues since 2005, and has led energy conservation workshops and other local climate events in Mission Hill, Jamaica Plain, Dorchester. Before becoming BostonCAN's coordinator, Loie worked in book and newspaper publishing for 20 years and continues to work as a freelance editor and writer.

December 16th -- THEATER OF RELATIVITY
"Snowman", A Play by John O'Brien

The Joker and the Scholar recall a winter afternoon long ago, when a traumatic event split them into two sides of the same coin in John O'Brien's darkly funny "Snowman".

John O'Brien was our beloved long time Community Church member, head usher and husband to our senior member Gwen O'Brien. He was also a prolific actor and playwright. Many of these plays were produced here over the years of John's membership.

December 23rd -- LINDA JENKINS & GUESTS
"Reflections on the Season: Spiritual Roots or Social Justice"

This season has been rich in mystery for millennia, giving rise to stories and rituals from many faith traditions. Those faith traditions embrace teachings of justice and solidarity. Today we reflect on and celebrate the mystery that underpins our commitment to social justice work and those of our ancestors.

Linda Jenkins is the Congregational Director at the Community Church of Boston.

December 30th -- COMMUNITY DISCUSSION
"A Better World is Possible: What Will it Look Like?"

Tragically, all of us have experienced, witnessed, and learned about many forms of injustice. But we have the capacity to dream. We can envision a tomorrow filled with justice and peace. We need these visions of a better world to guide our actions and fill us up with hope. What would a better world look like to you? What would remain from the world we live in today, and what would be different? We are each coming with different experiences and perspectives, and through sharing will be able to build stronger bonds with one another!