

**Community Church of Boston**  
*A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920*

# sunday forums

**February 2009**  
**Sundays at 11:00a.m.**

**February 1st -- Superbowl Sunday**

**MEGHAN O. MAHONEY**

**"All the Sports World's a Stage and All the Athletes MORE than Merely Players!"**

Meghan Mahoney serves as manager of operations at Sport in Society--a Northeastern University Center--where she is responsible for ensuring productive, efficient internal activities and external advocacy. Previously, she spent a year researching the international development of women's ice hockey in Denmark, New Zealand & South Africa. Meghan was a four-year varsity ice hockey player and team captain at the College of the Holy Cross, where she graduated in 2005.

**February 8th -- MATTHEW P. DUMONT, M.D.**

**"Hope Amid the Ruins"**

Matt Dumont, a long-time friend of Community Church, has also become our prophet. In December, 2004, after Bush's reelection, he encouraged us by observing correctly that "even in the heart of The Beast there are self-defeating forces". In December, 2006, he warned that it was "time for some thoughtful reflection about who the Democrats really are and what they are capable of". And now he asks, "What are our best expectations of a promising new administration which carries the burdens of corporate influence that caused the desolation of our world?"

Matt is author of *Treating the Poor: A Personal Sojourn through the Rise & Fall of Community Mental Health* (1994), an account of his decades of experience as a community psychiatrist in Chelsea, MA.

**February 15th -- JASON LYDON**

**"In the Spirit of Valentines Day: Sex, Sexuality, and the Left"**

Due to the storms in December we did not have the opportunity to reflect on the story of Saturnalia and thus the de-sexualizing of the winter season was left without discussion. As Hallmark floods us with false romance around Valentines Day we will discuss the history of sex radicals from Emma Goldman to Alexander Berkman. The Right Wing churches spew lies and misinformation about human sexuality from the pulpit, we must create an alternative to that. This Sunday we will speak honestly and openly about human sexuality, its role in the Left and its necessity for holistic fulfillment.

Jason Lydon is our Congregational Director.

**February 22nd -- The 27th Annual W.E.B. DuBois Memorial Address**

**TY DEPASS**

**"Racism, the Media, and the Struggle for Justice in 'Post-Racial America'"**

In its recent coverage of corruption allegations against City Councilor Chuck Turner and former State Senator Dianne Wilkerson, Boston's corporate media has revealed a cynical 3-prong strategy w/ the apparent intent of discrediting current Black community leadership: (1) "naming-and-shaming" (focussing on Turner's character "flaws" and physical appearance rather than critically examining the FBI's allegations); (2) "divide-and-conquer" (promoting the notion of a growing intergenerational political conflict in the Black community); and (3) the "Big Lie" (promoting the unsupported claim that Obama's election is proof that racism no longer limits Black aspirations).

Ty dePass, a long time practitioner of agit-prop and popular education will draw out this critique and share ideas on how ordinary people can build grassroots resistance to media's misinformation campaign.

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