

Community Church of Boston
A Peace and Justice congregation since 1920

sunday forums

February 2012
Sundays at 11:00a.m.

February 5th -- Superbowl Sunday

JONATHAN FEINMAN

"Redefining Strength"

The mission of Innercity Weightlifting is to reduce violence and promote professional, personal and academic achievement among urban youth. It serves young people on a direct path to gang involvement, former and active gang members, and victims of domestic violence through the sport of Olympic Lifting. They work to empower youth with the confidence to say "no" to violence and "yes" to opportunity.

Jon Feinman, a former staffer at Northeastern University's Sport in Society, is founder and executive director of Innercity Weightlifting. Some of his students may participate. Why weightlifting? Find out; this will be different!

February 12th -- Rev. JASON LYDON

"Healthy Goodbyes"

Since Jason announced his plan to bring his ministry at the Community Church of Boston to a close at the end of this season this is an opening for all of us to look at how we say goodbye. There are many times in our lives when things come to an end, the death of a loved one, the end of a romantic relationship, the parting of a dear friend to a new city, and even the departure of a minister. We will explore how we say goodbye in a way that nurtures community, honors the past, and recognizes opportunity for transformation as well as justice.

February 19th -- BILL of RIGHTS DEFENSE COMMITTEE

"Military Detention Without Trial: Where Do We Go from Here?"

Ten years ago, Congress enacted a draconian law with no transparency, regard for process or even awareness of the profound erosion of constitutional rights that it--the PATRIOT Act-- would entail. Congress did it again this holiday season, abandoning its constitutional role by authorizing--in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)--indefinite military detention of even U.S. citizens without trial. Does the NDAA authorize political repression? It certainly could!

February 26th -- 30th Annual W.E.B. DuBois Address

Rep. BYRON RUSHING

"The Race of Massachusetts Politics: Where the Color Line Rests Today"

It is most appropriate that The Community Church of Boston established an annual William Edward Burghardt DuBois Memorial Address. Dr. DuBois was a prophet of black liberation and of world peace, and a frequent speaker from our pulpit.

In 1982, Byron Rushing was elected as a representative of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. He has been the chief sponsor of the law to end discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in public schools, and an original sponsor of the gay rights bill in Massachusetts. He also led the Massachusetts state pension fund to launch community development investment of poor communities of Massachusetts.

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