

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

# sunday forums

**September 2011**  
**Sundays at 11:00a.m.**

**September 11th -- INTERFAITH SERVICE IN COPLEY SQUARE**

**"From Remembrance to Hope: 9/11 Ten Years After"**

Community Church of Boston will join the other faith communities of Boston's Back Bay neighborhood, as we gather to mark the Tenth Anniversary of 9/11/2001 with a special Interfaith Worship Service in Copley Square on Sunday, September 11, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. This Service, whose theme will be "From Remembrance to Hope", will represent an unprecedented coming together of our diverse religious traditions – Jewish, Unitarian Universalist, Christian and Islamic - for shared worship that will take the place of each congregation's regularly scheduled worship on that day. This will be a time to come together and share an inclusive liturgy that will reflect our different traditions as we together proclaim our common life and ideals as people of faith – both in solemn memorial and in affirmation of the hope for universal reconciliation, peace and justice embraced by all of our religious teachings.

This Service, under the auspices of the Back Bay Clergy Association, will feature music by the combined choirs of the participating congregations, and will include opportunities for participation by children. In case of inclement weather, the Service will be held in Trinity Church.

**September 18th -- Rev. JASON LYDON**

**"Homecoming Sunday: Water Communion"**

Each year we begin a new season of church services and each year is an opportunity for us to honor the various gifts we each bring into this community. The Water Communion is a ritual that has been done in UU congregations for decades, symbolizing the joining of a congregational community in intentional relationship. Please bring water from a place you journeyed to over the summer (or some symbolic tap water) and be ready to share with us about something you learned or experienced over the summer.

Rev. Jason Lydon is the minister of the Community Church of Boston.

**September 25th -- Prof. ELAINE C. HAGOPIAN**

**"Syria: Pivotal or Pariah State?"**

A frequent past speaker at Community Church, Elaine Hagopian is Professor Emerita of Sociology at Simmons College. She has been studying Arab politics for over 50 years and has regularly taught and done research in the area.

Her talk will focus on the leadership of Bashar Assad in the face of an authentic and democratic protest movement, complicated by an Islamic challenge. The latter is intermixed with the protests and underwritten by Saudi Arabia, the U.S. and Israel, seeking to break up the alliance between Syria, Iran and Hezbollah. Come and learn!

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Park at the Back Bay Garage for \$3 on Sunday until 1:30 with a special sticker available from the church.  
By public transportation, Community Church is minutes from the Back Bay station (Orange line) or Copley (Green line).