

Winter Fridays • 7PM

A Mostly Virtual Concert series

DEC. 10: ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT:

Magpie & Dean Stevens

DEC. 17: "PUSH AWAY THE DARKNESS, SING IN THE LIGHT!"

Lorraine and Bennett Hammond, & Dean Stevens

JAN 7: The Boners (Suzie Williams and Bill Burnett)

JAN. 14: Bob Lucas and Family

JAN. 21: Eric Kilburn

JAN. 28: Jacqueline Schwab

FEB. 4: John and Rachel Nicholas

FEB. 11: Geoff Kaufman

FEB. 18: Danielle Miraglia

FEB. 25: Suzy Williams and Brad Kay

CONCERTS ARE FREE: DONATIONS ACCEPTED, SIGN UP ON EVENTBRITE,
100% BENEFIT FOR THE MUSICIANS.



Rev. Dr. William Alberts
Memorial Service:
Saturday, October 23rd at 1 pm
Arlington Street Church
351 Boylston St. • Boston, MA 02116

Bill was our minister at The Community Church of Boston from 1979 to 1990. Defrocked in 1972 from the Methodist Church for performing a same-sex wedding, Bill was way ahead of his time, and our CCB church leaders took that rejection from that mainstream Protestant denomination as a badge of honor, and hired Bill to be our minister. His time here is amply documented in our archives. The man was a prolific and sharp tongued writer in our newsletters, and in many publications, magazines and newspaper opinion pages. His sermons were gems of lovingly radical rebellious thought translated into action. You can find a wealth of Bill's later writings at the online magazine Counterpunch. There is a thick compilation in book form of his Counterpunch articles. There is also a beautiful memoir, "A Hospital Chaplain at the Crossroads of Humanity" of his decades after CCB in the chaplaincy at Boston Medical Center. And dare we forget "the minister who could not be 'preyed' away", a memoir about his troubles with the Methodist Church, culminating in a successful lawsuit against his psychiatrist and the Methodist Church. Bill's opinions about organized religion, global imperialism, American exceptionalism and Boston racism, are truly gems for our movement for Peace and Justice. We bid Rev. William Alberts a fond farewell. We send condolences to Eva and his daughter Amy, and the rest of Bill's family.

Dear Friends,

We embark on our 2021-2022 Season in a Brave New World of hybrid events. We will be beaming in speakers from all over the planet, but some will be live in our Lothrop Auditorium in Copley Square. Please join us virtually, or else come to 565 Boylston, wearing a mask please, unless you're speaking or singing. Lunch will be served! We hope you will come, but exercise caution. We will do our utmost to provide a clean, well ventilated room, with air moving and heat or AC blowing. This is all in lieu of our heat exchanger installations. Enjoy this remarkable season of speakers, poets, songwriters, storytellers, truth-tellers.

—Dean Stevens
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CCB VIRTUAL SUNDAYS & MORE!

October 10, - December 12, 2021

"Spirit Light Angels - Poet Laureate Sky Dancer shares her Story of survival"

with Louise B. Halfe — Skydancer

introduction by David Gullette



"We seek out the stories that are being told, and despite the difficulty, we hear them in all their sad details. It is time to face the truth, educate ourselves and respond accordingly with our hearts."

• **Louise Bernice Halfe – Sky Dancer** was raised on Saddle Lake Reserve and attended Blue Quills Residential School. She graduated with a Bachelor of social work from the University of Regina and completed two years of Nechi Training in St. Albert's Nechi Institute. Ms. Halfe serves on various committees throughout Canada and provides services with Opik, an Elders circle that works with apprehended children and their families. In 2005, she served as Saskatchewan's second Poet Laureate. She is widely recognized for weaving Cree language and teachings into her works. Her books, *Bear Bones and Feathers*, *Blue Marrow*, *The Crooked Good*, and *Burning In This Midnight Dream*, *Sóhkéyihita* have received many accolades and awards. Her latest work is *awásis – kinky and disheveled*.

music by **Dean Stevens**

October 10 at 11:00 AM
(Virtual service)

October 17 at 11:00 AM
(virtual service)

"20 Years of Demilitarization: Building our hopeful future"

with Khury Petersen-Smith

We recently acknowledged the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, and unfortunately have to reckon with the 20 years of war that have followed. While the US finally withdrew troops from Afghanistan, that must just be the beginning. After 20 years of war, let us explore what 20 years of demilitarization could look like.

• **Khury Petersen-Smith** is a proud resident of Dorchester, on Massachusetts and Wampanoag lands. He is the Michael Ratner Middle East Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies, where he researches and writes about US foreign policy in the Middle East, the "War on Terror," the Palestinian freedom struggle, and displacement and borders.

music by **Fulani Haynes**, vocals & **Michael Shea**, piano





“STOP THE PIPELINE: Enbridge Line 3 Activists Speak out”

with Winona Laduke

Comments by Ken Jones, Catherine Hoffman, Rachel Wyon, Michele Noor Obed

In the horrific aftermath of yet another catastrophic oil spill, this time off the coast of California, we come together to say, ONCE AND FOR ALL, NO MORE FOSSIL FUEL INFRASTRUCTURE! For the sake for the tribes in the Midwest and elsewhere, and for the sake of the planet, it is time. We'll hear from activists who have been on the protest's front lines this year, and from our long time friends, musicians with a hard driving planetary eco-message, MAGPIE!

Native American land rights activist, environmentalist, economist, politician, and author **Winona LaDuke** has spent her career working on a national level to advocate, raise public support and create funding for environmental groups. A graduate of Harvard and Antioch Universities, LaDuke has become known as a voice for Native American economic and environmental concerns around the globe. *from www.womenofthehall.org*

music by Magpie

October 24 at 11:00 AM
(virtual service)

October 31 at 11:00 AM
(virtual service)

This Sunday is about us! We often take a Sunday in the fall to check in and find out about how things were during our time off. This time we ask you to talk about what you've been reading: give us a ten minute summary of something great you've recently read. We'll go in a circle as best we can on Zoom, and find out about each other's summers, travel through geography and travel through books.

music by CommUnity Voices

“Soapbox Sunday: Books we Have Read”

with facilitator Judith Woodruff



November 7 at 11:00 AM
(virtual service)

“We Are All Part of One Another: Reflecting on accountability in a time of war”

with Kathy Kelly



Photo: Irish Times

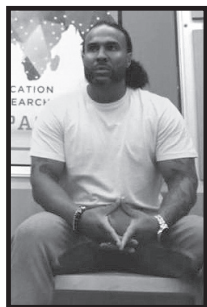
Amid the chaos, bereavement, displacement and fear caused by wars, we who enjoy relatively lavish security remain responsible to listen for the cries of people afflicted by U.S. militarism. We can insist on dismantling the cruel and foolish war systems. We can resist the corporate war profiteers. For guidance, let us learn from people living in war zones; let us never stop trying to build a better world.

• **Kathy Kelly** is a peace activist and author whose efforts have at times led her to live inside of prisons and war zones. She is co-coordinating the "Ban Killer Drones" campaign. With her companions, she helped found and coordinate *Voices in the Wilderness* and *Voices for Creative Nonviolence*. As a guest of the Afghan Peace Volunteers, she traveled to Afghanistan over two dozen times from 2010 to 2019.

music by Emma's Revolution

“Campaign to End Life Without Parole”

with Joseph Irizarry



Joseph Irizarry will speak about his life experience of incarceration; his Campaign to End Life Without Parole; and the impact on individuals who are serving time and the effects on their families.

• **Joseph Irizarry** is a person that is passionate to give back through sharing his experience by public speaking and mentoring others in the MyTERN entry program at Tufts University in Boston. Irizarry is a personal trainer at Inncity Weightlifting in Cambridge, and he works as a community organizer for the Campaign to End Life Without Parole. Irizarry is currently working towards completing his Associate Degree at Beacon Hill Community College.

music by Dean Stevens & Rob Flax

November 14 at 11:00 AM
(virtual service)

Live & in Concert at CCB “Song To A Refugee”

with Diana Jones



With her new release, *Song To A Refugee*, Diana Jones brings her signature brand of storytelling to the worldwide refugee crisis. The UK's Guardian/Observer calls *Song To A Refugee* “a record for our time.” This powerful song cycle reflects renewed empathy for, and common cause with the plight of refugees. “None of us know where our footsteps will fall,” Jones suggests.

From a woman walking miles to the US border carrying her child, to the young children separated from their parents fleeing their homeland, Jones gives immediacy to the stories of our time while illuminating the more generic themes within. *Song To A Refugee* artfully considers the times we live in, speaks for those often without a voice and encourages a humanitarian response.

November 28 at 11:00 AM
(virtual service)

“Poetry and Questions: Cuba and Nicaragua”

with Margaret Randall



A commented poetry reading addressing the current situations in Cuba and Nicaragua.

• **Margaret Randall** I am a US poet and author who lived for 11 years in Cuba (1969-1980) and 4 in Nicaragua (1980-1984). I have published widely on issues relating to both countries, principally women and culture. Among recent book titles are: *Exporting Revolution: Cuba's Global Solidarity*, *The Road/Solo El Camino—Eight Decades in Cuban Poetry*, and *I Never Left Home: Poet, Feminist, Revolutionary* (a memoir), all published by Duke University Press; *Thinking About Thinking* (Casa Urraca Press); and *Out Of Violence Into Poetry* (Wings Press).

music by Dean Stevens

December 5 at 11:00 AM
(virtual service)

“Beyond Afghanistan: Patriotic Dissent Against U.S. Militarism”

with Maj. Danny Sjursen



Maj. Sjursen will begin with the current hot topic, to an extent, of the relatively recent Afghanistan withdrawal and the failure of the war effort there. He will explain the scope and scale of ongoing U.S. military operations – a new "American Way of War" waged in the shadows as a nearly invisible campaign of abstraction. It pivots towards an acknowledgment that war is now waged for profit, profiting a select few—now loaded with blood money; blood, however, that's on all of our hands.

• **Maj. Danny Sjursen** is a retired U.S. Army officer, the director of the Eisenhower Media Network (EMN), a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy (CIP), contributing editor at Antiwar.com, and co-hosts the podcast “Fortress on a Hill.” His work has appeared in the NY Times, LA Times, The Nation, The Hill, Salon, The American Conservative, and Mother Jones, among other publications. He served combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan and taught history at West Point. He is the author of three books, *Ghostriders of Baghdad: Soldiers, Civilians, and the Myth of the Surge*, *Patriotic Dissent: America in the Age of Endless War*, and most recently *A True History of the United States*. Follow him on Twitter @SkepticalVet.

music by David Rovics

December 12 at 11:00 AM
(virtual service)

“Full Surrogacy Now: Feminism Against Family”

with Sophie Lewis



• **Sophie Lewis** Sophie Lewis is a theorist, critic and translator living in Philadelphia. She publishes her work—on topics ranging from dating to Donna Haraway—on both scholarly and non-academic platforms, including Boston Review, *Viewpoint*, *Signs*, *Science as Culture*, *Jacobin*, *the New Inquiry*, *Mute*, and *Salvage Quarterly*. Her translations include *Communism for Kids* by Bini Adamczak (with Jacob Blumenfeld), *A Brief History of Feminism* by Antje Schrupp, and *Other and Rule* by Sabine Hark and Paula Villa. A feminist committed to cyborg ecology and queer communism, she is a member of the Out of the Woods collective and an Editor at *Blind Field: A Journal of Cultural Inquiry*. *Full Surrogacy Now* is her first book.

music by CommUnity Voices