

November 27 at 11:00 AM

"Bob D'Attilio Day"

Sacco and Vanzetti International Scholar



On the second anniversary of his passing, we commemorate and celebrate the life of Robert D'Attilio. We open our house for Bob's diverse wealth of friends, family and colleagues, to see the amazing legacy of research materials, Sacco and Vanzetti archival documents, correspondence, and the treasure trove of books he left for us to enjoy, including every topic under the sun. Because of Covid, and the circumstances around his passing, many of Bob's friends did not get a chance to really gather and grieve or celebrate his remarkable life. We will do just that on Nov. 27, and reflect on his enormous contribution to the legacy of Sacco and Vanzetti in the City of Boston.

Chamber Music by Friends of Bob D'Attilio

Wed., Oct. 5 at 7:00 PM



WAR IN UKRAINE

Making Sense of a Senseless Conflict

by MEDEA BENJAMIN and NICOLAS J. S. DAVIES

Russia's brutal February 2022 invasion of Ukraine has attracted widespread condemnation across the West. Government and media circles present the conflict as a simple dichotomy between an evil empire and an innocent victim. In this concise, accessible and highly informative primer, Medea Benjamin and Nicolas Davies insist the picture is more complicated.

Join **Community Church of Boston** and **Mass Peace Action** for an evening with **Medea Benjamin** as she discusses her new book, "War In Ukraine Making Sense of a Senseless Conflict" on **October 5th** at **7 PM**.

Medea Benjamin is an American political activist, best known for being a co-founder of the women-led peace group CODEPINK and the co-founder of the human rights group Global Exchange. Medea is the author of several books, and she received CCB's Sacco and Vanzetti Award for Social Justice in 2019.



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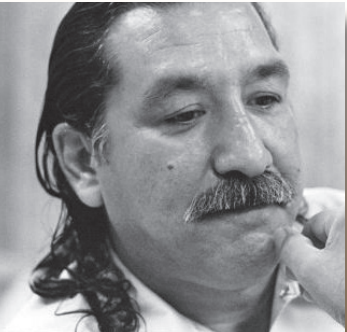


Photo: National Lawyers Guild

"Free Leonard Peltier Now"

with Jean Roche & Carol Gokee

October 9 at 11:00 AM

Leonard Peltier, a visionary hero among Native Peoples of North America, a peaceful activist and member of the American Indian Movement, has spent 47 years in prison. We call on President Biden and AG Garland to immediately release this elderly man, this good man, this hero to Native Peoples. Our speaker, Jean Roche, as a child survived, and was saved by Leonard during the shootout that became called The Incident at Oglala, the event that led to Leonard's imprisonment. Jean is traveling the world on behalf of freedom for Leonard. She joins us from Greece.

Leonard received CCB's Sacco and Vanzetti Award in 1992. We will play a digitized excerpt of his remarks made that day from prison by phone.

music by **CommUnity Voices**

October 16 at 11:00 AM

"The Coming War on China"

with John Pilger

CCB has the distinct honor to be joined by John Pilger himself. We will view a half hour excerpt from his increasingly relevant documentary, "The Coming War on China", then engage in a Q and A with John.

• **John Richard Pilger** is an Australian journalist, writer, scholar, and documentary filmmaker. He has been mainly based in Britain since 1962. He was also once Visiting Professor at Cornell University in New York. –Wikipedia

music by **Magpie**



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Spaces of Refuge and Resilience: The Luminous Art of Diane Esmond

October 14th - December 24th 2022



Exhibition Sale: landscapes, figures, abstracts, and still lifes; oils, gouaches, and prints; proceeds go CCB.

Opening Reception: Friday, October 14 • 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Music by Josh Rosen & Stan Strickland at 8 p.m.

Presentations: Saturday, October 15 • 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.;
Talks begin at 4 p.m. Victor Wallis (artist's son) and Patricia A. Helletzgruber, art historian from Vienna

Open House: Sunday, October 16 • 2:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Hours: Monday-Wednesday • 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Friday • 11 a.m.-4 p.m. & by appt.



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“Abolishing Prisons and Giving Life to Something New”

with Rev. Jason Lydon

The United States is the largest incarcerator in the world. This system is rooted in white supremacy and capitalism. The movement to abolish prisons is inspired by visionary leaders who know we can build something anew out of the rubble of the old. Let us spend our time reflecting on the possibilities offered by abolition.

• **Rev. Jason Lydon** is a Unitarian Universalist minister serving the Second Unitarian Church of Chicago. Jason was ordained to the ministry in 2010 by the Community Church of Boston after serving five years as the Congregational Director. Jason has spent the last two decades involved in abolitionist organizing, including founding Black and Pink, a nationally networked grassroots organization working to abolish prisons while meeting the immediate needs of LGBTQ/HIV+ people affected by the criminal legal system.

Prisons cannot be reformed, any more than slavery can be reformed. They have to be abolished. –Howard Zinn

October 30 at 11:00 AM

“God, John F. Kennedy, and Russia”

with Amar Ahmad

Reflections from a spiritual journey of working with antiwar, antinuclear activists, learning about John F. Kennedy, why he died and why it matters, from moral leaders like Ray McGovern, and using this history to better understand US imperialism including the current US proxy war on Russia.

• **Amar Ahmad** is a young Muslim who works with Community Church of Boston and Mass Peace Action. Amar has interviewed esteemed writers and dissidents such as Margaret Kimberley, Daniel Ellsberg and more. Earlier this year, Amar started a book reading group that read “War with Russia?” by Stephen Cohen, to better understand the new Cold War.

music by **Michael Jackson**



“The POETS' THEATRE Reads T. S. Eliot's THE WASTE LAND”

with Poets' Theatre

2022 is the centenary year for the publication of T. S. Eliot's ground-breaking poem THE WASTE LAND, a modernist collage that captures the spiritual void and cultural apathy in England after the unimaginable slaughter of World War I. The poem is a collection of voices, and The Poets' Theatre, whose mission is to bridge the gap between the worlds of Poetry and Theatre, will pay homage to the crazy-quilt that makes up the poem. Our cast includes two accomplished poets and two of Boston's best actors.

• **David Gullette** is Literary Director of the Poets' Theatre, with which he has been associated on and off for 60 years. Previous programs he has arranged at CCB include THE BOSTON ABOLITIONISTS, OTHER VOICES IN THE ROOM (spoken word poets from Roxbury and Dorchester) and A MURMURATION OF POETS.



November 6 at 11:00 AM

“Fighting Fascism: What's Next in Electoral Battle”

with Mark Solomon



The 2022 midterm elections will be a milestone in the fight for democracy. But that fight is far from over. All progressives must now build a winning strategy to establish and consolidate a permanent progressive majority. (Note: that is subject to change as circumstances change.)

Mark Solomon is Professor Emeritus of History at Simmons University. Holding degrees from Wayne State University, the University of Michigan and Harvard University, Prof. Solomon has written five books, including “The Cry Was Unity: Communists and African Americans, 1917-1936.” He is past national co-chair of the US Peace Council and also co-chaired The Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism.

music by **Rod MacDonald**

November 20 at 11:00 AM

“Trans Day of Remembrance”

with TBA

The Transgender Day of Remembrance, is a day to memorialize those who have been murdered as a result of transphobia. The day was founded twenty-three years ago in 1999 to bring attention to the unsolved murder of transgender woman Rita Hester in Allston, MA and to the continued violence endured by transgender people. Join us as we discuss ways in which we can ensure that all people can live safely, authentically, and free from discrimination.

music by **CommUnity Voices**



Rita Hester, 1963-1998

"Voices from Hebron"

Monday, October 17 at 7 PM



Photo: Tree Of Life Educational Fund

Community Church of Boston and The Tree of Life Educational Fund present a program exploring the severe impact of the Israeli occupation on the economic vitality of the city of Hebron and the challenges of daily life for Palestinians living there. The city of Hebron has roughly 200,000 Palestinian inhabitants, the second largest Palestinian City in the West Bank after East Jerusalem. Approximately 40,000 Palestinians live in the Old City under direct Israeli control with a substantial military presence, surrounded by around 700 Jewish settlers. Another 8,000 settlers live in the settlements of Kiryat Arba and Giv'at Ha-Avot, on the outskirts of Hebron. For international visitors, including travelers on Tree of Life journeys, Hebron represents some of the most oppressive manifestations of the occupation.

Speakers will include Melissa, an American woman working for Community (formerly Christian) Peacemaker Teams; Dalia, a young Palestinian woman from Hebron, graduate of Bethlehem University, and speaker at our 2019 program; and Sadeq, a young Palestinian man who is a recent graduate in English Language and Literature from Hebron University. For more information about this hybrid event go to tolef.org or contact elaine@tolef.org.