From The Desk of The Chaplain
Reverend Patricia Budd Kepler
University Chaplain ad Interim

Allow Wisdom and Love to dispel fear, and live mindfully, compassionately and gratefully.

Dear Members and Friends of the Tufts Community,

I want to introduce myself to you as the Interim University Chaplain at Tufts. I am delighted to be returning to Tufts having served in this position in the past. I begin my work among you with deep appreciation for the Rev. David O’Leary’s contributions to the University during his ten years as University Chaplain.

Since its inception, Tufts University has been committed to excellence in education that fosters growth in mind, body, and spirit. Our Universalist forebears inspire us to see all people as precious and of equal worth, to value diversity, and to pursue peace. All of us connected with the Chaplaincy program work to honor and act on their vision.

Our Chaplaincy staff consists of four chaplains and two staff. We also work with student religious organizations. The Chaplaincy is available to the Tufts community on all of our campuses. We are here to listen, to foster a vibrant spiritual life, to provide for religious services, to offer programs that address current religious topics to encourage ethical reflection, and support effective action for a better world.

This semester, we are pleased to offer the Interfaith Center at 58 Winthrop Street, Medford, as a “Stress Free Zone” where you can come to relax, meditate, share coffee or tea with a friend, meet in groups, or visit with one of our Chaplains. The new hours for the Center are 12-10 PM, Mondays - Thursdays, and 12-6 PM on Fridays.

Of course, Goddard Chapel and the Hillel Center continue to be valued resources for you.

We invite you to take note of the programs on Page 2 that are planned for this semester. If you are a friend of the Chapel, an alum, or clergy in the vicinity, know that you are welcome to attend any of the programs listed in this newsletter. As we move into the semester, new programs are sure to be added, so keep checking our website.

Welcome to a new semester with all the promise it holds. We are here for you.

Pax et Lux,
Patricia Budd Kepler

(For more information about Patricia Budd Kepler, check our Website.)
ON-CAMPUS RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Catholic Sundays, 10 PM, Goddard Chapel
Jewish Conservative & Reform Fridays, 6 PM Granoff Family Hillel Center
Muslim Fridays, 1 PM Interfaith Ctr., 58 Winthrop Street
Protestant Sundays, 5 PM, Goddard Chapel

GODDARD CHAPEL FORUM ON RELIGION AND MORAL COURAGE 2012—6 PM

April 18, 2012 THE RUSSELL LECTURE 7:30 PM Sherman Teichman Founding Director of the Institute for Global Leadership, Tufts University Cosponsored by the Office of the University Chaplain, the Fletcher School, and The International Center

GODDARD CHAPEL SPRING—2012 Thursdays, 12:30 PM

February 9 Peter Krasinski, organ
February 23 Lumiere Piano Trio
March 15 Jayoung Kim, piano quartet
March 29 Richard Clark, organ
April 12 Janet Hunt, piano
April 26 Jayoung Kim, piano quartet

“Wisdom, compassion, and courage are the three universally recognized moral qualities of all humans.” Confucius
The Goddard Chapel Noontime Concert Series begins its spring season on Thursday, February 9th at 12:30 pm. The concerts are free, only forty-five minutes long, and provide a great opportunity for everyone on or near the Tufts campus to take a relaxing mid-day break while listening to beautiful music. This spring’s impressive roster of performers includes two nationally renowned organists, a solo pianist, and two different chamber ensembles comprised of piano and stringed instruments.

The series was founded many years ago for the purpose of showcasing the chapel’s beautiful keyboard instruments and warm acoustical presence. The pipe organ, manufactured by Hook & Hastings in 1883 and restored recently by the Andover Organ Company, is a fine example of their craftsmanship. Two organists will demonstrate its capabilities this semester. Peter Krasinski opens the series on February 9, and Richard Clark performs on March 29. Krasinski is a gifted improviser, and Clark has composed some impressive works for organ and choir.

Guest performers have praised the chapel’s Steinway Model B grand piano for its singing tone. The piano will be featured in three concerts of chamber music for small ensemble. The newly-formed Lumière Trio performs on February 23, offering works by Dvorak and Britten. A piano quartet presents two concerts, on March 15 and April 26. Concert series organizer Janet Hunt plays her annual piano recital on April 12, featuring music by Grieg and Chopin.

If you have not attended before, come enjoy. Concerts begin at 12:30. For more information, contact the chapel office at 617-627-3427.

FROM OUR CHAPLAINS

Rabbi Dr. Debra Reed Blank is the interim Jewish Chaplain while Rabbi Jeffrey Summit is on sabbatical. She teaches and writes in the fields of Jewish liturgy, rabbinics, and ritual theory, and is a Visiting Scholar at Brandeis University’s Women’s Studies Research Center, where she is writing a book about Jewish female-infant initiation. She is providing sabbatical coverage for Rabbi Jeff Summit at the Tufts University Hillel. From 1998 – 2009, she was the Rabbi Philip Alstat Assistant Professor of Liturgy at the Jewish Theological Seminary (New York City). She has also taught at Hebrew College (Boston), the Academy for Jewish Religion (New York), and the Russian State University for the Humanities (Moscow). Her edited volume, *The Experience of Jewish Liturgy: Essays in Honor of Menahem Schmelzer*, was published in 2011. She is the author of many articles on Jewish liturgy and teaches frequently in adult-education venues. She received her PhD and ordination from the Jewish Theological Seminary; she also has an MA from Columbia University and a BA from Indiana University.

“You grace humans with knowledge, teaching them understanding. Grace us with the knowledge, understanding and discernment that come from You.” — From the weekday liturgy (Jewish) - **Rabbi Dr. Debra Reed Blank, Jewish Chaplain**

“It is He who is revealed in every face, sought in every sign, gazed upon by every eye, worshipped in every object of worship, and pursued in the unseen and the visible. Not a single one of His creatures can fail to find Him in its primordial and original nature.” Ibn ʿArabi, Futūḥât al-Makkiyya

**Naila Baloch, Muslim Chaplain**

“Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides & gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in history of the world, humans will have discovered fire.”

Teilhard de Chardin
(French Jesuit)

**Lynn Cooper**
Catholic Chaplain
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RECOGNIZED RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS AT TUFTS, MEDFORD RELATING TO THE OFFICE OF THE UNIVERSITY CHAPLAINCY

Baha’i Student Association
Buddhists Sangha at Tufts
C.A.F.E. (Conversations, Action, Faith and Education)
Campus Hope (Adventists)
Catholic Community at Tufts
Chabad at Tufts
Christian Fellowship—TCF
Christian Science Organization—CSO
Hillel

Hindu Students Council
Interfaith Social Action
Latter Day Saints (Mormons)
Muslims Students’ Association
Orthodox Christian Fellowship
Protestant Student Association
Tufts Christian Fellowship—TCF
Tufts Freethought Society
Tufts University Unitarian Universalist (TU3)