

Converge: Incomer and Homegrown Unitarian Universalists in Dialogue

Sunday May 17th, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

What was church like when you were a kid? Care to explore your own perspective and hear about others'? Here's your chance.

Join us for Converge: Incomer and Homegrown UUs in Dialogue. Converge will include stories from incomers (folks who were not raised UU) and homegrown (folks who were raised UU) panelists. There will also be plenty of time for you to ask questions and share your own insight and experience.

Some questions we will explore include:

- What was the most influential aspects of the faith you were raised in as a child and/or adult?
- What about Unitarian Universalism excites, frustrates, or perplexes you?
- What rituals and practices in Unitarian Universalism speak to you today?
- Any other pertinent questions that you might choose to ask

Join Liz Weber and Rev. Dan Kane for this opportunity to listen and learn from each other. All are welcome!

Unitarian Universalist Reading Group

Mondays, 7:00 PM, in the Stage Right Room

The UU Reading Group will be continuing their readings this month. New members are invited to join! The group is reading and sharing *The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason* by Sam Harris. The book draws on the insights of neuroscience, philosophy, and eastern mysticism to explore the clash between reason and religion. The book is available from amazon.com for \$9.86.

To sign up, send an email to Richard Mattoli in care of Office@ASCBoston.org or visit the Membership Table during Coffee Hour.

The Wednesdays: Chekhov Short Stories

Wednesdays, May 13th and 27th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Professor Alan Helms writes, "Though Chekhov was celebrated as a major playwright for most of the last century, in the past 25 years or so his fame has rested increasingly on his short stories. He began writing them as a young medical student in Moscow to make money for his down-and-out family, and he soon found himself so popular that writing fiction became as absorbing an activity as his medical career. 'Medicine is my wife but literature is my mistress.' By the time he died at the early age of 44, he had produced over 200 short stories — a body of work that permanently altered the form and profoundly influenced all of the writers who followed him: Joyce, Woolf, Faulkner, you name 'em. His fiction is celebrated for its economy, penetrating psychology, and amazing empathy. He is,

in short, the Shakespeare of short fiction. If I could take only two writers to a desert island, I would choose Shakespeare and Chekhov without a moment's hesitation."

We'll be using the Norton Critical Edition of Chekhov's short stories which you'll find for sale at Amazon & abebooks.com.

For the first meeting on May 13th the readings will be "Vanka" (read first and then the others in order for this week), "The Man in a Case", "Gooseberries", "About Love" and "The Lady with the Dog".

For the May 27th meeting, "Misery", "The Student" (Chekhov's favorite of his more than 200 stories), "Agatha", "The Darling" and "The Bishop".

Join Professor Alan and Rev. Kim for Chekhov; all are welcome, no shipwreck necessary!

Our Principles and Sources

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations is considering updating and refining the wording for the principles and sources of Unitarian Universalism. To learn more, please visit uuworld.org/news/articles/128147.shtml



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Suggestion Box

The staff and leadership of Arlington Street Church welcome your ideas, comments, and suggestions. If you have a thought to share about what works well or what could be improved, please send a message to Comments@ASCBoston.org or leave a note in the suggestion box outside the Church Office. Your message will be received by the Church's administrative assistant so it can find its way to the appropriate people. Please speak your "truths in love" and include your name and contact information so we can follow-up. Thanks! For emergencies, please see "Our Caring Community" to the right.

Inside Submission Guidelines

Please deliver all Sunday announcements before Tuesday at 3:00 PM by e-mail to communications@ASCBoston.org. Announcements will not be accepted by telephone. Materials must be legible, signed, and fully composed and may be edited, as space is limited. Please note that we only publish submissions related to Arlington Street events or the wider Unitarian Universalist community.

Scheduling Events at Arlington Street Church

All issues dealing with building usage for both congregational usage and rentals, must be coordinated by Jeffrey Bouchard, facilities manager. Jeffrey is able to help you Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. He can be reached by phone at 617-536-7050 ext. 14 or by e-mail at JBouchard@ASCBoston.org.

Our Caring Community

In the event of a disruption or major transition in the life of an Arlington Street member, please inform the church office. Our staff and ministers, will be in touch to lend support.

Security Note

This is an urban church. Please do not leave your valuables unattended! Also, please be attentive when exiting the church into the alley. When walking in the alley avoid being alone, carry a cell phone, walk in the center of the road, and pay attention!

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NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 10TH, 2009

Today's Events

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Let's gather downstairs for coffee, comestibles, and community! If you're visiting Arlington Street Church, or would like more information about Unitarian Universalism, please visit the Welcome Table. The children are in the Perkins Room, right off the Parish Hall; stop by to see what they have been up to this morning. And there's always something going on at the Social Action Table. All are welcome. Enjoy!

Young Adult Luncheon

Every Sunday, 12:15 PM, after the service, in the Stage Right Room.

Join the Arlington Street Church's Young Adult Group (ages 18–35) for lunch after the service every Sunday. Get food at coffee hour, somewhere around Boston, or bring your own food and meet in the Stage Right Room. The Stage Right Room is the first room on your left after going down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary. Meet welcoming and social folks, check in about your week, and enjoy good company.

The Young Adult Group also meets two Fridays per month at 7 pm in the Perkins Room (downstairs next to the kitchen) for activities, food, and worship.

Children's Religious Education

The children will be sung out to the kitchen with the *Children's Blessing* printed in the order of service. Join Erick DuPree, religious educator, as the church school makes cookies for the congregation. If you are new to Arlington Street Church, please join your child for this exciting opportunity to learn how "service is our gift." All are welcome!



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Congregational Announcements

Covenant Renewal

Covenant Renewal is when Arlington Street Church members and supporting friends pledge their financial support for the upcoming church year, July 2009 through June 2010.

Brochures and pledge sheets can be found in the pews. They will also be available at the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour, online at www.ascboston.org/programs/covenant, and in the church office.

Humpday Brown Bag Lunch

Wednesdays, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

Are you unemployed, working from home, or just longing for connection in the middle of the week? If so, join Rev. Dan and other church folks for brown bag lunches on Wednesdays throughout the month of May. We'll eat, chat and share some dessert. Bring your own lunch and we'll provide the dessert. Hope to see you on humpday!

Vote Early! Vote Often! Vote to Save the Bell Tower of United First Parish Church in Quincy!

Today and once a day through May 17th (on your computer!)

United First Parish Church (Unitarian Universalist) in Quincy, the "Church of the Presidents," is one of 25 finalists for grants totaling \$1,000,000 in the "2009 Boston Partners in Preservation" program. Awards will be made through an online voting contest now being conducted by a partnership of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and American Express.

The winner receives a grant (maximum \$100,000), and other awards will be made on the basis of project merit and efforts at community outreach. Your vote will help Unitarian Universalists in Quincy to restore the bell tower and improve the public corridor to the tombs of President John Adams, Abigail Adams, President John Quincy Adams, and Louisa Catherine.

The competition is fierce! Every vote is needed... often! Each person can vote once a day, through May 17th. Please go to <http://www.partnersinpreservation.com>. Thank you!

Young Adult Group Open Worship

Friday, May 15th, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

People of all ages are welcome at the Second Annual Young Adult Group Open Worship! Come participate in a young adult-style interactive circle worship with plenty of time to reflect, sing, and share about our lives. Our topic is "Listening for Our Song."

In addition to worship, get a taste for some typical Young Adult Group activities, such as "check in," a time of deep community listening. Refreshments will be served.

We hope to see you there!

Coming Up...

Sunday, May 10th, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee - Archives Room
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Nominating Committee - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Young Adults Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 1:00 PM Children's Religious Education Committee Meeting - Archives Room
- 1:00 PM Sunday Connections Group - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Building Your Own Theology - Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, May 11th, 2009

- 6:00 PM Covenant Committee - Archives Room
- 6:00 PM Prison Education Group - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM UU Reading Group - Stage Right Room
- 7:00 PM Gay Men's Spirituality Group - Hunnewell Chapel

Tuesday, May 12th, 2009

- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly - Hunnewell Chapel
- 7:00 PM Finance Committee - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center (ASZC) - Hunnewell Chapel

Wednesday, May 13th, 2009

- 11:30 AM Humpday Brown Bag Lunch - Perkins Room and Kitchen
- 3:30 PM *Staff Meeting - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Hunnewell Chapel
- 6:00 PM Talking our Walk Group - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM The Wednesdays Literary Salon - Frothingham Library

Thursday, May 14th, 2009

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, May 15th, 2009

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall and Kitchen
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Group Open Worship - Hunnewell Chapel

Saturday, May 16th, 2009

No congregation related events at this time

Sunday, May 17th, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Jubilee - Archives Room
- 12:30 PM Young Adults Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Council - Clarke Room
- 1:00 PM Women's Spirituality Group - Perkins Room
- 1:00 PM Converge: Incomers and Homegrown UUs in Dialogue - Hunnewell Chapel
- 6:00 PM Building Your Own Theology - Hunnewell Chapel

*Closed meeting

NOTE: This calendar is accurate as of noon the Wednesday before publication and only includes events directly related to the congregation. For complete, up-to-date calendar listings over the coming months, visit www.ASCBoston.org.

Deepen Your Relationship with Arlington Street Church and Unitarian Universalism, Spring 2009

Sunday, May 31st, 12:45 PM – 3:00 PM, in the Frothingham Library
Thursday, June 4th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

If you are a newcomer, if you are growing to know us and understand your journey within our spiritual community; if you have

been with us for a while; if you have taken some classes and attended some of our events, if you want to be even more deeply engaged in your own spiritual journey — we invite you to attend the final Path to Membership Class of the 2008-2009 church year.

The Path to Membership Class is a great opportunity to meet others and share your spiritual story. You'll also get to know members, leaders, staff and ministers from the congregation in an informal setting.

Discussion topics include: Arlington Street's heritage and governance; UU heritage and faith; religious education; our current programs and ways to get involved; making a financial contribution to support our community, and answers to your questions. The class closes with a tour of the church and you can ring the church bells!

For more information or to sign-up, visit the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour or contact Rev. Dan Kane, interim assistant minister, by email at DKane@ASCBoston.org or by phone at 617-536-7050 x18.

Music At Arlington Street Church

Bach Solo Cello Suites

Guy Fishman, Artist in Residence

Sunday, May 24th, 11:00 AM, in the Sanctuary

Cellist Guy Fishman is Arlington Street's newest addition to our thriving Artist in Residence program! Over the next two years, Guy's residency will feature performances of all six of Johann Sebastian Bach's solo cello suites; his upcoming visit marks the third installment. The suites were most likely composed between 1717 and 1723; nearly 300 years later, they continue to be regarded as some of the greatest works ever written for the instrument.

Concerto Antico

Sunday, June 15th, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary and 2:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Chamber Music Ensemble *Concerto Antico* comes to Arlington Street Church as part of the Boston Early Music Festival! They will join us for morning worship, performing Telemann's resplendent *Laudate Jehovah, Omnes Gentes* with the Arlington Street Church Choir! After the service, grab some lunch and come back to hear their afternoon recital in the chapel featuring the music of Haydn!



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