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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2009

Today's Events

Second Ask

If you did not make a Covenant Renewal pledge for this fiscal year, or would like to increase your pledge, please consider completing and returning one of the Second Ask cards handed out today. There are five months remaining in this church year and we're behind in pledges by nearly \$40,000.

Many of you responded to our request last week. Thank you! Your generous contributions amount to another \$5,000! We realize that these are extraordinarily difficult economic times and we are trusting in your spirit and connection to this community and are asking each one of you to consider increasing your pledge for this year.

Please complete the card and return it during today's offering to one of the ushers, or to Rev. Kim. Thank you for your ongoing love, service, and financial commitment to Arlington Street Church.

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Gather with Arlington Street Church's congregation in this lively and social environment. To find the Parish Hall, head downstairs at the rear of the sanctuary. All are welcome.

Children's Religious Education

Today the Chalice Children of our church school will learn about praying while the Explorers will learn about the fourth principle of Unitarian Universalism, a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. The children will leave for children's worship during the children's benediction and then recess to their classes. All children are welcome!



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Congregational Announcements

The Wednesdays: Shakespearean Tragedies

Wednesday, January 28th, 6:00 PM, in the Frothingham Library

Join us for The Wednesdays, Arlington Street's literary salon. Professor Alan Helms will be on hand to lead us through another of Shakespeare's tragedies. Any text will do, as long as it has numbered acts, scenes, and lines. We'll be reading the plays in what most people think is the chronological order of composition. The plays may be read online (see the links below).

February 4th: **OTHELLO** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Othello>

February 11th: **KING LEAR** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Lear

February 18th: **MACBETH** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macbeth>

February 25th: **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antony_and_Cleopatra

On March 4th, we'll watch a DVD of one of the plays.

All are welcome!

Deepen your relationship with Arlington Street Church and Unitarian Universalism, Winter 2009

New Class begins Sunday, February 8th, 12:30 PM, in the Parish Hall, and concludes on Sunday, February 22nd, 12:30 PM, in the Frothingham Library

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 an upcoming Path to Membership class.

The Path 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 Susan Thomas, director of communication and programs, by e-mail at SThomas@ASCBoston.org or by phone at 617-536-7050 x13.

Friday Night Supper Program Fundraiser

Tuesday, February 3rd, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, at Brownstones, next to the Back Bay T Station at Dartmouth Street

Join Boston Cares and the On Your Feet Project Boston to raise money for the Friday Night Supper Program. You get two drinks and a selection of great appetizers for \$20.00 a person. A raffle with great prizes will be held as well. You will also get the great feeling of helping the Friday Night Supper Program serve our hungry and homeless neighbors.

Coming Up...

Sunday, February 1st, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Young Adult Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 1:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center Retreat - Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, February 2nd, 2009

No congregation related events at this time

Tuesday, February 3rd, 2009

- 6:00 PM Worship Committee - Perkins Room

Wednesday, February 4th, 2009

- 3:00 PM *Staff Meeting - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Parish Hall
- 6:00 PM Talking Our Walk Group - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM The Wednesdays Literary Salon - Frothingham Library

Thursday, February 5th, 2009

- 6:30 PM Membership Task Force - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, February 6th, 2009

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall and Kitchen
- 7:00 PM Social Action Film Series - Hunnewell Chapel

Saturday, February 7th, 2009

No congregation related events at this time

Sunday, February 8th, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:15 PM Congregational Conversation: Budget - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Young Adult Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Jubilee - Archives Room
- 1:00 PM Communal Singing/Choir Open House - Hunnewell Chapel
- 1:00 PM New Member Class - Parish Hall

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.

Talking Our Walk Group

Next meeting is Wednesday, February 4th, 6:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

The Talking Our Walk Group is a discussion group for those who are dealing with depression or other mental illness, either in themselves or with loved ones. The group provides an opportunity to share our personal struggles and triumphs with mental illness and depression and to explore the ways in which we can “walk our talk” about living whole and healthful lives. These group discussions have occurred on every other Wednesday since September and will continue for the remainder of the church year. All are welcome! Please note: This is a facilitated group discussion and is not a therapeutic support group or other form of therapy.

Social Action Film Series

The Visitor

Friday, February 6th, 7:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

“Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” Hebrews 13:2.

In this heartfelt human drama, a college professor who has been drifting aimlessly through his life discovers an immigrant couple has been living in his New York City apartment. His connection to them and attempts to help them change his life, as he rediscovers a passion he thought he had lost long ago.

Free and open to the public. A discussion will follow.

Calling all shoppers!

Bethel's food pantry needs your plastic bags!

Sunday, February 8th, during coffee hour, at the Social Action Table

On the second Sunday of each month, we'll collect bags for the food pantry at Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle Church in Dorchester. Bethel houses “Villages Without Walls,” one of the projects supported by Jubilee, Arlington Street Church's Work in the World.

Join the 2009 Covenant Renewal Team!

Covenant Renewal chair Paul Dakin is seeking interested Arlington Street Church members and friends to join the Covenant Renewal Committee. The Committee will meet regularly during February and March in preparation for Covenant Sunday, April 5th. There are roles for both extroverts and introverts! Financial pledges, membership outreach, and volunteer-service matchmaking are all part of Covenant Renewal. You can speak with Paul Dakin after worship today at the Welcome Table or reach him via e-mail at Covenant@ASCBoston.org.

Other Announcements

Friday Night Supper Program

Help your homeless and hungry neighbors!

The Friday Night Supper Program has been serving meals to over 150 disadvantaged people every Friday evening, never missing a single week, serving on holidays and through snow, storms, and power outages for almost 25 years. Here are two important ways in which you can support the Friday Night Supper Program:

SPONSOR A MEAL

In the past year the Friday Night Supper Program has seen the cost for a weekly meal go up thirty percent from \$900 to \$1,200. You can sponsor a meal by donating funds to assist with costs or by donating bulk food items. You can sponsor and cook an entire meal; sponsor soup and dessert for one meal, or volunteer during dinner service.



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THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS ...

Spiritual Passions, 2009

Spiritual Passion: Arlington Street Zen Center Retreat

Today, 1:00 – 5:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Periods of sitting, walking, and dharma talks (teachings from the Buddha) will be followed by dinner at a local Japanese restaurant (BYO\$). Come join like-hearted seekers to savor a peaceful afternoon together. This “passion” is led by Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie and members of Arlington Street Zen Center.

UPCOMING PASSIONS

CHECK *INSIDE* FOR MORE INFORMATION

Spiritual Passion: Communal Singing, Choir Open House

Sunday, February 8th, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street Church’s director of music, Mark David Buckles, and the Arlington Street Choir welcome you an afternoon of communal music-making: the spiritual passion of singing! We believe that the act of singing together is a central and beautiful part of our spiritual practice as Unitarian Universalists. Will you join us? We will learn, briefly rehearse, and sing together an evocative selection of beautiful and interesting pieces, and offer answers to questions like “can I sing in choir if I can’t read music, or if I’ve never sung in a choir before?” (yes), and “what do you do during rehearsal anyway?” Come prepared to share the music within you.

Spiritual Passion: The Art of Prayer

Sunday, February 22nd, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

This experiential workshop led by Dan Kane, interim assistant minister, is an opportunity to learn and practice the art of prayer: casting intentions from our hearts and minds into words and images, then putting them out into the universe via action, conversation, or even supplication, if we must, in order to bring them to fruition.

Spiritual Passion: Theatre in the Text

Sunday, March 8th, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Led by Susan Thomas, director of communication and programs.

Parking at Arlington Street Church

On Sunday mornings discount parking is available at the Back Bay Garage now at the rate of \$5 for the first three hours. Regular weekend rates apply thereafter. Back Bay Garage is accessible on Clarendon between Boylston and St. James streets. Present your parking ticket to an usher or at the Welcome Table during coffee hour to obtain the discount sticker.

Please note: Parking spaces in the alley are rented to private, non-Arlington Street Church members Monday through Saturday until 6:00 PM. **Spaces #1 and #2 are for our senior minister and business administrator and must be kept available at all times.** Violators will be towed at the owner's expense without warning.



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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 noon by e-mail to inside@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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