

of the most delightful and memorable novels ever written. Its vivid characters, antic events, and hilarious satire make for compulsive reading. I know of no other American novel that is as much fun and also as profound as Huck Finn.” Join us as we explore this towering, necessary, and mesmerizing American masterpiece.

Recommended text: The Norton Critical Edition of “*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*” (3rd edition). You’ll find cheap copies at Amazon and abebooks.com. But pretty much any edition will work.

Save the Date

Homecoming Sunday

Sunday, September 8th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Our Senior Minister, Reverend Kim K. Crawford Harvie; our Music Director, Mark David Buckles; the choir; our Religious Educator, Laura Evonne Steinman; and our Intern Minister, Catie Scudera are all on summer break. They will return for Homecoming Sunday, September 8th. Please bring a little water from your summer travels for our water communion celebration!

Peace Walk: “Peace is the Way: Offering Peace at Every Step”

Sunday, September 15th ~ 2:00 PM, Copley Sq. (to leave all together, meet Rev. Kim at our Great Doors at 1:30)

Vietnamese Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will lead a peace walk from Trinity Church in Copley Square with the theme “Peace is the Way: Offering Peace at Every Step.” Zen master, author, poet and peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh invites everyone to walk mindfully together in silence, generating the energy of peace, solidity, and freedom.

Thay (Vietnamese for “Teacher”) writes, “There is no walk for peace; peace is the walk. By walking, we generate peace within our body, our consciousness. We embrace and heal the pain, the sorrow, the fear in us, and that is the ground for helping peace to be a reality in the world.”

Before the Peace Walk, you are invited to participate in a seated meditation, guided by Thich Nhat Hanh on the grounds of Copley Square.

This is a walk open to everyone, from every path, experienced or not. Participation is free; no tickets are necessary. The organizers kindly ask that there be no display of any banners or signs, nor giving out of flyers during the Peace Walk.

If you would like to come but need an assist with mobility, please leave a message for Rev. Kim with Jeffrey Bouchard (office@ASCBoston.org). We’ll all work together to be sure everyone is included!

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE MEMBERS ARE:

Shane McBride (chair) / Harlow Robinson (vice-chair) / Christine Curtiss / Alex Frost/ Greg Haig Kerry Marshall / Dan Moon / Ellen Payzant Thomas Simers

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Samuel Gloyd and Desmond Ravenstone (co-moderators) / David McClain (clerk) Susie Nacco (treasurer)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available! Ushers can assist you.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING

The Children’s Religious Education Program is on hiatus and will resume on September 8th.

Childcare will be provided this summer during the service. Please bring your children to the great doors on Arlington Street before the service to meet up with the caregiver.

Fussy babies and their parents are invited to the nursery just off the Hunnewell Chapel, where a rocker, changing table, and supplies are available, and the service is piped in.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past “The Castle.”



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 2013

Welcome to Summer Services

PRELUDE

Emily *Johnny Mandel* (b. 1925)
 Nature Boy *Eden Ahbez* (1908-1995)
 All of Me *Gerald Simons* (1896-1949) and
 Mark McNeill, piano *Seymour Marks* (1900-1997)

CHALICE LIGHTING

The Larger Circle *Wendell Berry*
The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

*HYMN 18

What Wondrous Love

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle Cards are collected until the beginning of the first hymn. After the service, Candle Cards are posted downstairs during coffee hour. You may also submit a candle by Saturday night at the church website, ASCBoston.org, by clicking on “Worship.”

Spirit of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.	Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.	Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;	Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.	Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;	Arráigame, libérame,
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.	Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

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AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit
of this congregation,
And service is our gift.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To speak our truths in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu
de nuestra congregación
Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
Convivir en paz,
Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN 131

Love Will Guide Us

POEM

The Sycamore *Wendell Berry*

SERMON

The Power of Community Myrna Johnson

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Over 300 pledging members and friends support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Please consider a generous donation today! Contributions placed in an envelope will be credited toward your pledge.

OFFERTORY

Years of Pilgrimage, Second Year (Italy) No. 5: *Sonetto del Petrarca*
No. 104 *Franz Liszt* (1811-1886)
Mark McNeill, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 170

We Are a Gentle, Angry People

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

You're the Top *Cole Porter* (1891-1964)
Mark McNeill, piano

**You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.*

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Service is Our Gift

Guest Speaker, Myrna Johnson
Worship Coordinator, Desmond Ravenstone
Candles Coordinator, Art Nava
Lead Greeter, Queen Cheryl
Lead Usher, Ellen Spencer
Assistant Treasurers, Ellen Spencer and Carol Fisher

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18TH, 2013

All Are Welcome

**WE ARE GLAD YOU HAVE JOINED US THIS MORNING FOR WORSHIP!
THE FIRST PRINCIPLE OF OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH
AFFIRMS THE INHERENT WORTH AND DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON.
WE CELEBRATE UNITY IN DIVERSITY.**

This morning, we invite you to:

- * Fill in the Welcome Card and place it in the collection plate;
- * Join us for coffee and a light lunch in the parish hall;
- * Introduce yourself to the service leaders, and;
- * Please come back again soon!

Today's Speaker

The Power of Community Myrna Johnson

Myrna Johnson grew up as a Methodist in the Midwest, was a member of the Lutheran Volunteer Corps as a young adult, and left organized religion in her adulthood. In 2011, a series of crises in her life led her to Arlington Street Church, which she now calls her church home.

Myrna has had a career as an advocate and non-profit executive and is a strong believer in what we can accomplish together to affect change in the broader world. But recent events in her life have led Myrna to explore and understand another important aspect of community: its healing power. Join Myrna as she reflects on our true and utter need for each other—for physical, emotional and spiritual health.

Speaking on August 25th

Why Not Both? Thomas A. Simers

Thomas A. Simers joined Arlington Street Church in January 2012. He was elected to the Prudential Committee (Arlington Street Church's governing board) in June. He serves as coordinator of Connections small group ministry, and is former chair of the Membership Committee.

Thomas was born on a small farm in southeastern Ohio where he was raised without religious affiliation. He discovered Unitarian Universalism in 2002 while completing his bachelor's degree in intercultural communication at Marietta College. Ten years and 700 miles later, he found his first faith community at Arlington Street Church.

Summer Worship Highlights

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall
Let's all gather downstairs for beverages, a light lunch, and community!

Kundalini Yoga Class

Every Wednesday All Summer ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel
Experience fun exercises and poses, breathing techniques, chanting, meditation, and deep relaxation in this unique class. Moving energy through your body brings positive change and growth. There is a \$10 charge that goes to the church. First class is free!

The Pru in Review—July

- The Pru (Prudential Committee, our Board of Directors) held its first meeting with the new Prudential members. Welcome Thomas Simers, Kerry Marshall, and Alex Frost!
- The Pru discussed feedback from a number of church committees on their successes and challenges in the last year, and set a tentative schedule of committee visits for the coming year.
- The Pru discussed the possibility of holding a planning retreat in the fall, either at the church, or through a UUA District training.

Summer Reading

Buddha's Belly ~ Summer Reading

Buddha's Belly, Arlington Street's reading group of all things Buddha and Buddhist, is on hiatus over the summer. Suggested summer reading is Google engineer and personal growth pioneer Chade-Meng Tan's *Search Inside Yourself*. Amazon says, "With *Search Inside Yourself*, Chade-Meng Tan ... offers a proven method for enhancing mindfulness and emotional intelligence....a course in health, happiness, and creativity..."

Buddha's Belly will reconvene on Tuesday, September 10th, from 6:00-7:00, when we will discuss *Search Inside Yourself* and choose our first book of the fall. All are welcome!

The Wednesdays: Huckleberry Finn

Wednesdays, October 23rd, November 6th & 13th~ 6:00 PM, The Froth
Please join Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim for Arlington Street's fall literary salon: Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn*!

Hemingway said that "All modern American literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called *Huckleberry Finn*," and generations of readers and writers have agreed. Published in England in 1884, it appeared the next year in the United States and was immediately banned throughout the country. A century and a half later, it's still a controversial book because it forces us to confront the central problem of American life: our national tragedy of slavery.

Professor Helms writes, "It's an extremely important book but also one

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