

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2008 Shana Tova! Happy Rosh Hashanah

Today's Events

Jewish High Holy Days

Today, 11:00 AM, in the Sanctuary

The Arlington Street Choir celebrates the Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with Louis Lewandowski's "Enosh" (based on Psalm 103:15-17), and "Niggun", a traditional Moditzer Hassidic melody arranged by Joshua Jacobson.

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.

Congregational Conversation: What's On Your Mind?

Today, 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Join Elizabeth Lindholm, Prudential Committee co-chair, and other members of elected church leadership, to share in a free-wheeling conversation about life at Arlington Street Church.

Spirit in Practice

An Adult Lifespan Faith Development Course

Starts Today, 12:15 PM – 2:00 PM, in the Stage Right Room

Come join interim assistant minister Dan Kane and religious educator Erick DuPree for this ten workshop adult religious education offering. Spirit in Practice is designed to provide avenues for deepening our spirituality and affirming our spiritual growth. We will reflect, share, and grow together as we explore ways to nurture our connections with the sacred in everyday life.

We will meet on ten consecutive Sundays, beginning September 28th through November 23rd. Each week we will experience different spiritual practices and have an opportunity to reflect on that experience. Grab lunch at the sandwich board and check us out. You need not commit to attend all ten sessions although that will make this course more meaningful.

Music at Arlington Street Church

Inside Out Concert

Today, 1:30 PM, in the Sanctuary

Engage with classical music through the creative listening approach developed by musician Eli Epstein and Cynthia Ann Hale. Members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra perform Darius Milhaud's "La Cheminee du roi Rene" and Irving Fine's "Partita for Wind Quintet!" At Inside Out concerts, audience members are guided through narration and demonstration to listen imaginatively into the emotional layers of music. As memories and associations are evoked through the music, connections are made to universal emotional themes. Many concert goers report that their Inside Out listening experience is unique, meaningful, and changes the way they think about classical music.

Naperville Men's Glee Club

Sunday October 12th, 3:30 PM, in the Sanctuary

Music@ASC welcomes the Naperville Men's Glee Club! Conductor Bonnie Roberts leads the Glee Club in their 20th Anniversary Concert tour featuring pieces by Franz Biebl, Edvard Grieg, Gabriel Fauré, Randall Thomson, and a world premiere by Jackson Berkey.

Calling all Singers!

The Arlington Street Church Choir performs an array of challenging, evocative repertoire spanning dozens of cultures, and centuries of musical and liturgical history. We find that making music with and for our community here at Arlington Street is a central and beautiful part of our spiritual practice as Unitarian Universalists. Will you join us? Rehearsals are Thursday evenings from 7-9 in the Clarke Room. Feel free to stop by or speak to Director of Music, Mark David Buckles, after the Sunday morning service to find out more about our choir and about music and worship.

Children's Religious Education

Join religious educator, Erick DuPree, and the Chalice Children as they discover Symbols of Faith while The Explorers will continue to learn the Principles of Unitarian Universalism with Dan Kane, interim assistant minister. All children come together in the Hunnewell Chapel for worship, with The Explorers continuing their lesson in the Perkins room.

Join Erick DuPree this morning in the front of the sanctuary as the children gather in worship before class to celebrate Myles and Wyatt Alternative's dedication. The children will leave after the lullaby.

Coming Up...

Sunday, September 28th, 2008

9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary 9:30 AM Santuario - Stage Right Room 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall 12:15 PM Spirit in Practice - Stage Right

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Monday, September 29th, 2008

No congregation related events at this time

Tuesday, September 30th, 2008

7:00 PM *Website Planning Meeting - Perkins Room

Wednesday, October Ist, 2008

3:30 PM *Staff Meeting - Perkins Room 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Clarke Room 6:00 PM *Staffing Task Force - Perkins Room

Thursday, October 2nd, 2008

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, October 3rd, 2008

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall and Kitchen

7:00 PM Young Adults Group - Perkins Room

Saturday, October 4th, 2008

No congregation related events at this time

Sunday, October 5th, 2008

9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary

11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary

12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall

12:15 PM Spirit in Practice - Stage Right Room

12:15 PM Green Sanctuary - Archives Room

1:00 PM New Orleans High Tea - Hunnewell Chapel

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

Witness for Justice Vigil

Wednesday, October 1st, 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM, meet under the tea pot at Government Center at 4:30 PM

Join members of local Unitarian Universalist Churches and other organizations for this vigil to call on the government to:

- stop the raids, deportations, and abusive treatment;
- provide justice for immigrant families;
- and provide paths to citizenship for all immigrants.



^{*} This program is currently closed. Check *Inside* for the next open meeting.

Worship Highlights

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5th, 11:00 AM, in the Sanctuary

Each year on a Sunday near the Feast Day of St. Francis, we celebrate the animal companions in our lives by welcoming them (crated, on a leash, in a bowl) to be blessed. Teresa Tam, our soprano section leader, will sing Benjamin Britten's delightful "For I will consider my cat, Jeoffry," and Matt Meyer will join the Arlington Street Choir to perform Jim Scott's "The Rainforest Song." Come join in this happy, hilarious, and love-filled worship service.

Congregational Announcements

Green Sanctuary Meeting

Sunday, October 5th, 12:15 PM, in the Archives Room

Did you know that Arlington Street Church is a Certified Green Sanctuary (the only one in the Mass Bay District)! Did you know that a Green Sanctuary, according to the UUA's Green Sanctuary Program, is "a congregation that lives out its commitment to the Earth by creating a sustainable lifestyle for its members as individuals and as a faith community." Come to the Green Sanctuary meeting to learn more and get involved.

Social Action Film Series 2008 – 2009 Detained: The New Bedford Immigration Raid

Friday, October 10th, 7:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

On March 6th, 2007, workers at a New Bedford factory producing vests for the U.S. military were arrested in a raid conducted by Immigration, Customs and Enforcement (ICE) officers. Of the 361 undocumented immigrants arrested that day, the majority were women, many with small children. *Detained* follows families affected by the immigration raid.

New Members Class

Sundays, October 19th and 26th, 1:00 PM Sign up today!

What does membership mean at Arlington Street Church, UU? If you want to learn more about ASC and Unitarian Universalism, please join us for the next membership class. The class is a time to: share our personal spiritual journeys; learn about Unitarian Universalist tradition, history and theology; meet ASC staff members; demystify the membership process; and discover ways that you can deepen your connection with Arlington Street Church.

RSVP at the Welcome Table during coffee hour or contact Susan Thomas, director of communication and programs, by email: sthomas@asc.boston.org or phone: 617-536-7050 x13.

Share the Gift of Service through PetPals

PetPals is a successful pet visitation program that coordinates visits by dogs and cats and their owners to elderly residents of long-term care facilities in Boston. The program is run by MATCH-UP Interfaith Volunteers in cooperation with the Animal Rescue League of Boston.

MATCH-UP recruits, interviews, and carefully screens volunteers and their pets before they can participate in PetPals. Stop by the Social Action Committee table today and talk with Art Nava after service for more information. You can also contact MATCH-UP directly at (617)482-1510 or www.matchelder.org/services/petpals.html.

Sandwich Board Volunteers Needed

Help to foster community at Arlington Street Church by preparing and offering tasty sandwiches, soups, and other lunch treats. Our connections are strengthened as we linger in the Parish Hall and share meals together! Talk with any volunteer in the kitchen to sign up to serve.

Sunday Greeters Needed

Sundays Greeters needed to welcome worshippers. It's a fun and easy way to meet people. Be the smiling face of joy at Arlington Street Church on Sunday mornings. Sign up in the foyer or at the Welcome table at coffee hour or e-mail welcome@ascboston.org

Other Announcements

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.



News of New Orleans

New Orleans High Tea

Sunday, October 5th, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Tea for Two and MORE. Our next New Orleans High Tea will be held at Arlington Street Church after service on Sunday, October 5th. Ladies and gentlemen are invited to dig out those white kid gloves and broad brimmed hats! Come share stories, drink tea, nibble on delectable sweets and finger sandwiches, and build fellowship. Donations will be gratefully accepted for First Church, New Orleans. All Arlington Street Church members and friends are welcome, so come and bring your friends! Look for your invitation in the mail.Questions may be directed to NewOrleans@ASCBoston.org.

New Orleans Trip Advance Notice

Thursday, October 9th - Tuesday, October 14th, 2008

Our next service trip to New Orleans has been set for Columbus Day weekend. There are still many in need and much to accomplish, and as time passes the national interest continues to wane. Let us not forget our brothers and sisters in the city of hospitality; let's continue our walk with them as they heal.

Questions may be directed to the Partner Church Coordinating Committe at NewOrleans@ASCBoston.org.

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 ASC Submission Guidelines

Please deliver all Sunday announcements before Tuesday at 10:00 PM 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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