

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2008

Santuario Sunday

Today's Events

Santuario: Immigrant Justice Sunday

Today, following the service in the Parish Hall

Today's worship service will be followed by a Central American lunch with guests from *Centro Presente*, a state-wide Latin American immigrant organization. Our own George Ledger from Only a Child in Guatemala City will also be with us!

Defining our Faith:

Unitarian Universalist Religious Education—the down and dirty in thirty minutes!

Today, 12:30 PM, in the Stage Right Room

Whether you have been coming to Arlington Street Church for years or just walked though the door this morning, if you have questions, I have answers. Do you want to know what it means to be a Unitarian Universalist? What it means to live not by creed but by deed? To walk a path not bound by "religion" yet defined by faith? Religious Education at Arlington Street Church offers you a portal into where you have been, and to see where you want to go. Join Erick DuPree, Religious Educator, for an interactive exploration of Unitarian Universalism, Arlington Street Church, and Religious Education.

Children's Religious Education

Today the children of our church school will break into two groups. The younger, Chalice Children, will participate in a lesson entitled "On The Threshhold" with religious educator Erick DuPree. The older children, Explorers, will learn about our First Principle in a lesson entitled "Inherent Worth" led by interim assistant minister, Dan Kane. All families and children are invited to join Erick in the sanctuary for the beginning of our worship service. They will recess to their classes through the leather door at the front right of the sanctuary during the first hymn.

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 "The Rainforest Song". Come join in this happy, hilarious, and love-filled worship service.

Music at Arlington Street Church

Jewish High Holy Days

Sunday, September 28th, 11:00 AM, in the Sanctuary

The Arlington Street Choir will celebrate the Jewish High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur with Louis Lewandowski's "Enosh" (based on Psalm 103:5-17), and "Niggun", a traditional Moditzer Hassidic melody arranged by Joshua Jacobson.

Inside Out Concert

Sunday, September 28th, 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.

Congregational Announcements

Buddha's Belly Book Group

Tuesday, September 23rd, 6:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

All are invited to join Buddha's Belly for the first evening of their study of the book "Letting Go of the Person You Used to Be" by Lama Surya Das. All are encouraged to read chapter one of the book for discussion at the meeting.

Coming Up...

Sunday, September 21st, 2007

9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00 PM Santuario - Parish Hall

12:30 рм Defining Our Faith - Clarke Room

Monday, September 22nd, 2007

No congregation related events at this time

Tuesday, September 23rd, 2007

6:00 PM Buddha's Belly - Hunnewell Chapel

7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center - Hunnewell Chapel

Wednesday, September 24th, 2007

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

6:00 PM The Wednesdays Literary Salon - Frothingham Library

6:00 PM Talking Our Walk - Perkins Room

Thursday, September 25th, 2007

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room7:00 PM Sacred Eros - Perkins Room

Friday, September 26th, 2007

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

7:00 PM Young Adults Group - Perkins Room

Saturday, September 27th, 2007

No congregation related events at this time

Sunday, September 28th, 2007

9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary

9:30 AM Santuario Meeting - Stage Right Room

11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall

12:15 PM Spirit in Practice - Stage Right Room 12:30 PM Church Council Meeting - Clarke Room 1:30 PM Inside/Out Concert Series - Sanctuary

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.

Arlington Street Zen Center

Tuesday, September 23rd, 7:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

An evening of meditation practice, led by Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister. Sessions include seated & walking meditation, Dharma talk, and conversation. This practice is open to all, beginning and experienced practitioners.

Talking Our Walk Group

Wednesday, September 24th, 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM, in the Perkins Room

Interim assistant minister Dan Kane will facilitate a group discussion for those who are dealing with depression or other mental illness, either in themselves or with loved ones. This will be an opportunity to share personal struggles with mental illness and depression and to explore how we can "walk our talk" about living whole and healthful lives. These group discussions are an outgrowth of our worship service on depression and the sermon talk-back that followed. All are welcome.

Please note: This is a facilitated group discussion and is not a therapeutic support group or other form of therapy.

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

The Wednesdays Literary Salon: Yeats

Wednesday, September 24th, at 6:00 PM, in the Frothingham Library

Please join Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim in the Frothingham Library for this final evening with the poetry of William Butler Yeats. Our text is *The Collected Poems of W. B. Yeats: Definitive Edition, With the Author's Final Revisions* (Macmillan, 1956 & many printings thereafter), but most poems can be found online. For September 24th, please read "In Memory of Eva Gore-Booth and Con Markievicz," "Byzantium," "Crazy Jane Talks with the Bishop," "Lapis Lazuli," "Long-Legged Fly," "Under Ben Bulben," and "The Circus Animals' Desertion." Join us! All are welcome!

Sacred Eros Discussion Group

Thursday, September 25th, at 7:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

Let's talk about sexuality and spirituality! Arlington Street Church's discussion group on sexuality and spirituality is resuming for the new church year. The mission of Sacred Eros is to provide a safe and supportive space for individuals to explore questions involving sexuality from a spiritual and ethical perspective. We are open to all adults regardless of age, sexual or gender identity, relationship status, or church membership. For more information, feel free to contact Desmond Ravenstone, group moderator, through the church office.

Congregational Conversation: What's On Your Mind?

Sunday, September 28th, 12:15 PM - 1:00 PM, in the Sanctuary

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

beginning September 28^{th} , 12:30 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.



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.

Green Sanctuary Meeting

Sunday, October 5th, 12:15 PM, in the Stage Right 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.

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.

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 ASC 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.



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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