

**Membership Committee:
“The Art of Hospitality”**

Sunday, January 24th, 12:30 – 1:30 PM, Archives Room

Come learn the subtle nuances of welcoming visitors and members to our spiritual home. Hosted by the Membership Committee, this one hour session is great for anyone interested in practicing hospitality by being a greeter — a fun and fulfilling way to make new friends and provide service to Arlington Street. Current greeters and ushers are also welcome.

**Welcome A Guest At Your Table:
Unitarian Universalist Service Committee**

Sunday, January 31st, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Last month, we distributed Guest At Your Table boxes to support the programs of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Please feed your “guest.” Boxes will be collected during the worship service and sent to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee on January 31st.

UUSC annual memberships are \$40. Gifts of \$100 or more will be matched!

Music@ASC

**Bach Solo Cello Suites
Guy Fishman, Artist in Residence**

Sunday, January 31st, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Cellist Guy Fishman is Arlington Street’s newest addition to our thriving Artist in Residence program! Beginning back in the Fall of 2008 and continuing through this Spring, Guy’s residency features performances of all six of Johann Sebastian Bach’s solo cello suites; his upcoming visit marks the fifth 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.

**Add More Music to Your Life in the New Year!
Be part of our Arlington Street Church Choir!**

Do you love to sing? Would you like to be part of a community of sharing music? Do you want or need to take just a couple hours out of your week to create something beautiful? The Arlington Street Church Choir may be just the place for you! No musical experience necessary!

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. We rehearse one night a week and sing Sunday mornings at our weekly services, performing an array of challenging, evocative repertoire spanning dozens of cultures, and centuries of musical and liturgical history.

The choir is open to all interested singers able to make a commitment to the choir’s schedule. Attendance each week is not mandatory, though members find that it’s difficult to function effectively if they miss more than a quarter of the rehearsals. We rehearse on Thursdays from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Clarke Room on the second floor of the church. If you have any questions, please always feel free to contact our Director of Music, Mark David Buckles, who is available at the front of the sanctuary following the service or via email at MBuckles@ASCBoston.org.

Indulge

*Give In & Give Back
March 6th, 2010*

*Save the date for a gala evening to support
Arlington Street Church’s 150th Anniversary Fund!
Join members and friends for an evening of
fine dining, entertainment & spectacular items on auction
for the benefit of Arlington Street Church.*

Tickets are \$75.00 per person or \$550.00 for table of eight.

*For information on volunteering or donating auction items
contact: danielfournier10@aol.com.*

If your children grow restless during worship, please be welcome to bring them to the nursery (located off of the Chapel, through the leather door). The service is piped-in, so you won’t miss a word, and your child will be happy.

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, Assistant to the Administrator. 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. *8 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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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10TH, 2010

Children’s Religious Education

Welcome to the Cookie Corral! Today, children will join Erick DuPree, religious educator, in making cookies for the congregation. Cookies will be available at the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour. The children will leave for their classes, which are downstairs in the Perkins Room, during the Children’s Blessing. All are welcome.

Special Note: Due to severe allergies, this is a peanut free zone.

The Arlington Street Center
for Liberal Religious Inquiry
and Spiritual Practice

The Wednesdays: Three Chinese Poets

Wednesdays, January 13th, and 27th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Frothingham Library (please note that we do NOT meet on January 20th)

Join Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim for our latest literary adventure at Arlington Street’s *The Wednesdays* literary salon: Three Chinese poets!

There’s universal agreement that the golden age of Chinese poetry occurred in the eighth century during the Tang dynasty. We’ll be studying the three best Tang dynasty poets, all of them giants of world literature: Wang Wei, Li Bai (also known as Li Po), and Du Fu (also known as Tu Fu). All three poets are easily accessible and deeply moving, writing largely about simple things in a world of evanescent beauty. Their emotions are understated but powerful, and they’re probably more attuned to nature than any other poets who ever wrote. Our text is *The Anchor Book of Chinese Poetry*, edited by Tony Barnstone and Chou Ping.

January 13: Li Bai/Li Po

For more information, please visit <http://www.ASCBoston.org>.

Spiritual Passions 2010! ~ January

Let’s gather on winter Sunday afternoons from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM for these wonderful offerings of our spiritual passions! All are welcome!

Money, Spirituality, and Emotions: Gaining Peace with Money Issues

Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek
Sunday, January 17th ~ 1:00–3:00 PM

Some say the remaining conversational taboo is no longer politics, or religion, or sexuality, but rather money. Let's unpack that, together. This interactive workshop gives us an opportunity to explore our thoughts and feelings about money and finances, where they came from, and how they impact our spiritual wellbeing.

Spirituality and Architecture

Seanan Holland, Intern Minister
Sunday, January 31st ~ 1:00–3:00 PM

How well have we created our cities and towns? Do they serve our human condition well? If our cities are a monument to god, then what is that god like? Bring your imaginations to explore possibilities for the future. Our intern minister, Seanan, will lead a visual exploration of spiritual expression in human (and non-human) dwellings.

2010 Spiritual Passions! ~ February

Writing from Real Life: The Spiritual Passion of Judah Leblang

Sunday, February 7th ~ 1:00–3:00 PM

Arlington Street Zen Center Retreat

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister, and members of the Arlington Street Zen Center
Sunday, February 7th ~ 1:00–5:00 PM

Mindful Eating

Erick DuPree, Religious Educator
Sunday, February 14th ~ 1:00–4:00 PM

O, Freedom: Our Southern Legacy

Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek, Acting Associate Minister
Sunday, February 21st ~ 1:00–3:00 PM

Fractionate! Understanding and Resolving Conflict

Kaul Paulnack
Sunday, February 28th ~ 1:00–3:00 PM

Spiritual Passion of Singing and Choir Open House

Mark David Buckles, Director of Music and the Arlington Street Choir
Sunday, February 28th ~ 1:00–3:00 PM

We invite you to cut out this calendar and clip it to your refrigerator or bulletin board!

Coming Up...

Sunday, January 10th, 2010

9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
9:30 AM Social Action Committee - Archives Room
10:00 AM ASC Auction Committee - Clarke Room
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
12:30 PM Young Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room
12:30 PM Corporation Meeting - Sanctuary

Monday, January 11th, 2010

6:00 PM Prison Education Group - Perkins Room
7:00 PM * Gay Men's Spirituality Group - Chapel

Tuesday, January 12th, 2010

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

Wednesday, January 13th, 2010

3:30 PM * Staff Meeting - Perkins Room
6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
6:00 PM The Wednesdays Literary Salon - Frothingham Library
7:00 PM UU Affairs Committee - Perkins Room

Thursday, January 14th, 2010

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, January 15th, 2010

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

Saturday, January 16th, 2010

No congregation related events at this time.

Sunday, January 17th, 2010

9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
10:00 AM ASC Auction Committee - Archives Room
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 PM Path to Membership - Archives Room
12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
12:30 PM Congregational Conversations - Clarke Room
12:30 PM Young Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room
1:00 PM Spiritual Passions 2010 - Chapel
1:00 PM *Center for Spirit Wellness*
Arlington Street Church - Frothingham Library

*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.



Congregational Announcements

Congregational Conversation

Sunday, January 17th, 12:30 – 2:00 PM, Clarke Room

Join members of Arlington Street Church's Prudential Committee and other church members in this discussion of topics of interest to church members.

Center for Spirit Wellness Arlington Street Church

Sunday, January 17th, 1:00 – 5:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Everyone desires a life of total wellness, body, mind and spirit. But spirit is often the challenging part, and it needn't be. Arlington Street Church is hosting Michele DeMarco Wilkie and Bill Wilkie, authors and creators of Spiritful Living®. The Center for Spirit Wellness is designed to help all people, regardless of background or belief, whether spiritual or secular, understand and live from spirit like never before. The Center for Spirit Wellness offers exciting workshops and public programs, as well as individual counseling/advising. There will be conflict transformation and mediation programs through the Build Pathways for Peace framework and movement.

Winter workshop brochures are available in the entrance of the sanctuary, and in the church office. For more information, visit www.spiritfulliving.com or email info@spiritfulliving.com. Please join us to experience first-hand and share with others the power of Spirit Wellness. Most workshops are FREE to Arlington Street Church members and attendees!

National Service Day: Feed and Blanket the Homeless

Monday, January 18th, 2010, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Parish Hall Kitchen

Arlington Street Church will partner with Volunteers of America to make and distribute bag lunches for our homeless neighbors in and around the surrounding area. This year we hope to surpass the 500 bag lunch total we were able to distribute last year. In addition to lunches, we will distribute granola bars and fleece blankets.

If you are unable to volunteer, please consider sponsoring a blanket for \$10 or making a contribution towards food purchases.

Look for a donation bucket in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour.

UU Affairs Committee: General Assembly

Sunday, January 24th, 12:30 – 2:00 PM, Clarke Room

Question: where can you go to learn about Unitarian Universalist work with the United Nations, attend a jazz/poetry slam and call it a prayer service, or attend a rally to protect immigration rights?
Answer: General Assembly. Want to hear more? Come hear last year's delegates to the General Assembly share their stories. Please email gaaffairs@ascboston.org for more details. See you there!