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## ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

*NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY*

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday, Dr. King!

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### Today's Events

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#### **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.

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### Children's Religious Education

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Longtime Arlington Street Church member and award-winning artist, Wendy Ellertson, joins Erick DuPree, religious educator, to lead the children in a very special nationwide project, creating Prayer Flags for Obama. Drawing on a Tibetan Buddhist tradition and our sixth principle, the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all, this project celebrates the inauguration of our first African American president and marks the anniversary of the birth of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Please join Erick and Wendy in the Perkins Room. As always, the children gather at the front right of the sanctuary for the beginning of the service and will recess to class during the first hymn. All are welcome.

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### Music at Arlington Street Church

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#### **Bach Solo Cello Suites**

##### **Guy Fishman, Artist in Residence**

Today, 11:00 AM, in the Sanctuary

Cellist Guy Fishman is Arlington Street's newest addition to our thriving Artist in Residence program! Over the next two years, Guy's residency will feature performances of all six of J. S. Bach's solo cello suites. This morning marks the first installment; the music will be interwoven throughout today's service.

#### **Soprano Ariana Valdes in Recital**

Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM, at The Boston Conservatory

Suely Hall (4<sup>th</sup> Floor), 8 The Fenway, Boston

Join Arlington Street Church Choir's own alto section leader as she presents her Senior Recital! Accompanied by Michael Strauss on the piano, Ariana will perform works by Mozart, Brahms, Purcell, Debussy, and Granados.

## **Gu-zheng**

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM, in the Sanctuary

2009 is the Year of the Ox! Congratulations and be prosperous! In honor of the Chinese New Year, Phil and Megan Savoy perform music for the Sunday morning worship service on the gu-zheng, a traditional Chinese 21-stringed zither.

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## **Congregational Announcements**

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### **The Wednesdays: Shakespearean Tragedies**

Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 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).

January 21<sup>st</sup>: **OTHELLO** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Othello>

January 28<sup>th</sup>: **KING LEAR** [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King\\_Lear](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Lear)

February 4<sup>th</sup>: **MACBETH** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macbeth>

February 11<sup>th</sup>: **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antony\\_and\\_Cleopatra](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antony_and_Cleopatra)

On February 18<sup>th</sup>, we'll watch a DVD of one of the plays. All are welcome!

### **Talking Our Walk Group Continues in 2009**

Next meeting is Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 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.

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

Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

New Class begins Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM, in the Parish Hall,

and concludes on Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto:SThomas@ASCBoston.org) or by phone at 617-536-7050 x13.

## Coming Up...

### **Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee - Hunnewell Chapel
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Santuario - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Church Council - Clarke Room

### **Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

- 9:00 AM National Service Day - Parish Hall and Kitchen

### **Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room

### **Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2008**

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

### **Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008**

- 6:00 PM Path to Membership Class - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

### **Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2008**

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall and Kitchen
- 7:00 PM Young Adults Group - Perkins Room

### **Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

- 9:00 AM Boston Cares Team Work Kick Off

### **Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Corporation Meeting and Congregational Conversation - Sanctuary

**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](http://www.ASCBoston.org).

## **Arlington Street Church Hosts A National Service Day Event**

**Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 AM,  
in the Kitchen and Parish Hall**

Arlington Street Church is responding to President Elect Obama's call for a National Service Day by hosting the Boston Action Team, a high school youth volunteer group. The plan for the day is to assemble bagged meals for the homeless from 9:00 AM to noon at Arlington Street Church. The second part of the day's activity, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, will be distributing and serving the bag meals to the homeless population around the Boston Common and Back Bay areas.

We need volunteers to assemble the bagged meals and volunteers to help distribute the bagged meals. For those who would like to be a part of the day but may not be available, they may sponsor the bagged meals by making a cash donation.

Please place your donations in the collection boxes. Make checks out to Arlington Street Church with a notation for National Service Day. If you have any questions, please speak to Rob Cuddi or Susie Nacco or e-mail [NewOrleans@ASCBoston.org](mailto:NewOrleans@ASCBoston.org).

## **Buy Fair Trade Products at the Social Action Table**

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, during coffee hour

The Social Action Committee supplies Equal Exchange Fair Traded, organic coffee for coffee hour—good for the farmers, and good for the environment. We also provide coffee for Friday Night Supper. The coffee is free if you need it to be, but if you can afford it, we hope you'll think about how much you pay for a cup of coffee in other places, and put what you can in the can at coffee hour. The difference between coffee donations and the cost of the coffee is paid out of the Social Action budget, so you'll be helping both Social Action and Friday Night Supper.

We also have fairly traded coffee, olive oil, and other products for sale at the Social Action table. Please check out this week's selection during coffee hour.

## **Women's Spirituality Group**

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:15 PM, in the Clarke Room

We're forming a Women's Spirituality Group at Arlington Street Church. Our first meeting will be an informational session to determine the group's purpose, meeting dates/times, and to brainstorm and gather ideas for topics to explore together in the next six months. Come and contemplate the spiritual side of life as well as gain opportunities to connect with other women. If you are interested in the group but can't make the first meeting, please contact Susan Thomas by e-mail at [SThomas@ASCBoston.org](mailto:SThomas@ASCBoston.org) or by phone at 617-536-7050, ext. 13.

## **Corporation Meeting and Congregational Conversation on Music**

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM, in the Sanctuary

A G E N D A [\* means a vote is required]

- \*I. Membership Update
- \*II. Special Election of At-Large Jubilee Representative
- \*III. Special Election of Treasurer
- \*IV. Ordination of Dan Kane
- V. Finance Report
- VI. Prudential Committee Report
- VII. Congregational Conversation
- VIII. Other Business

Free childcare is available for parents attending the meeting.

## **Organizing for a Just Economy**

Wednesday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 AM, at SEIU Local 615, 26 West Street, Boston

*Santuario* encourages you to attend this luncheon and panel discussion on ways to stop wage theft and other crimes against workers. The featured presenter is Kim Bobo, the executive director of Interfaith Worker Justice and author of *Wage Theft in America: Why Millions of Working Americans Are Not Getting Paid—And What We Can Do About It*. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased through [info@massinterfaith.org](mailto:info@massinterfaith.org) or by calling 617-840-5860.

## **Sacred Eros: Discussion Group on Sexuality and Spirituality**

Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

This month's topic: "Questioning". Do you have questions about sexuality, spirituality, and relationships? Here is the time and place to ask them. There will be chips and salsa, and folks are welcome to bring other edibles. Questions before the meeting? Send them to Desmond Ravenstone, through the Arlington Street Church office.

## **Santuario Work Shop on Workers' Rights**

Saturday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 AM, in the Parish Hall

Come hear stories about workers from Central America living in the Boston area. Some of the thirty workers who have not received pay for work they have done for local restaurants will be on hand to share their stories. There will also be a brief video presentation. To prepare for this event, all are invited to join in a planning meeting today at 12:30 PM, in the Stage Right Room. Contact Peter Lowber at [Santuario@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Santuario@ASCBoston.org) for more information.

### **THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS ...**

## *Spiritual Passions, 2009*

Way back in the winter of 2003, I conducted a wedding late one Sunday afternoon and returned to the parish house to find it still buzzing with various conversations, hours after the morning worship service had concluded. In fact, there were still sixty people in the building! Right then and there, *Spiritual Passions* was born: an opportunity for members and friends of the Arlington Street community to offer and enjoy experiential workshops on their spiritual passions. Please plan to join us on Sundays from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM (unless noted) for this winter's fantastic line-up! - Rev. Kim

#### **UPCOMING PASSIONS**

**CHECK *INSIDE* FOR MORE INFORMATION**

#### **Spiritual Passion: Corporation Meeting Congregational Conversation about Music**

Sunday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

#### **Spiritual Passion: Arlington Street Zen Center Retreat**

Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

#### **Spiritual Passion: Communal Singing, Choir Open House**

Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 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: Theatre in the Text**

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Led by Susan Thomas, director of communication and programs.

# CONNECTIONS

small group ministry at arlington street church

## Connections, the Small Group Ministry Program at Arlington Street Church, Begins This Month

Connections groups consist of eight to ten people who meet regularly to engage in spiritual seeking, caring, intellectual exploration, community building, and living our values. Groups are led by trained facilitators, meet semi-monthly and occur in facilitator's homes or here at the church. The sessions follow a prescribed format and, by all accounts, are spiritually and intellectually rewarding. Connections groups are also a great way to make new friends at the church.

There are currently three groups eagerly accepting new members. Sign up sheets are available at the Welcome Table during coffee hour or you may contact interim assistant minister Dan Kane at [DKane@ASCBoston.org](mailto:DKane@ASCBoston.org) or 617-536-7050 ext. 18. Enrollments will continue through the end of January.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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