

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 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; our Intern Minister, Catie Scudera; and our Post-Doctoral Intern Minister, Ann Clarke 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!

Welcome!

Whether a member, regular worshipper, or first-time visitor, we warmly welcome you this morning.

Since its founding in 1729, Arlington Street Church has been "gathered in love and service for justice and peace." The ultimate meaning we can give to our experience together here is the challenge we take into our hearts to go forth from this place, working to transform and heal our lives and relationships, our community, and the world!

The experience of worship in this congregation strives to create a *community of seekers*, celebrating and nurturing a broad diversity of personal spiritual journeys. Unitarian Universalism is rooted in a rich, historic tradition that embraces the ancient foundations of Jewish and Christian teaching and the flowering of liberal religious thought in early New England. It also affirms the truths of all of humanity's sacred paths as inspirations for our spiritual growth.

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."

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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, JULY 7TH, 2013

Welcome to Summer Services

PRELUDE

Morning Promenade, Park Scene, Midday, Birds, Solitude,
Jubilee from *A Summer Journal*, Op. 19

Molly Wood, piano

Robert Muczynski (b. 1929)

CHALICE LIGHTING Arthur Judge & Desmond Ravenstone

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

*HYMN 34

Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire

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.

Sing in my heart all the
stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in
the sea;

Move in the hand, giving
life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings
set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me,
come to me.

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.

Y al corazón,
cántale tu compasión.

Sopla al volar,
sube en la mar;

Hasta moldear
la justicia de la vida

Arrágame,
libérame,

Fuente de Amor, ven a mí,
ven a mí.

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 216

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SERMON

WORD! Thoughts Toward A Unitarian Universalist Theology
of Language Desmond Ravenstone

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

En Sourdine *Gabriel Fauré* (1845-1924)
Julie Gregorio, soprano and Molly Wood, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 1030

Siyahamba (We Are Marching)

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Galante from *12 Spanish Dances, Op. 5*
Molly Wood, piano *Enrique Granados* (1867-1916)

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

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Service is Our Gift

Guest Speaker, Desmond Ravenstone
Worship Coordinator, Arthur Judge
Candles Coordinator, Rev. George G. Whitehouse
Lead Greeter, Dennis Haley
Lead Usher, Ellen Spencer
Assistant Treasurers, Philip Roberts and Scott Schroeder



NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JULY 7TH, 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

WORD! Thoughts Toward A UU Theology of Language
Desmond Ravenstone

The spoken and written word are essential to religious community, from sermons and sacred narratives to education and covenants. How do we use language more effectively, and especially in ways that respect the diversity of cultures and spiritual traditions?

Desmond has been exploring and asking questions about language from an early age, from the formal study of French in school, learning Norwegian while living in Oslo, reading works in comparative linguistics and the philosophy of language, to creating a fictional alien language as part of a science fiction novel in progress. He'll share his insights into how we can better foster spiritual connection and social justice through the power of words.

Speaking on July 14th

Questioning Lisa Mobayed

Questioning is an orientation to life. It is an affirmation of possibility, an opening to wonder, a valuing of difference, and an embracing of mystery. Questioning should not be confused with its far more limited and limiting cousin--skepticism.

Lisa Mobayed is a recent graduate of Andover Newton Theological School and the ministerial intern at First Parish of Wayland. She resides with her husband and teen-age daughters in both the vibrancy of Newton, MA and the beautiful stillness of the Monadnock Region of New Hampshire. Lisa considers nature her first gospel and reads other religious texts through a mystical lens.

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!

Events Coming Up

A Service in Celebration of the Life of Nancy Gleason

Friday, July 12th ~ 11:00 am, Sanctuary
Rev. Kim will memorialize Arlington Street's beloved Nancy Gleason. Please join Herb Gleason, their family, and Nancy's many friends and admirers for this beautiful rite of passage.

Prudential Committee Meeting

Tuesday, July 16th ~ 6:00 pm, Perkins Room
This will be the first Pru meeting of the new church year. Shane McBride is serving as Pru Chair and Harlow Robinson as Vice-Chair. We welcome our three new Pru members: Alex Frost, Kerry Marshall, and Thomas Simers. The Pru does not meet in August.

Membership Team Meeting

Monday, July 22nd ~ 6:30 pm, Perkins Room
The Membership Committee's purpose is to ensure that Arlington Street is a visible and welcoming community that supports existing members and facilitates a deepening of individual members' belonging. Please consider joining us at this or any meeting to share your ideas, ask questions, or support our efforts.

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!

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