

The Wednesdays: Chekhov Short Stories

Wednesdays, May 13th and 27th, 6:00–8:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Professor Alan Helms writes, “Though Chekhov was celebrated as a major playwright for most of the last century, in the past 25 years or so his fame has rested increasingly on his short stories. He began writing them as a young medical student in Moscow to make money for his down-and-out family, and he soon found himself so popular that writing fiction became as absorbing an activity as his medical career. “Medicine is my wife but literature is my mistress.” By the time he died at the early age of 44, he had produced over 200 short stories—a body of work that permanently almost altered the form and profoundly influenced all of the writers who followed him: Joyce, Woolf, Faulkner, you name ‘em. His fiction is celebrated for its economy, penetrating psychology, and amazing empathy. He is, in short, the Shakespeare of short fiction. If I could take only two writers to a desert island, I would choose Shakespeare and Chekhov without a moment’s hesitation.” We’ll be using the Norton Critical Edition of Chekhov’s short stories which you’ll find for sale at Amazon & abebooks.com. Join Professor Alan and Rev. Kim for Chekhov; all are welcome, no shipwreck necessary!

Other Announcements

Back Bay Area Street Closings

The Boston Marathon, Monday, April 20th, 2009
Beginning at approximately 10:00 AM

Closures: Beacon Street, through Kenmore Square, Commonwealth Avenue, Hereford Street, and Boylston Street.

Patriots Day Parade

Monday, April 20th, 2009
Beginning at 9:15 AM, City Hall Plaza

Closures: Cambridge Street, Tremont Street, Bromfield Street, Washington Street, State Street, Congress Street, Hanover Street, ending at the Paul Revere Mall.

Greek Independence Day Parade

Sunday, April 26th, 2009
Beginning at 1:00 PM on Dalton Street at Boylston Street

Closures: Begins on Dalton Street and Boylston Street, Boylston Street, Charles Street, ends at the Boston Common.

Please be advised that parking in and around Arlington Street Church will be affected by these events.

Meet the UUA Presidential Candidates!

Sunday, April 19th, 7:00 PM, UU Society of Wellesley Hills

You are invited to meet the UUA Presidential Candidates, Peter Morales and Laurel Hallman.

The election of our new president will occur at General Assembly in June. If you re interested in the future of our faith, this is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to get your questions answered!

The UU Society of Wellesley Hills is located on 309 Washington Street, Wellesley Hills, MA 02481.

Contact: 781-235-7423

Directions and map: <http://www.uuwellesley.org>

Learn more about the candidates:

Laurel Hallman: <http://www.hallmanforuuapresident.com/>

Peter Morales: <http://www.moralesforuuapresident.org/>

UUA Election website: <http://www.uua.org/aboutus/governance/elections/>

Our Principles and Sources

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations is considering updating and refining the wording for the principles and sources of Unitarian Universalism. To learn more, please visit uuworld.org/news/articles/128147.shtml



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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 noon 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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NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 19TH, 2009

Today’s Events

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Let’s gather downstairs for coffee, comestibles, and community! If you’re visiting Arlington Street Church, or would like more information about Unitarian Universalism, please visit the Welcome Table. The children are in the Perkins Room, right off the Parish Hall; stop by to see what they have been up to this morning. And there’s always something going on at the Social Action Table. All are welcome. Enjoy!

Longwood Symphony Orchestra Chamber Players

Today, 3:00 PM in the Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street Church welcomes back our Artists in Residence, the Longwood Symphony Orchestra! The Longwood Symphony is comprised primarily of health care professionals and all of the proceeds from their performances benefit medically-related nonprofits. Join them for a fantastic afternoon recital of chamber music! The program is comprised of Ravel’s *Piano Trio* (1914), Brahms’ *Clarinet Trio in A minor* Op. 114, and Schubert’s *Quartet No. 14 in D minor* D. 810 “Death and the Maiden.”

Children’s Religious Education

Join Erick and Rev. Dan this morning as the children continue their journey into Unitarian Universalist Identity. We have two classes, the Chalice Children (ages 3-5) and the Explorers (ages 6-9). If you are new, this is a great time to visit and experience with your child what Arlington Street Church School is all about! The children will be sung out to class with the *Children’s Blessing*, and go downstairs to the Perkins Room. All are welcome!



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Congregational Announcements

Jazz and Service in New Orleans

The biannual service trip to New Orleans is approaching fast! During the last week of April through the first part of May, Arlington Street Church members will be traveling to the Pelican State for a week of work, good food, fellowship, and jazz in support of our sisters and brothers at First Church. Arrive early or stay longer, and enjoy the delicious food and soulful music of Jazz Fest.

If you would like to support our work, either in person or financially, check out the Arlington Street Church website, www.ASCBoston.org, or contact NewOrleans@ascBoston.org

Talking Our Walk Is Taking it to the Streets

On Friday April 24th, from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm, the Massachusetts Chapter of the US Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association is sponsoring a creativity event entitled Embracing Each Other Through Community, Wellness, Creativity, and Art. This event will showcase the artistic abilities of individuals living with mental illness. The event includes art, music, movement, storytelling, and laughter yoga.

All are invited to join Rev. Dan and members of the Talking Our Walk Group who will be attending the event. E-mail Dan if you would like to accompany folks from the church. Otherwise, just show up at the VINFEN Training Center, 35 Medford St., Somerville – just a short walk from the Lechmere T station. Hope to see you there!

Congregational Conversation: General Assembly

Sunday, April 26th, 12:30 PM, the Clarke Room

Every year the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations gathers for General Assembly (GA). The purpose of GA is to make overall policy for carrying out the purposes of the Association and to direct and control the affairs of the Association. Voting at GA is done by accredited delegates from certified member congregations, certified associate member organizations, and trustees. This year, Arlington Street Church is sending five delegates and an alternative. One of the issues facing this year's GA is selecting a successor to Rev. Bill Sinkford, who will be concluding his eight years of excellent service as president of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Two ministers are running to fill this position: Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman and Rev. Peter Morales. Arlington Street's five delegates will be casting their votes for one of these candidates.

To learn more about General Assembly and the issues being discussed at this year's GA, please plan to attend this informative Conversation.

Emergency Evacuation Training

Sunday, April 26th, 12:30 PM, in the Sanctuary

The Arlington Street Church Security Task Force will be conducting training for anyone who is willing to assist in the safe and orderly

Coming Up...

Sunday, April 19th, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Young Adults Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Lead Usher Greeter Meeting/Security Task Force
- 3:00 PM Longwood Symphony Chamber Players Concert Hunnewell Chapel
- 6:00 PM Building Your Own Theology - Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, April 20th, 2009

- 10:30 AM Monday Connections Group - Perkins Room

Tuesday, April 21st, 2009

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room

Wednesday, April 22nd, 2009

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

Thursday, April 23rd, 2009

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, April 24th, 2009

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

Saturday, April 25th, 2009

No congregation related events at this time

Sunday, April 26th, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Emergency Exit Training - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Congregational Conversation GA - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Young Adults Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 1:00 PM Sunday Connections Group - Perkins Room
- 1:30 PM Melissa Cox Concert- Hunnewell Chapel
- 6:00 PM Building Your Own Theology- Hunnewell Chapel

*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.

evacuation of congregants from the sanctuary in case of an emergency. We will gather in the front of the sanctuary. There will be a short introduction, followed by a walk through of the evacuation plan. We would like to familiarize as many people as possible with this protocol.

Sacred Eros: Discussion Group on Sexuality and Spirituality

Thursday, April 30th at 7:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

This month, the Boston Phoenix ran a feature article on our city's "underground" fetish and kink scene (see Sara Faith Alterman at thephoenix.com).

Is there a spiritual side to this scene? Feel free to come with questions, concerns, stories, and something for the refreshment pile.

Covenant Renewal

Sunday, May 3rd, 11:00 AM

Covenant Renewal Sunday is when Arlington Street Church members and supporting friends pledge their financial support for the upcoming year (July 2009 through June 2010).

So that your commitment is included in the total announced during the worship service on Covenant Sunday, you must pledge on or before May 3rd. Brochures and pledge sheets can be found in the pews, at the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour, online at www.ASCBoston.org, and in the church office.

This year's Covenant Sunday will feature special musical performances from the choir and a luncheon provided by volunteers from the Friday Night Supper Program.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment!

Unitarian Universalist Reading Group

Mondays, 7:00 PM, beginning May 4th in the Stage Right Room

The UU Reading Group will be continuing their readings in May. New members are invited to join! The next book the group will be reading and sharing is *The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason* by Sam Harris. The book draws on the insights of neuroscience, philosophy, and eastern mysticism to explore the clash between reason and religion today. The book is available from amazon.com for \$9.86.

To sign up, send an email to Richard Mattoli in care of Office@ASCBoston.org or visit the membership Table during Coffee Hour.

Annual Gala Celebration & Auction Benefiting the Boston Gay Men's Chorus

With special guest Sandra Bernhard

Saturday, May 9th, 7:00 PM, The Roxy Theatre

Raise your voice in support of the Boston Gay Men's Chorus' mission of creating a more tolerant society through the power of music. Tickets for this event can be purchased online at www.bgmc.org or by calling 617.542.SING. Enjoy an evening of cocktails, tasty hors d'oeuvres, festive silent and live auctions, and a featured performance by acclaimed actress and comedian Sandra Bernhard.

The BGMC is seeking volunteers to work behind the scenes to help make the event a success. Volunteers will receive complimentary tickets to the BGMC's upcoming "TOTALLY 80's" concert during Pride weekend in June. To get more information on volunteering, contact Guy Croteau, Volunteer Chair at volunteersog@bgmc.org or by calling 781.223.0209.



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