

inherently bad and harmful. Some say erotica can be good for you, even spiritually inspiring. Bring your opinions, your questions, your favorite examples, and some munchies or beverages to share.

Unitarian Universalist Reading Group

Mondays, 7:00 PM, in the Stage Right Room

The Unitarian Universalist Reading Group will be continuing their readings this month. New members are invited to join! The group is reading and sharing *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. 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.

The Wednesdays: Chekhov Short Stories

Wednesdays, May 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 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.

For this meeting, “Misery”, “The Student” (Chekhov’s favorite of his more than 200 stories), “Agatha”, “The Darling” and “The Bishop”.

Join Professor Alan and Rev. Kim for Chekhov; all are welcome, no shipwreck necessary!

Other Announcements

GAYLA Unitarian Universalist Retreat

July 18th – 25th, Unitarian Universalist Ferry Beach Retreat

GAYLA is a week-long retreat for gay and bisexual men at Ferry Beach, the Unitarian Universalist retreat in Maine. Activities will include: practical spirituality, ecology, the arts, an optional Morning

Chapel, volleyball, and themed evening activities. Enjoy the sumptuous family style meals, Maine scenery with beach, waves, and sand dunes, along with opportunities to participate in the Northeast Unitarian Universalist Choral Festival. Feel free to talk with past Arlington Street Church attendees Joel Light, Philip Roberts, and Steve Vorenberg. For more information visit, www.ferrybeach.org, or call (207) 284-8612.

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 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 will be a \$10 charge that will go to the church.

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.



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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.

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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INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 17TH, 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!

Converge: Incomer and Homegrown Unitarian Universalists in Dialogue

Today, May 17th, from 1:00 – 3:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

What was church like when you were a kid? Care to explore your own perspective and hear about others? Here’s your chance.

Join us for Converge: Incomer and Homegrown Unitarian Universalists in Dialogue. Converge will include stories from incomers (folks who were not raised Unitarian Universalist) and homegrown (folks who were raised Unitarian Universalist) panelists. There will also be plenty of time for you to ask questions and share your own insight and experience.

Some questions we will explore include:

- What was the most influential aspects of the faith you were raised in as a child and/or adult?
- What about Unitarian Universalism excites, frustrates, or perplexes you?
- What rituals and practices in Unitarian Universalism speak to you today?
- Any other pertinent questions that you might choose to ask



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Join Liz Weber and Rev. Dan Kane for this opportunity to listen and learn from each other. All are welcome!

Children's Religious Education

All children are invited to join Erick DuPree, religious educator, on the chancel for the first hymn! Then we're off to the kitchen to make cookies for the congregation. The children will be sung out with the *Children's Blessing*, printed in the order of service. If you are new to Arlington Street Church, please join your child for this exciting opportunity to learn how the church school interprets "Service is our gift." All are welcome!

Congregational Announcements

Social Action

Please come to the letter-writing table today to sign letters to your state legislators regarding a bill to end mandatory minimum sentences. Mandatory sentencing requires judges to impose long predetermined prison terms, even if they believe that a different form of punishment would be more appropriate for a particular individual and better for public safety. The present laws are not conducive to rehabilitation or to re-entry programs that help former offenders to turn their lives around. A computer will be available for looking up the names and addresses of legislators.

Covenant Renewal

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

Brochures and pledge sheets can be found in the pews. They will also be available at the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour, online at www.ascboston.org/programs/covenant, and in the church office.

Sunday in the Park with Kim!

Sunday, May 24th, 12:00 PM, in the Public Garden

Pick up a lunch at the Sandwich Board (downstairs after the service) or bring a picnic and come enjoy a sunny day in our front yard: the beautiful Public Garden! All are welcome!

Humpday Brown Bag Lunch

Wednesdays, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

Are you unemployed, working from home, or just longing for connection in the middle of the week? If so, join Rev. Dan and other church folks for brown bag lunches on Wednesdays throughout the month of May. We'll eat, chat and share some dessert. Bring your own lunch and we'll provide the dessert. Hope to see you on humpday!

Coming Up...

Sunday, May 17th, 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 Jubilee - Archives Room
- 12:30 PM Young Adults Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Council - Clarke Room
- 1:00 PM Converge: Incomers and Homegrown Unitarian Universalists in Dialogue Group - Hunnewell Chapel
- 6:00 PM Building Your Own Theology - Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, May 18th, 2009

- 6:00 PM Covenant Committee - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Unitarian Universalist Reading Group - Stage Right Room

Tuesday, May 19th, 2009

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room

Wednesday, May 20th, 2009

- 11:30 AM Humpday Brown Bag Lunch - Perkins Room and Kitchen
- 3:30 PM *Staff Meeting - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, May 21st, 2009

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, May 22nd, 2009

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

Saturday, May 23rd, 2009

No congregation related events at this time

Sunday, May 24th, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:00 PM Sunday in the Park with Kim! (Picnic) - Public Garden
- 12:30 PM Young Adults Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 1:00 PM Sunday Connections Group - Perkins Room

*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.

Deepen Your Relationship with Arlington Street Church and Unitarian Universalism, Spring 2009

Sunday, May 31st, 12:45 PM – 3:00 PM, in the Frothingham Library

Thursday, June 4th, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

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 the final Path to Membership Class of the 2008-2009 church year.

The Path to Membership 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; Unitarian Universalist 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 Rev. Dan Kane, interim assistant minister, by email at DKane@ASCBoston.org or by phone at 617-536-7050 x18.

Music At Arlington Street Church

Bach Solo Cello Suites

Guy Fishman, Artist in Residence

Sunday, May 24th, 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 Johann Sebastian Bach's solo cello suites; his upcoming visit marks the third 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.

Concerto Antico

Sunday, June 7th, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary and 2:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Chamber Music Ensemble *Concerto Antico* comes to Arlington Street Church as part of the Boston Early Music Festival! They will join us for morning worship, performing Telemann's resplendent *Laudate Jehovah, Omnes Gentes* with the Arlington Street Church Choir! After the service, grab some lunch and come back to hear their afternoon recital in the chapel featuring the music of Haydn!

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Sacred Eros: Discussion Group on Sexuality and Spirituality

Thursday, May 28th, 7:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

Our theme for this month is "Word, Image, Flesh, Spirit." Sexually explicit writing and images have been around for centuries, made more widely available with the printing press and camera, and even more so with the Internet. Some say such words and images are

