

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!

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 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.

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.

Nature Lovers

We are looking for two or more volunteers to become faithful stewards of the church lawn. With the return of the green, it will need loving attention. If you have the time, and believe a good physical workout is music to the soul, we have the mower for you! Please contact the church office at 617-536-7050 and speak to either Jeffrey or Ed.

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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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 24TH, 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!

Sunday in the Park with Kim!

Today! 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!

Bach Solo Cello Suites

Guy Fishman, Artist in Residence

Today! 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; today’s 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.

Children’s Religious Education

Erick DuPree, religious educator, will lead the Chalice Children (K–2nd grade) and Rev. Dan Kane will lead the Explorers (3rd–6th grade) as our classes continue on their journey today, discovering Unitarian Universalist principles and identity. We will be sung out of worship with the *Children’s Blessing*, which is printed in the Order of Service, and go downstairs to the Perkins Room. If this is your first time visiting Arlington Street Church, this is an exciting opportunity to learn about church school! All children 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.

Fiscal Year Pledges

The church fiscal year ends June 30th. Please remember to fulfill your pledge of support to Arlington Street Church by then.

If you have any questions regarding your pledge or contributions, please contact the church office at 617-536-7050.

UUSC JustJourney to Kenya

May 31st, 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

In 2008, post election violence in Kenya convulsed this previously stable East African democracy with brutal killings of over 1500 people and the displacement of hundreds of thousands of Kenyans in ethnic and tribal violence.

In March, Doug Fiero and Mary Russell joined a group of Unitarian-Universalists from around the country to travel to Kenya and observe first-hand the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's response to this humanitarian crisis.

On May 31st, Doug and Mary will present the results of this JustJourney and the remarkable "grassroots" approach the UUSC has taken in Kenya.

Humpday Brown Bag Lunch

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

On Wednesday, May 27th, professional job coach Arnie Fertig, of jobhuntercoach.com, will be present at lunch to answer questions and offer suggestions for those who are currently in the job market. If you are looking for employment in this difficult marketplace, be sure to attend our brown bag lunch on May 27th! Bring your own lunch and we'll provide the dessert. Hope to see you on humpday!

Coming Up...

Sunday, May 24th, 2009

- 10:00 AM Leadership Meeting - Stage Right Room
- 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

Monday, May 25th, 2009

- Please be advised that the church office will be closed for Memorial Day.
- 7:00 PM Unitarian Universalist Reading Group - Stage Right Room

Tuesday, May 26th, 2009

- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly - Hunnewell Chapel
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center (ASZC) - Hunnewell Chapel

Wednesday, May 27th, 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
- 6:00 PM Talking our Walk Group - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM The Wednesdays Literary Salon - Frothingham Library

Thursday, May 28th, 2009

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room
- 7:00 PM Sacred Eros - Perkins Room

Friday, May 29th, 2009

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

Saturday, May 30th, 2009

No congregation related events at this time

Sunday, May 31st, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:15 PM Congregational Conversation - "What's on Your Mind" - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Social Action Committee - Hunnewell Chapel
- 12:30 PM Young Adults Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 12:45 PM New Member Class - Frothingham Library
- 1:00 PM Sunday Connections Group - Archives Room
- 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.

Deepen Your Relationship with Arlington Street Church and Unitarian Universalism: A Two-Part Class

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 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 two-part class that provides 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.

Pride!

Saturday, June 13th, 11:00 AM

All persuasions and allies are welcome to join in our annual pre-parade Pride service! This year's service features a banner parade, a tribute to Judy Garland, and young transpeople speaking about trans-formation of the world!

At 11:45 AM, we'll leave to march in the parade. Please come for the fun!

Music At Arlington Street Church

Music of Appalachia

Sunday, May 31st, 11:00 AM, in the Sanctuary

Arlington Street's own Alistair Kok (violin) and Mark David Buckles (guitar) are joined by guest musicians Aliah Rosenthal (cello) and Susan Kirchausen (viola/violin) for the Sunday morning worship service. They will perform folk music of Appalachia, including *Appalachia Waltz*, *The Lover's Waltz*, and the iconic *Ashokan Farewell*.

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*, *Omnnes 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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The Wednesdays: Chekhov Short Stories

Wednesday, 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