

a reminder of how we arrived at this point.”

The Beacon Hill Scholars invite you to come and hear the words of Frederick Douglass in this community reading of his 1852 speech:

Date: Saturday, July 4th, 2009
Time: 11:00 AM
Place: Harriet Tubman Park, South End
Intersection of Columbus Avenue & Warren Street

For more information, please contact Vincent Licenziato via the church office at 617-536-7050, x10 or at office@ASCBoston.org

GAYLA Unitarian Universalist Retreat

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

GAYLA is a week-long retreat at Ferry Beach for gay and bisexual men. Activities at this beloved Unitarian Universalist retreat in Maine will include practical spirituality, ecology, the arts, an optional Morning Chapel, volleyball, and themed evening activities. Enjoy the sumptuous family style meals, sandy beach, and 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.

Cool Tip: Sign up for the Green Electric Grid

Many of you have probably already signed up for NStar's renewable energy option on your electric bill.

But if you haven't yet done it, it only costs 1.4 cents per kWh — or about 10% extra — to be 100% transferred to the green grid!

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.



Arlington Street Church Young Adult Group: Summer Lunches and Meetings

Join the Arlington Street Church's Young Adult Group (ages 18–35) for lunch after the service every Sunday. Get food at coffee hour, somewhere around Boston, or bring your own food and meet in the Stage Right Room. The Stage Right Room is the first room on your left after going down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary. Meet welcoming and social folks, check in about your week, and enjoy good company.

Starting June 28th (the first of the summer services at Arlington Street Church), lunches will be less formal. We won't have a room reserved and will eat outside whenever it is nice.

Also, the Young Adult Group meets two Fridays per month at 7 PM in the Perkins Room (downstairs next to the kitchen) for activities, food, and worship. For summer, we'll be having one formal and one informal meeting each month. The formal meetings are on June 26th, July 24th, and August 21st. One of the cochairs will be in charge for each of the formal meetings. For the informal meetings on July 10th and August 7th, we'll have the room reserved and invite you to plan something!



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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 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.

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, JUNE 21ST, 2009

Today's Events

From the Safety and Security Task Force:

A "Thank You" to all the congregants and volunteers who participated in last Sunday's fire drill. We were able to evacuate the building in 90 seconds because of your assistance.

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!

Children's Religious Education

All children are invited to join Erick DuPree, religious educator, as he leads the children in a worship service to end our church year and kick-off the summer. Children's worship, a traditional Unitarian flower service, will take place in the Hunnewell Chapel. The children will recess to the Chapel during the *Children's Blessing* that is printed in the Order of Service.

Congregational Announcements

Please Clear Committee Mailboxes by June 30th

The area outside the nursery, where many of the church committee mailboxes are located, will be de-leaded and re-painted over the summer.

If you are a committee chair or co-chair please plan on removing any important items from your committee's mailbox by the end of June. All items left in the mailboxes after June 30th will be removed and discarded!!!

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 617-536-7050, either Jeff at x14 or Ed at x16.

Fiscal Year Pledges

The June 30th marks the end of the current church fiscal year. If you have not fulfilled your pledge for this year, please plan to do so by June 30th. If you have questions regarding the balance on your pledge, contact the church office at 617-536-7050.

July 1st begins our next fiscal year and Covenant Renewal is in high gear! To those who have made a commitment to Arlington Street Church for the next year, "Thank You!" If you have received a pledge brochure and not completed it, please consider returning your pledge as soon as possible. Members and supporters provide nearly 50% of the funds needed to run our programs and maintain the building.

Pledge forms are available in the pews and from the church office.

Our New Unitarian Universalist Association President

This June, Rev. Bill Sinkford will conclude 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 at the General Assembly, which will be held at Salt Lake City in June.

Information on Laurel Hallman can be found at <http://www.laurelhallman.com>. Information on Peter Morales can be found at <http://www.moralesforuuapresident.org>. Please visit these websites to inform yourself about these candidates. Please send all opinions to Molly Uline, UU Affairs Committee Chair, at mollyuline@gmail.com and she'll pass them on to the delegates. Arlington Street's delegates are Linda Evans, Jennifer Martin, David McClain, Katie Tyson, Heleni Thayer, and alternate, Heather Concannon. They look forward to your questions, concerns, and excitement!

Looking Ahead to Homecoming Sunday — Collect A Bit of Water From Your Summer Adventures

As we wind down this church year, let us look ahead to Homecoming Sunday, September 13, 2009, when we will merge the waters that we have collected from our summer adventures. Remember to grab a few drops of water from your summer travels, adventures or stirring moments. We will merge those waters on Homecoming Sunday, when Rev. Kim returns and we resume our regular church year schedule. Happy summer!

Dining with Dan — Providing Meals to Support Dan Hardenburgh

Church member, Sara Davis, is coordinating meals and visits for Dan Hardenburgh during Mary Ann's time at the Brighton House skilled nursing facility. We hope that church members and friends can provide Dan with a meal and dining companion at least once or twice per week. Please contact Sara via an email to the church office, office@ascboston.org, attention Sara Davis. Thank you to all who are providing support to the Hardenburghs during this difficult time.

Coming Up...

Sunday, June 21st, 2009

9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
10:30 AM New Member Joining Ceremony Prep. - Chapel
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
12:30 PM Young Adults Lunch - Stage Right Room
4:00 PM *Building Your Own Theology - Chapel

Monday, June 22nd, 2009

6:00 PM Covenant Committee - Perkins Room

Tuesday, June 23rd 2009

No congregation related events at this time.

Wednesday, June 24th, 2009

6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel

Thursday, June 25th, 2009

No congregation related events at this time.

Friday, June 26th, 2009

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

Saturday, June 27th, 2009

No congregation related events at this time.

Sunday, June 28th, 2009

9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
1:00 PM Stephanie McGuire Sings for New Orleans - Sanctuary

*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.

Humpday Brown Bag Lunch — Postponed

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

Are you unemployed? If so, join JP LaFond and other church folks for brown bag lunches on Wednesdays. We'll eat, chat, and share employment strategies. Bring your own lunch. Hope to see you on humpday! The Humpday Brown Bag lunches for June 17th, June 24th, and July 1st are postponed. JP Lafond will be out of town — pursuing job interviews!

Music At Arlington Street Church

Stephanie McGuire Sings for New Orleans

Sunday, June 28th, 1:00 PM, in the Sanctuary

Our beloved former alto section leader is making a stop on her summer tour here at Arlington Street Church! Her recital, *Songs of Wonder, Bliss, Loss and Fury* is a fundraiser for Arlington Street Church's ongoing work in New Orleans. In addition to song cycles

by Ravel, Britten, and Mahler, Stephanie and pianist Thomas Enman will present African-American art songs and an opera favorite or two. Come and hear beautiful music and contribute to Arlington Street Church's Partner Church service trips to New Orleans. Suggested donation: \$10.

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Marriage Study

June 25th – June 30th

A researcher from Indiana University is conducting a study on how congregations are shaping public understanding of marriage. Rather than public advocacy, the study focuses on how congregations perform marriage ceremonies to encourage good marriages. Ideally, the researcher is seeking a total of five people to participate in interviews — either as a group or individually.

The results of the study will appear in published papers, a book and in national journals and magazines. Participating individuals and congregations will not be identified.

The researcher will be in the Boston area June 25th – June 30th. If you think you may be interested and would like additional information, please contact Jeffrey Bouchard in the church office at 617-536-7050 x14 or at jbouchard@ASCBoston.org

Unitarian Universalist Reading Group

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

The Unitarian Universalist Reading Group will continue for the summer. Join us! We'll discuss *The Golden Compass* on July 6th and 20th. 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

The Meaning of the Fourth of July for the Negro: Reading Frederick Douglass in the Era of Barack Obama

Saturday, July 4th, 11:00 AM, Harriet Tubman Park

In his fiery July 5th, 1852 speech, the great abolitionist and orator, Frederick Douglass, took exception to being asked to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence... and on March 18th, 2008 Barack Obama challenged all Americans while delivering his "race" speech, "*I have never been so naïve as to believe that we can get beyond our racial division in a single election cycle. Race is an issue this nation cannot afford to ignore right now. To work for 'a more perfect union' we need to start to understand complexities that we've never really worked through. [This] requires*