

This year, the congregation, friends and supporters of Arlington Street Church give our thanks to Rev. Kim for 20 years of unparalleled service and ministry. The Arlington Street Church Choir will sing Unitarian Universalist composer Elizabeth Alexander's setting of Rev. John's Murray's words:

*Go out into the highways and by-ways  
And give the people something of your new vision.  
You may possess only a small light, but uncover it and let it shine.  
Use it to bring more understanding to the hearts and minds of all people.  
Give them not Hell, but hope and courage.  
Do not push them deeper into their despair,  
But preach the kindness and the everlasting love of God.*

### Talking Our Walk: A Discussion Group for People Affected by Depression

Third Wednesday evenings, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, Perkins Room

A wonderful, supportive atmosphere, facilitated by our own John Sacco, awaits in this open discussion group: not a substitute for therapy or medication, but a different kind of healing. Please speak with John or with Rev. Kim for more information. *You are not alone!*

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## Other Announcements

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### Arlington Street Cares

Second and Fourth Sundays, during Coffee Hour

Please plan to stop by the ASCares table to join Carol Fisher and Richard Mattoli in writing cards to members and friends of the Arlington Street community who might appreciate an expression of sympathy or hope, or just a friendly greeting. All are welcome!

### Volunteer Thanks!

A leg of the table in the Stage Right Room, which had become detached, was repaired by Edwin Geissler. Thank You Edwin!

To help prevent the legs separating from the table in the future, please lift the table into place. Dragging the table puts stress on the table legs.

### Love Singing? Love Community? Be Part of our Arlington Street Church Choir!

Do you love to sing? Would you like to be part of a community of sharing music? Do you want or need to take just a couple hours out of your week to create something beautiful? The Arlington Street Church Choir may be just the place for you! No musical experience necessary!

We find that making music with and for our community here at Arlington Street is a central and beautiful part of our spiritual practice as Unitarian Universalists. We rehearse one night a week

and sing Sunday mornings at our weekly services, performing an array of challenging, evocative repertoire spanning dozens of cultures, and centuries of musical and liturgical history.

The choir is open to all interested singers able to make a commitment to the choir's schedule. Attendance each week is not mandatory, though members find that it's difficult to function effectively if they miss more than a quarter of the rehearsals. We rehearse on Thursdays from 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Clarke Room on the second floor of the church. If you have any questions, please always feel free to contact our Director of Music, Mark David Buckles at MBuckles@ASCBoston.org.



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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, OCTOBER 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2009

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### Children's Religious Education

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Join Erick DuPree, religious educator, at the Children's Corner this morning at the front right of the sanctuary. Today, our new class structure begins, with classes offered for Little Lights, Chalice Children, and Explorers. Parents are encouraged to join their children today and discuss class placement of their child with Erick or with members of the Children's Religious Education Committee.

Children will leave for their classes today during the worship service's Children's Blessing.

All are welcome.

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## Today's Events

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### Association Sunday

Today, October 11<sup>th</sup>, Sanctuary

The theme of the third Unitarian Universalist Association Sunday is *Growing Our Diversity*. The initiatives to be supported this year include: expanding the *Building the World We Dream About* curriculum and associated resources and training; supporting congregations that are working to create a Unitarian Universalism that is racially, culturally, and economically diverse; and enabling Unitarian Universalist congregations and districts to minister effectively to youth and young adults who identify as people of color or multiracial, and to their families, in the areas of spiritual development, racial/cultural identity development, and leadership development.

### Gay Men's Spirituality Group New Member's Orientation Brunch

Today, October 11<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the Sunday Service

Gather on the Arlington Street steps

The Arlington Street Church Gay Men's Spirituality Group is a group of gay men at Arlington Street Church seeking to explore and promote community building and spiritual development and promoting the values of support, openness, commitment, trust, confidentiality, respect for differences, and loving kindness. Those interested in joining the group are invited to brunch today with current members at a nearby restaurant.

### **Buddha's Belly, the Buddhist Book Discussion: In the Lap of the Buddha**

Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel  
immediately preceding the Arlington Street Zen Center

At our next meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup>, we'll be discussing the *Diamond Sutra*. Bring any translation you'd like; we'll dig in together to this source text of Buddhism.

Our next book is Gavin Harrison's beautiful *In the Lap of the Buddha*. Gavin, a South African and longtime AIDS survivor, is a Buddhist meditation teacher in the Vipassana tradition. His story is one of having been transformed by suffering; his writing is lucid and uplifting. We'll be starting the discussion of this book on October 27<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

### **After the Saffron Revolution: The Struggle for Human Rights in Burma**

Tuesday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 – 9:00 PM, Sanctuary

From the front lines of the 2007 Saffron Revolution to their new lives here in the United States, three Burmese Buddhist monks from the All Burma Monks' Alliance will share their inspirational story of peaceful struggle for human rights for the people of their homeland. The event will include a presentation and discussion with the monks, as well as a screening of the new documentary, *Burma VJ*.

## **Congregational Announcements**

### **Thinking About Becoming a Member of Arlington Street Church?**

We welcome all! Arlington Street Church is a thriving spiritual community.

Beginning November 1st, on every first and third Sunday we will offer **Path to Membership** immediately following Sunday service. Acting Associate Minister Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek, Linda Evans, Bob Sessions and the Membership Team will be leading "Path to Membership" classes. This is an opportunity to learn more about the meaning, expectations, and benefits of church membership. If you have been considering joining us, this is the place to start! Conversation will be brief and informal, no more than 15 or 20 minutes or so. No RSVP needed; just come find us in the Archives Room off the Parish Hall downstairs during Coffee Hour.

There will also be a quarterly half-day class for new members ("**So You Want to Be a UU?**"). Anyone who is interested in joining the church should plan to attend, and current members

## **Coming Up...**

### **Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM ASC Annual Gala Committee - Archives Room
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 3:00 PM Alistair Kok Concert - Chapel
- 4:30 PM Concert Reception - Parish Hall and Kitchen

### **Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

- 6:00 PM Prison Education Group - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Gay Men's Spirituality Group - Chapel

### **Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Finance Committee - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center - Chapel

### **Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

- 3:30 PM \*Staff Meeting - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 7:00 PM UU Affairs Committee - Perkins Room

### **Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

### **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

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

### **Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

No congregation related events at this time.

### **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 Congregational Conversations - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Young Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 1:30 PM Molly Wood Recital - Sanctuary and 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](http://www.ASCBoston.org).



who would like to deepen their engagement are welcome as well. The first class will be Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 12:30 to 4 in the Hunnewell Chapel. Share with others the story of your spiritual journey, learn about membership in Arlington Street, gain a brief overview of Unitarian Universalism and of this church, learn about how we get things done here, and more. Before the class is over, you will be invited to sign the Membership Book. We'll provide snacks and handouts, so please let us know if you plan to attend – RSVP to Rev. Yvonne at [yesyvonne@ascboston.org](mailto:yesyvonne@ascboston.org) or at 617.536.7050, ext. 18.

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### **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.

### **Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek, Preaching**

Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Transitions and changes are inherent in life, and adjusting to the demands of life's unfolding can be daunting. What is our calling as a community of faith and as individuals in the face of relentless change? Arlington Street Church's new Acting Associate Minister will lead worship, delivering her first sermon here as a member of the ministerial team. The choir will sing "A Navajo Prayer," by Cary John Franklin. Please join us that day, and bring a friend.

### **20 Years of Leading Arlington Street Church Celebrating Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie**

Sunday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

On October 28<sup>th</sup>, 1989, Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie was installed as the new Senior Minister of Arlington Street Church. 20 years ago, Arlington Street had only a saving remnant of members and did not even own a typewriter. The sanctuary was upholstered in red and we had one telephone line. Our minister was the first and only woman minister in Boston's Back Bay. For the past 20 years, Rev. Kim has inspired thousands of people with her spiritual guidance and leadership.