

Sacred Eros: Discussion Group on Sexuality and Spirituality

Monday, October 26th, 7:00 PM, Perkins Room

We often use myths, parables and other narratives to convey our spiritual values and outlook. At our next meeting, we will be examining 'stories' — what stories have shaped our individual views of the erotic. Bring tales to tell, questions to ask and munchies to share.

Daylight Savings Time Ends Sunday, November 1st, 2:00 AM

Remember to 'fall back' one hour on November 1st.

Music At Arlington Street Church

Saint Cecilia's Day

Sunday, November 22nd, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Arlington Street Church welcomes members of the Longwood Symphony Orchestra, our Artists in Residence, for a special service featuring a performance of George Frideric Handel's magnificent cantata *Ode to Saint Cecilia's Day!* Saint Cecilia, the patron saint of music, is one of seven women, excluding Mary, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. Her musical fame rests on the legend that she praised God, singing to him, as she lay dying.

Handel's music, composed in 1739, is scored for two trumpets, two oboes, two bassoons, timpani, harpsichord, strings, solo soprano, solo tenor, and choir. The text is written by the English poet John Dryden; the main theme is the Pythagorean theory of harmonia mundi, that music was a central force in the creation of the world.

Other Announcements

Halloween Treat — Big Broadcast of October 30th 1938

The Post Meridian Radio Players will perform the *Frank Cyrano Byfar Hour & The War of the Worlds: The Fall of Boston* at the Somerville Theater (Davis Square) for four shows, Oct. 29th–31st. There will be original music performed by the Emperor Norton's Stationary Marching Band, along with live sound effects, and Martians! You can buy tickets online at bb1938.com for \$15, \$20 at the door. More information is available online at <http://bb1938.com/>

Lots of Arlington Street folks plan to attend the Saturday evening (10/31) performance. Join us!

Health Care Reform 2009 Forum

Tuesday, November 3rd, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Parish Hall

Arlington Street Church Prudential Committee member Dr. Doug Fiero, along with Dr. Steffie Woolhandler, will present their views on health care reform during an open discussion forum. All are welcome. Please come with your questions regarding this national issue.

Steffie Woolhandler, M.D. MPH, is a professor of medicine at Harvard and a primary care doctor in Cambridge. She is a co-founder of Physicians for a National Health Program, <http://www.pnhp.org>, whose 17,000 physician members advocate for a non-profit national health insurance option for the U.S.

Doug Fiero, M.D. MPH, has been in private practice for over 30 years, and is now working part time in community health centers in the South End and in Roxbury, and for Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program.

Save The Date

Corporation Meeting

Sunday, November 8th, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary

Kate Wilkinson Ordination

Sunday, November 8th, 3:00 PM, Sanctuary



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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, OCTOBER 25TH, 2009

Today

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. All are welcome!

Arlington Street Cares

Today, during Coffee Hour

ASCares are volunteers who write cards to members and friends of Arlington Street Church who might appreciate an expression of sympathy or hope, or just a friendly greeting. Join Carol Fisher, Michael Orzech and Richard Mattoli at the ASCares table during Coffee Hour.

Young Adult Group

The Young Adult Group (ages 18 – 35) meets after the Sunday service for lunch in the Stage Right Room. You can purchase food from the Sandwich Board during Coffee Hour, or bring your own food. The Stage Right Room is the first room on your left after going down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary.

The Young Adult Group also meets two Fridays per month at 7 pm in the Perkins Room (downstairs next to the kitchen) for activities, food, and worship. All young adults are welcome!

Children's Religious Education

Today, church school children will be making brownies in honor of Rev. Kim's 20th Anniversary! Please join the children after the service at the Welcome Table for free brownies! All children are welcome to join religious educator Erick DuPree at the Children's Corner in the front right of the sanctuary at the beginning of worship. Children will leave during the Children's Blessing. The church kitchen is located downstairs. All children and parents are welcome!

Special Note: Due to severe allergies this cooking activity is peanut free!

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

Tuesday, October 27th, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel
immediately preceding the Arlington Street Zen Center

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. All are welcome!

Lama Surya Das

Wednesday, November 18th, 7:30 – 9:15 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

\$15 (proceeds will be shared with the church)

Please join Rev. Kim in welcoming to Arlington Street her beloved and esteemed friend, Lama Surya Das.

Lama Surya Das is one of the foremost Western Buddhist meditation teachers and scholars, one of the main interpreters of Tibetan Buddhism in the West, and a leading spokesperson for the emerging American Buddhism. The Dalai Lama calls him "*The Western Lama*."

Surya has spent thirty-five years studying Buddhism with the great masters of Asia, including the Dalai Lama's own teachers, and has twice completed the traditional three year meditation cloistered retreat at his teacher's Tibetan monastery. Founder of the Western Buddhist Teachers Network with the Dalai Lama, he is also active in interfaith dialogue and social activism and regularly organizes its international Buddhist Teachers Conferences.

Surya Das is the author of many bestselling books, including *Awakening the Buddha Within: Tibetan Wisdom for the Western World*, and, just last month, *The Mind is Mightier Than the Sword*.

Please join us! All are welcome!

Congregational Announcements

Narthex Renewal!

You may have noticed a collection of ladders and scaffolding in the Sanctuary Narthex. The Narthex, or vestibule, will be plastered and the surfaces prepared for re-painting in a few weeks. We will be making every attempt to minimize disruptions to scheduled activities in the Sanctuary while the plastering and re-painting are underway.

El Dia de los Muertos ~ Day of the Dead

Sunday, November 8th, 11:00 PM, Sanctuary

Please plan to join us for our annual observance of the Day of the Dead, All Souls and All Saints Day. We will celebrate the lives of beloved friends

We invite you to cut out this calendar and clip it to your refrigerator or bulletin board!

Coming Up...

Sunday, October 25th, 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 Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room

Monday, October 26th, 2009

- 6:30 PM Membership Committee - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Sacred Eros - Perkins Room

Tuesday, October 27th, 2009

- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center - Chapel

Wednesday, October 28th, 2009

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

Thursday, October 29th, 2009

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, October 30th, 2009

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

Saturday, October 31st, 2009

No congregation related events at this time.

Sunday, November 1st, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Church Council - Clarke Room
- 10:00 AM Children's Chapel - Chapel
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Path to Membership - Archives Room
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:00 PM Sanctuary Emergency Evacuation Drill - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM ASC Event Committee - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Young Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right 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.



and family who have gone before us, calling out their names to affirm their continuing presence. You are welcome to place photographs or other mementos on the altar. Children of all ages are invited to wear costumes and take part in the costume processional.

Emergency Evacuation Drill Sunday, November 1st, Sanctuary

Immediately following the Sunday service on November 1st, there will be an evacuation drill of the church. This is the second emergency evacuation drill we have had this year. In our first drill, we were able to evacuate everyone from the church in 90 seconds! The district fire chief was very impressed with our orderliness and speed.

There is a need for volunteers to assist in the drill. If you are interested, speak to Rob Cuddi, Linda Evans, Philip Roberts, Ellen Spencer, Dan Moon, or Peter Lowber. Instruction will be provided to volunteers.

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.

Anyone planning to join should attend our quarterly half-day class for new members ("**So You Want to Be a UU?**"), on Sunday afternoon, November 22. RSVP: YesYvonne@ascboston.org.

Women's Spirituality Retreat

Saturday, November 7th, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street Church women of all ages are invited to join together for a one-day spirituality retreat. Nourish your spirit and connect with other women in the congregation. We will meet in the Hunnewell Chapel at Arlington Street Church at 10 am on Saturday, November 7th, 2009, and enjoy a planned program together. Bring a pen and notebook, paper, or a blank book for journaling. We will provide two different soup selections for lunch, one of them vegetarian. You are invited to provide the rest of the lunch meal by potluck. Before the retreat is over at 4 pm, we will decide whether, how often, and where the group will continue to meet, becoming an ongoing ministry of Arlington Street Church. The retreat's leaders include Linda Evans, Acting Associate Minister Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek, and Senior Minister Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie. RSVP to YesYvonne@ascboston.org by November 5th.