



THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS ...

Spiritual Passions, 2009

Spiritual Passion:

Communal Singing, Choir Open House

Today, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street Church's director of music, Mark David Buckles, and the Arlington Street Choir welcome you an afternoon of communal music-making: the spiritual passion of singing! We believe that the act of singing together is a central and beautiful part of our spiritual practice as Unitarian Universalists. Will you join us? We will learn, briefly rehearse, and sing together an evocative selection of beautiful and interesting pieces, and offer answers to questions like "can I sing in choir if I can't read music, or if I've never sung in a choir before?" (yes), and "what do you do during rehearsal anyway?" Come prepared to share the music within you.

UPCOMING PASSIONS

CHECK *INSIDE* FOR MORE INFORMATION

Spiritual Passion: The Art of Prayer

Sunday, February 22nd, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

This experiential workshop led by Dan Kane, interim assistant minister, is an opportunity to learn and practice the art of prayer: casting intentions from our hearts and minds into words and images, then putting them out into the universe via action, conversation, or even supplication, if we must, in order to bring them to fruition.

Spiritual Passion: Theatre in the Text

Sunday, March 8th, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Led by Susan Thomas, director of communication and programs.

Spiritual Retreat in the Wilderness - An Arctic Sojourn

Sunday, March 15th, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Led by Arlington Street Church member Lois Hartsough.

Spiritual Passion:

Only A Child hosts a visit from author Francisco Goldman

Sunday, March 29th, in the Clarke Room

Parking at Arlington Street Church

On Sunday mornings discount parking is available at the Back Bay Garage now at the rate of \$5 for the first three hours. Regular weekend rates apply thereafter. Back Bay Garage is accessible on Clarendon between Boylston and St. James streets. Present your parking ticket to an usher or at the Welcome Table during coffee hour to obtain the discount sticker.

Please note: Parking spaces in the alley are rented to private, non-Arlington Street Church members Monday through Saturday until 6:00 PM. **Spaces #1 and #2 are for our senior minister and business administrator and must be kept available at all times.** Violators will be towed at the owner's expense without warning.



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The ushers at the south door ate Bob and Doris.

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 noon by e-mail to inside@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, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2009

Today's Events

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Gather with Arlington Street Church's congregation in this lively and social environment. To find the Parish Hall, head downstairs at the rear of the sanctuary. All are welcome.

Social Action Table

The Social Action Committee invites you to sign a postcard to President Obama and the new congress urging enactment of the Employee Free Choice Act. This legislation would protect workers' freedom to choose a union without intimidation from management, as well as providing for mediation and binding arbitration when needed.

Calling all shoppers!

Bethel's food pantry needs your plastic bags!

Today, during coffee hour, at the Social Action Table

On the second Sunday of each month, we'll collect bags for the food pantry at Bethel Pentecostal Tabernacle Church in Dorchester. Bethel houses "Villages Without Walls," one of the projects supported by Jubilee, Arlington Street Church's Work in the World.

Children's Religious Education

The children of our church school will be offering cookies at the Cookie Corral. Join Erick DuPree, religious educator, and JP LaFond, guest teacher. We will leave for the kitchen after the children's benediction.

*Note: Our cookies are peanut and lactose free.

Music at Arlington Street Church

Brandon Brooks Cello Recital

February 15th, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Cellist Brandon Brooks returns to Arlington Street with an exciting afternoon recital including works by Antonín Dvořák and Johann Sebastian Bach!

Congregational Announcements

The Wednesdays: Shakespearean Tragedies

Wednesday, February 11th, 6:00 PM, in the Frothingham Library

Join us for The Wednesdays, Arlington Street's literary salon. Professor Alan Helms will be on hand to lead us through another of Shakespeare's tragedies. Any text will do, as long as it has numbered acts, scenes, and lines. We'll be reading the plays in what most people think is the chronological order of composition. The plays may be read online (see the links below).

February 11th: **KING LEAR** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Lear

February 18th: **MACBETH** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macbeth>

February 25th: **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antony_and_Cleopatra

On March 4th, we'll watch a DVD of one of the plays.

All are welcome!

Deepen your relationship with Arlington Street Church and Unitarian Universalism, Winter 2009

New Class begins today, 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM, in the Parish Hall, and concludes on Sunday, February 22nd, 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM, in the Parish Hall

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 an upcoming Path to Membership class.

The Path 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; UU 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 Susan Thomas, director of communication and programs, by e-mail at SThomas@ASCBoston.org or by phone at 617-536-7050 x13.

Coming Up...

Sunday, February 8th, 2009

9:30 AM	Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Social Action Committee - Archives Room
11:00 AM	Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
12:15 PM	Congregational Conversation: Budget - Clarke Room
12:30 PM	Young Adult Lunch - Stage Right Room
12:30 PM	Jubilee - Archives Room
1:00 PM	New Member Class - Parish Hall
1:00 PM	Communal Singing/Choir Open House - Hunnewell Chapel
1:00 PM	*Sunday Connections Group - Perkins Room

Monday, February 9th, 2009

6:00 PM	Prison Education Group - Stage Right Room
6:30 PM	Gay Men's Spirituality Orientation - Hunnewell Chapel
7:00 PM	Gay Men's Spirituality Group - Hunnewell Chapel

Tuesday, February 10th, 2009

6:00 PM	Buddha's Belly - Hunnewell Chapel
6:00 PM	Finance Committee - Perkins Room
6:45 PM	Children's Religious Education Committee - Clarke Room
7:00 PM	Arlington Street Zen Center - Hunnewell Chapel

Wednesday, February 11th, 2009

3:00 PM	*Staff Meeting - Perkins Room
6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga - Parish Hall
6:00 PM	The Wednesdays Literary Salon - Frothingham Library
6:30 PM	Environment and Energy Forum - Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, February 12th, 2009

7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room
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Friday, February 13th, 2009

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

Saturday, February 14th, 2009

No congregation related events at this time

Sunday, February 15th, 2009

9:30 AM	Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Worship Service - Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
12:30 PM	Young Adult Lunch - Stage Right Room
12:30 PM	Council - Clarke Room
1:00 PM	Brand

NOTE: This calendar is accurate as of noon the Wednesday before publication

Join the Covenant Renewal Team!

Covenant Renewal chair Paul Dakin is seeking interested Arlington Street Church members and friends to join the Covenant Renewal Committee. The Committee will meet regularly during February and March in preparation for Covenant Sunday, April 5th. There are roles for both extroverts and introverts! Financial pledges, membership outreach, and volunteer-service matchmaking are all part of Covenant Renewal. You can speak with Paul Dakin after worship today at the Welcome Table or reach him via e-mail at Covenant@ASCBoston.org.

Gay Men's Spirituality Group

Monday, February 9th, 7:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel.

This group, now in its 6th year, meets monthly for fellowship among the gay men of ASC who seek spiritual community with one another beyond Sunday worship. This month's meeting is open to new members. New member orientation begins at 6:30 p.m. with the regular meeting immediately following. Questions? Email gms@ascboston.org for more information.

To Renewal House with Love

Sunday, February 22nd, during the worship service, in the Sanctuary

This is our annual food drive for the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry's shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence. On February 22nd, please bring "child-friendly food," such as mac'n'cheese, juice boxes, peanut butter and jelly, little boxes of raisins. All food will be delivered to Renewal House. Thank you!

Women's Spirituality Group

Sunday, March 1st, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

The Women's Spirituality group enjoyed a wonderful first gathering and will gather again on March 1st to share "spiritual practices" with one another. Please join us and share a spiritual practice such as, prayer, meditation, walking, journaling, or whatever practice helps connect you along your spiritual journey. We will also share practices we would like to grow into as well as ways we can help each other keep before us the importance of spiritual practices for women and that nurturing our spirituality is central to our wellbeing.

Other Announcements

Circle of Memory for Butch Redding

Friday, February 20th, 7:00 PM, at First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 630 Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington Center.

Some members of the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Arlington are hosting an informal memorial gathering for Butch Redding on the anniversary of his death. We invite you to join us. We will light a candle at 7:00 PM, and we invite people to bring stories and memories to share. Feel free to also bring (or not) objects or foods that remind you of Butch. First Parish is located at 630 Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington Center. The church is on the #77 and #67 bus lines, and municipal parking is available on the other side of Mass Ave. For more information, please contact Lori Kenschaft through the Arlington Street Church Office.