



ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS ...

Spiritual Passions, 2009

Spiritual Retreat in the Wilderness - An Arctic Sojourn

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

Since childhood, nature has taught Lois spiritual lessons. In August 2008, she went on a women's wilderness camping trip to Gates of the Arctic National Park, which is in Alaska, north of the arctic circle. She will share her experiences of living in an area where the only human impact has been from nomadic hunter and gatherer cultures. On the last day of her trip, a grizzly bear came to the campsite, and one woman was mauled. She survived due to heroic efforts of the trip guides and all of the members. Discussion will consider lessons of 1) living with limited control of our environment; 2) appreciating the scale of wilderness in comparison to human experience; 3) discovering our true self by looking at the awesome beauty in wilderness and our vulnerability as humans.

UPCOMING PASSIONS

CHECK *INSIDE* FOR MORE INFORMATION

Creating Sacred Space

Sunday, April 5th, 2009 1:00 PM Hunnewell Chapel

Join Erick DuPree, religious educator as we empower ourselves and learn how to create Sacred Space. Whether it's our own chair in the corner or an entire room, one common thread among all sacred space is that it enhances our ability to commune with a higher power. From this flows an abiding source of strength and a deep feeling of connectedness. Learn how creating sacred space envelops you in mystery, heightens the senses and sparks feelings of peace, comfort, energy, and love. This is a Goddess themed activity drawn from Starhawk and our Unitarian Universalist sources.

violence of the society in which Only A Child operates. For more information about Only A Child, visit the OAC website at onlyachild.org. You may contact George Leger by email at onlyachild@aol.com.

NOLA Book Club

New Orleans, a city rich in culture, was taken to its knees by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Since the storms, there have been many books written about the struggles and hopeful rebirth of this great city. Please join us in reading *I Dead in Attic*, by Chris Rose, followed by *Do you know what it means to miss New Orleans?*. The group

is scheduled to meet the first four Wednesdays in April from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the church.

Jazz and Service in New Orleans

Mark your calendars for our biannual service trip to New Orleans during the last week of April through the first part of May. Join us for a week of work, jazz, good food, and fellowship in the Pelican State in support of our sisters and brothers at First Church, New Orleans. Arrive early or stay longer and enjoy the delicious food and soulful music of Jazz Fest.

If you cannot attend, please consider a donation to Arlington Street Church's Gulf Relief Fund and help sponsor a fellow congregant's week of service.

Check out the Arlington Street Church website, www.ASCBoston.org, for service trip specifics, or contact NewOrleans@ASCBoston.org

Please Note: Chili and Contra Dancing to "Balance" The Budget Has been Canceled

Greeters Needed!

Greeters are needed for Sunday mornings. No previous experience needed! Welcome visitors and members alike. It's a great way to meet people! To get more information or to sign up, visit the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall following the service.

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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NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH, 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!

Bach Solo Cello Suites

Guy Fishman, Artist in Residence

Today, 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. 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. Today marks the second installment: during today's service, Guy will perform all six movements of Bach's Suite No. 3.

Children's Religious Education

Today the children of the church school continue learning about the Principles of Unitarian Universalism. All children are welcome to join Erick DuPree, religious educator, following "Go in Joy" in the Perkins Room. The children will return to the sanctuary later in the service to lead the congregation in singing the Choral Benediction.



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Congregational Announcements

Arlington Street Church Corporation Meeting

Sunday, March 22nd, 2009

Agenda:

- *I. Membership Update
- *II. Election of ASC UUAGA Delegates/Alternates
- *III. Vote on the co-sponsorship of the Declaration of Religious and Faith-Based Support for Massachusetts Legislation, An Act Relative to Gender-Based Discrimination and Hate Crimes as drafted by the Interfaith Coalition for Transgender Equality**
- IV. Finance Report
- V. Prudential Committee Report
- VI. Congregational Conversation (Green Sanctuary)
- VII. Other Business

* Vote required

** For more information and the full text of the declaration, go to the Prudential Committee bulletin board in the Parish Hall

Other Announcements

Witness on the Sixth Anniversary of the Iraq War

Saturday, March 21st., 10a.m.- 2 p.m. Boston Common
by the Brewer Fountain at Park Street T Station

Over 4,300 US troops have been killed and over one million Iraqis have died. Five million have been either displaced or are refugees. \$1-3 trillion has been spent on the war and has helped create the current economic crisis.

We will gather to honor and grieve the dead; to say no to war; and to advocate for the reconstruction of Iraq, and for our returning troops who need healthcare and jobs. Please join us in support of President Obama, who has inherited the task of ending responsibly the war he opposed.

Gather to read the names of US and Iraqi war dead. This commemoration will include short statements, prayers, poetry, and music. Come for all or part of the event. It will be held rain or shine.

Building Your Own Theology

Sunday Evenings 6:00 - 7:30 PM, Beginning March 29th

Ever wanted to explore and define your own personal theology, write your own spiritual autobiography, learn more about Unitarian Universalist history and how it shapes the ways we worship and how we do church? *Building Your Own Theology* is a time-tested adult religious education course that offers the opportunity to do all of this and more. The course will meet over eight consecutive sessions,

from March 29th through May 17th with an additional meeting at which we will share our personal credos with each other and the larger Arlington Street Church community. This course involves weekly reading, writing and journal-keeping. You must enroll in this class in advance in order to receive the reading assignment for the first class. Enrollment is limited to ten people so reserve your spot now. Enrollment deadline is Tuesday, March 24th. Contact Dan Kane at DKane@ASCBoston.org with any questions or to reserve your place in this fascinating course.

Join our team of volunteers and help with Dan Kane's ordination!

We need volunteers to bring refreshments and snack-type foods such as fruit, cookies, cheese, and cake for Dan's ordination party! Dan's ordination service is Sunday, March 22nd and begins at 3:00 PM with the party immediately following.

We've decided to do assign suggested food and snacks alphabetically by last name: A-F bring sweets, G-P bring savory, Q-Z bring fruits or veggies. Of course if your culinary skills lead you to bring something that doesn't match your last name, please feel free to bring that instead!

It would be helpful if you could sign up ahead of time. Sign-up sheets will be available at the Welcome Table beginning Sunday, March 8th. For more information, to sign up, or if you have any questions, please contact Susan Thomas by email at SThomas@ASCBoston.org.

Volunteers are also needed to open their homes to Dan's family and friends. Many will be traveling to Boston for the weekend and may need housing. If you are willing to host one of Dan's guests, please contact Rob Cuddi via the Arlington Street Church office, 617-536-7050 or speak to Rob directly.

Sacred Eros

Thursday, March 26th, 7:00 PM in the Perkins Room

The focus for this month's meeting will be "labels". Quite often when sexuality is discussed terms like gay, lesbian, straight, bi or transgender are used to describe sexual orientation. Can these terms be too confining, or even misleading? What happens when labels don't seem to fit? Please come and share your views and join the discussion. Feel free to bring along munchies or a drink to share.

Project Only A Child Annual Fundraiser and Book Discussion

Project Only A Child, the program for Guatemalan street youths founded by Arlington Street Church's own George Leger, is holding its annual fundraiser Saturday March 28 at 7:00 PM at the Waltham Sons of Italy Hall on Cedar Street in Waltham. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the great work George is doing with the young people of Only A Child, funded in part by Jubilee, Arlington Street Church's work in the world. Enjoy a buffet supper

Coming Up...

Sunday, March 15th, 2009

8:00 AM	Children's Religious Education - Perkins Room
9:30 AM	Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
12:00 PM	Nominating Committee - Hunnewell Chapel
12:30 PM	NOLA Drop In Info Meeting - Archives Room
12:30 PM	Security Task Force - Clarke Room
12:30 PM	Young Adults Lunch - Stage Right Room
1:00 PM	Spiritual Passion, 2009 - Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, March 16th, 2009

10:30 AM	Monday Connections Group - Perkins Room
6:00 PM	Covenant Committee - Perkins Room
7:00 PM	U.U. Book Club - Archives Room

Tuesday, March 17th, 2009

6:00 PM	Prudential Committee - Perkins Room
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Wednesday, March 18th, 2009

3:30 PM	Staff Meeting* - Perkins Room
6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga - Hunnewell Chapel
6:00 PM	Talking our Walk Group - Perkins Room

Thursday, March 19th, 2009

7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room
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Friday, March 20th, 2009

5:00 PM	Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall and Kitchen
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Saturday, March 21st, 2009

There are no planned congregational events.

Sunday, March 22nd, 2009

8:00 AM	Children's Religious Education - Perkins Room
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 Adults Lunch - Stage Right Room
1:00 PM	Sunday Connections Group - Perkins Room
2:00 pm	Dan Kane Ordination - Sanctuary, Parish Hall, and 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.

and buy raffle tickets to win restaurant gift certificates, handcrafted Guatemalan textiles, and beautifully designed cedar boxes made in Only A Child's carpentry shop.

Tickets to the event are \$25 per person (\$15 seniors and students). Tickets are available at the Social Action table on Sunday mornings, or see any of these Arlington Street Church members and Only A Child Board members: Janice Brunts, Judy Chambliss, Sheila Murphy, or Don Tucker. This year Only A Child is also hosting a book discussion at Arlington Street Church on Sunday afternoon March 29th at 12:30 PM in the Clarke Room, with special guest Francisco Goldman, author of "*The Art of Political Murder: Who Killed the Bishop?*," a riveting book portraying the corruption and