UU Retreat for Gay & Bisexual Men

July 16th — July 23rd, UU Ferry Beach Park Association, Maine

Each summer at GAYLA about 100 men form a week-long community of acceptance, affirmation and celebration. Choose from optional activities including practical spirituality, ecology, and the arts, as well as optional morning chapel in the Grove, volleyball, and festively themed evening activities. Enjoy sumptuous family style meals; Maine scenery with beach, waves, and sand dunes; and opportunities to participate in the Northeast UU Choral Festival. Leave with amazing new friendships!

For more information or to register, visit www.ferrybeach.org/gayla.html or call 207-282-4489. Also, feel free to contact past ASC attendees including Kerry Marshall, Steve Vorenberg, & Joel Light at Office@ASCBoston.org.

Car Donations Made Easy!

Start your summer off on the right track by donating a vehicle. If you are finally splurging on that new vehicle, donate your trade-in to Arlington Street. Just click the link below or call 855-500-RIDE (7433). www.cardonatingiseasy.org/donate/?CharityID=4038

Join the Arlington Street Choir!
Every Thursday starting September 8th ~ 7:00 PM, Clarke Room

Experience the spiritual practice of communal singing! Take just a couple of hours out of your week to create something beautiful, make friends, and add more music to your life! Musicians and non-musicians are welcome—we are a mix of professionals and amateurs. All are welcome!

Children's Religious Education Wants You!

Would you enjoy assisting behind the scenes, sharing a story or your spiritual practice, going on a field trip, leading a sex ed class, holding babies, building with legos, or digging in the dirt? If the answer is yes, please contact Laura or Erica after Labor Day for more information at CRE@ASCBoston.org.



PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Service is Our Gift

Guest Speaker, Melissa Długolecki Worship Coordinator, Kate Birney Candles Coordinator, Patrick Cooleybeck Song Leader, Reese Millican Lead Greeter, Queen Cheryl Lead Usher, Kevin Tyrrell Assistant Treasurers, Dave Erbe & Nancy George

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting-edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE PRU MEMBERS ARE:

Tina Rose (chair) / Art Nava (vice chair) Rick Cresta / Alex Frost / Connie Scanlon Dave Erbe / Eve Lauria / Kerry Marshall

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Susie Nacco (treasurer) / Tori Bell & Gaby Whitehouse (co-moderators) / Doc Kinne (clerk)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. Braille hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs for CRE. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. Just off the Hunnewell Chapel is a nursery for fussy babies and their caregivers. The service is piped in, and a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

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SUNDAY, JUNE 26TH, 2016 Welcome to Summer Services

*You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.

PRELUDE

The Lone Wild Bird arranged: Robert Lau Tyler Turner, piano

CHALICE LIGHTING Elisabeth Kübler-Ross

"The most beautiful people we have known are those who have known defeat, known suffering, known struggle, known loss, and have found their way out of the depths. These persons have an appreciation, a sensitivity, and an understanding of life that fills them with compassion, gentleness, and a deep loving concern. Beautiful people do not just happen."

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

WELCOME AND GREETINGS

*Hymn 188

Come, Come, Whoever You Are

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle Cards are collected until the beginning of the first hymn. After the service, Candle Cards are posted downstairs during coffee hour. You may also submit a candle by Saturday night at the church website, ASCBoston.org, by clicking on "Worship."

Spirit of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me. Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.

Blow in the wind, rise in the sea:

Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.

Roots hold me close; wings set me free;

Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.

Y al corazón. cántale tu compasión.

Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;

Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida

Arráigame, libérame,

Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit of this congregation, And service is our gift. This is our great covenant: To dwell together in peace, To speak our truths in love, And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu de nuestra congregación Y el servicio es nuestro regalo. Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos: Convivir en paz, Hablar nuestras verdades con amor, Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN 95

There Is More Love Somewhere

SERMON

Surviving Up Melissa Dlugolecki

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

During the offertory, you are invited to open your heart and engage in the spiritual practice of generosity. For 287 years, the abundant support of our community has allowed Arlington Street Church to remain a beacon for liberal religious values in downtown Boston. Your gifts in the Sunday plate sustain both the church and the larger community – half of the offering is shared with a partner in our mission of love, service, justice, and peace. Thank you for your stewardship and support!

OFFERTORY

Bring Him Home from Les Miserables Alain Boublil, Claude Michel Schonberg, and Herbert Kretzmer Reese Millican, vocals

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 121

We'll Build a Land

*BENEDICTION Lexi Behrndt "Our job is not to infringe our methods on one another. Our job is to love fiercely, to extend a hand, to support. None of us will make it out of this lifetime alive, but we can make sure no heart makes it out unloved. Our job is to toss the rule books. To set aside our differences, to take the hand of one another, and to love with every last ounce of strength within us. To sit together, in the silence, in the noise.... to live, to love, to be set free.'

EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

Postlude in B-flatarranged: Michael Ryan Tyler Turner, piano



News from the Soul of Sunday

Sunday, June 26^{th} , 2016

All Are Welcome

We are glad you have joined us this morning for worship!

This morning, we invite you to:

- * Fill in the Welcome Card and place it in the collection plate;
- * Join us for coffee and a light lunch in the Parish Hall;
- * Introduce yourself to the service leaders, and;
- * Please come back again soon!

Today's Speaker

Melissa Dlugolecki joined the Arlington Street Community in 2014 and now serves on the Worship Committee. Melissa previously taught and coached and is currently the athletic director at Arlington High School. Melissa majored in psychology and sociology and continues to study education and philosophy. She is the proud mother to her late daughter, Leyden, and partner to Mike, both of whom inspire and strengthen Melissa each day.

Speaking on Sunday, July 3RDOur Great-Great Grandchildren Liz Weber

Imagine that our great-great-great-great grandchildren have come to visit, and they have two urgent questions to ask us. What are they? You'll have to come to find out! We'll explore how these questions can support our attempts to be our best selves and to build beloved community. On this Independence Day, we celebrate our interdependence with a time of playful but deep reflection.

Liz Weber is a seminarian at Andover Newton Theological School. Part of the ASC community since 2004, she will begin to serve the UU Church of Reading as their intern minister this fall. She looks forward to continuing to be in relationship with ASC throughout her internship and beyond. Ultimately, Liz is becoming a hospital chaplain; she is also an American Sign Language interpreter in private practice.

SUMMER WORSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

Summertime at Arlington Street

Every Sunday through Labor Day, a different member of the Arlington Street community will be preaching, while Rev. Kim, Beth, Mark David, and Laura Evonne are away on summer break. Should you need a minister over the summer, please call the church office at 617-536-7050. The admin staff is always here for you; Jeffrey, and Brad are glad to help! Happy summer, one and all!

During summer, life at Arlington Street Church slows down and Inside Arlington Street Church is published in this leaner format. Until Homecoming Sunday Service on September 11th, the best way to stay informed on all of the church's activities is to visit our website, ASCBoston.org and click on "Calendar." Jeff Bouchard, our facilities manager, keeps it current.

Childcare during Summer Worship Services

The formal CRE program begins again on Sunday, September 11th. Thanks in advance to Allie Dagg, an Arlington Street youth, who will be providing childcare again this summer. We are thrilled to have her back! Allie can be found in the "kids" box pew in the front of the sanctuary. We ask that older children/youth stay with their friends/ families during the service. Very young children can either stay in the service or use the nursery where the service is piped in.



Coffee Hour
Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for beverages, a light lunch, and community!



Summer Meditation Gatherings

Tuesdays, June 28th, July 12th & 26th ~ 7:00 PM, 92 Marlborough Street

This summer, while the Arlington Street Zen Center is on vacation, Martha Weiss has generously invited all interested meditators to meet at her beautiful office, located at 92 Marlborough Street, just a few blocks from the church. If you'd like to come, please contact Martha via the church office at office@ASCBoston.org.



Kundalini Yoga Class

Every Wednesday ~ 6:00 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 is a \$10 charge that goes to the church. First class is free!



Uncomfortable Conversations
Sunday, July 10th~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

The Transformation Team would like to offer a time and space to continue the conversation about developing an anti-racist worldview. At the January 9th workshop, we learned about the "Uncomfortable Conversations" which have been held at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of New Orleans. We hope to hold these conversations monthly at Arlington Street Church. All are welcome!

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