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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6TH, 2007

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.

The Spiritual Practice of Hospitality

Today, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, in the Parish Hall

While many churches talk about the importance of welcoming everyone, it is often unclear how to go about doing this. The Spiritual Practice of Hospitality is a participatory workshop led by David Rynick that gives a personal context and specific tools for becoming more inviting and inclusive to newcomers and to long-time members alike.

This workshop approaches hospitality as a practice that can allow us to deepen our relationship with each other, with ourselves, and with our truth. Instead of an obligation for 'their' sake, welcoming is an opportunity to practice what we believe. In this context, hospitality is not an institutional issue for the leadership or a committee to deal with, but a way of being that benefits us all.

Las Posadas

Today, following Spiritual Passions

Las Posadas is scheduled for today, El Dia de los Tres Reyes (Three Kings Day). Join us following the Spiritual Practice of Hospitality for this symbolic reenactment of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

At the Social Action Table

Come to the Social Action Table during coffee hour to sign a petition to the Canadian government asking them not to deport U.S. war resisters. This is a project of a group called Courage to Resist. The petition can also be signed on-line at www.couragetoresist.org.

While you are there you can also borrow a DVD from our library, and get pins to put on Sanctuario's map, to show where your ancestors came from.

Children's Religious Education

Today's lesson is Universally Unique: Beginning the exploration of faith. Seven principles for the Unitarian Universalist Child.

Save the date: Please join us on Sunday, January 27th, following the service for a meet the Children's Religious Educator potluck for parents, caregivers, families, and others interested in Children's Religious Education at Arlington Street Church - more details to follow.

Congregational Announcements

Jubilee, Arlington Street Church's Work in the World - Round #2!

Deadline for Applications is January 7th

Are you working with other church members and supporters doing "work in the world" with a focus on the greater Boston area? Does your work rebuild/deepen relations in Arlington Street Church partnerships as well as among church members and friends? Need some financial and other support? Arlington Street Church's Jubilee initiative will soon be supporting more such efforts. Last year's grantees included the Social Action Committee for its work with Villages Without Walls and the Partner Church Coordinating Committee supporting Arlington Street member involvement in rebuilding First Church, New Orleans. Applications for future support are due January 7th, 2008. Application forms and other information can be found at <http://www.ascboston.org/jubilee/>

Congregational Conversation

Sunday, January 13th, 12:30 PM – 1:30 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Get informed and involved with Arlington Street Church's bottom line in the New Year!!! Please join the Fundraising Task Force at our first in a series of finance-themed Congregational Conversation. We'll explain how our church groups are funded and how groups can effectively plan and coordinate events at Arlington Street. We'll also introduce guidelines being developed to encourage individuals and groups to plan activities that will build fellowship. For more information, contact Ed Thomas in the church office.

The Task Force plans to hold future finance related Congregational Conversations on the annual budgeting process, the importance of Covenant Renewal, and a building Master Plan.

Music at Arlington Street Church

Longwood Symphony Chamber Players

Sunday, January 13th, 3:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Members of the Longwood Symphony perform three concerto masterworks of the Baroque:

Albinoni's Oboe Concerto in d minor, and Bach's Brandenburg Concertos No. 4 in G Major and No. 5 in D Major.

Coming Up...

Sunday, January 6th, 2007

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-up - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Longwood Symphony Warm-up - Hunnewell Chapel
- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee - Archives Room
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary**
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary Committee - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Music Director Search Committee - Archives Room
- 1:00 PM Spiritual Passions - Parish Hall

Monday, January 7th, 2007

- 10:30 AM *Connections - Clarke Room
- 6:30 PM *Connections - Frothingham Library

Tuesday, January 8th, 2007

- 5:30 PM Jubilee Committee - Stage Right Room
- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly Reading Group - Hunnewell Chapel
- 6:00 PM UU Affairs - Archives Room
- 6:00 PM Finance Committee - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center - Hunnewell Chapel

Wednesday, January 9th, 2007

- 3:00 PM *Staff Meeting
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Clarke Room
- 6:00 PM *Human Resources Committee - Archives Room

Thursday, January 10th, 2007

- 5:30 PM Music Committee - Hunnewell Chapel
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, January 11th, 2007

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

Saturday, January 12th, 2007

- 10:00 AM Music Work/Cleaning Party - Clarke Room

Sunday, January 13th, 2007

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-up - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Longwood Symphony Warm-up - Hunnewell Chapel
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary**
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Congregational Conversation on Fund Raising -
Hunnewell Chapel
- 1:00 PM Membership Class part 1 of 2 - Clarke Room
- 1:00 PM Spiritual Passions - Frothingham Library
- 3:00 PM Longwood Symphony Chamber Players Concert -
Hunnewell Chapel

* This program is currently closed.
Check *Inside* for the next open 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.

Gay Men's Spirituality Group New Members' Orientation

Monday, January 14th, 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

This group, now in our 5th year, meets monthly for fellowship among the gay men of ASC who seek spiritual community with one another beyond the Sunday worship. We open the group at three points in the year, including January. New members are welcome at this time! Come to the above Orientation evening to learn more and/or to join the group. Our monthly meeting follows from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Questions? E-mail GMS@ASCBoston.org for more information.

Arlington Street Church Goes to Memphis !!

The Arlington Street Church Anti-Racism Network is gathering a group to attend the Unitarian Universalist Allies for Racial Equality Conference in Memphis, Tennessee Feb 1st – 3rd, 2008. Join us for a life-altering and spiritually-awakening weekend. This conference is for Unitarian Universalists who identify as white and share a goal of learning to work to end racism. For more information about the network or the conference, please contact Liz Weber through the church office at Office@ASCBoston.org or 617-536-7050. The conference website is www.uuallies.org

Lunch with the Staff and Ministers

This wonderful, monthly tradition will resume this spring, once the worst of the winter weather has passed (we hope!)

Planning a Public Health Initiative

Do you have experience in public health in developing countries? What do you know about program design and capacity-building in low-resource settings? Please contact Rev. Kim at office@ascboston.org. Thank you!

Spiritual Passions

Dancing with your Own Inner Goddess

Sunday, January 13th, 1:00 PM, in the Frothingham Library

The dance of the Goddess is passion, love, nature, and connection with life. In this experiential workshop for women, explore how you can become more Conscious as a woman, and how Goddess archetypes, through the myth of the Goddess Persephone, can support your own expression of the Divine. If you wish to bring a small offering for an altar to Persephone, please come a few minutes early.

From seventh through twelfth grades, Sarah Blodgett and Rev. Kim went to the same schools, were members of the same Girl Scout troop, and attended the same Unitarian Universalist church! Sarah's been on an amazing journey since then; Kim is delighted to welcome her old friend to Arlington Street Church. This workshop is drawn from her work with unlimitednetwork.com.

The Art of Prayer

Sunday, January 20th, 1:00 PM

This experiential workshop 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.

Dan is a former lawyer who, by amazing grace, is completing his studies for the Unitarian Universalist ministry. This year, he is serving as Arlington Street's intern minister.

The Ordination of Lauren A. Smith

January 27th 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Lauren was an active member of Arlington Street Church until she left for Starr King School for the Ministry. Lauren has completed her training and is ready to be ordained! Ordination is our sacred privilege and a joyous occasion in the life of our congregation. Please join us for this very special Spiritual Passion!

Other Notices

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 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.

Arlington Street Church Community Check-in and Nametags

Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie, the Head Ushers, and the Growth & Transformation Team are pleased with the continued success of Arlington Street Church's

Community Check-in program.

Our new program centers on all-new Arlington Street nametags to foster a more welcoming atmosphere as we gather each Sunday in love and service to each other and to the world. It will also enable us as a congregation to better connect and care for one another. Thank you to all Arlington Street members and friends for your full support of this new program!

Hardenbergh, Dan



Dan

Given in Honor or Given in Memory...

If you would like to dedicate flowers for our sanctuary in honor or memory of the important people in your life, please call Corey Spence in the church office.

Podcasting to a Computer Near You!

Arlington Street Church's Sermons are "Live" in Cyberspace!

In an on-going outreach effort, Arlington Street Church is proud to announce that our weekly sermons are available as a podcast. Each sermon will be made available mid-week and will stay online for at least two months. Arlington Street's podcast is a really simple way of receiving an audio file of our weekly sermons on your home computer. The nice part is that you can choose the sermons you want to hear again, or the sermons you missed, and listen whenever you want, for free! Despite the name, you don't need an iPod, nor will Arlington Street Church actually broadcast anything. Follow the directions on Arlington Street's website. All you need is a computer with audio software (like the popular and free program iTunes), and we'll will take care of the rest.



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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 ASC Submission Guidelines

Please deliver all Sunday announcements before Tuesday at 10:00 PM 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. The Parish Concerns committee and ASCares, our lay pastoral caregiving team, in conjunction with 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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