

The Wednesdays: Chekhov Short Stories

Wednesdays, May 13th and 27th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Professor Alan Helms writes, “Though Chekhov was celebrated as a major playwright for most of the last century, in the past 25 years or so his fame has rested increasingly on his short stories. He began writing them as a young medical student in Moscow to make money for his down-and-out family, and he soon found himself so popular that writing fiction became as absorbing an activity as his medical career. ‘Medicine is my wife but literature is my mistress.’ By the time he died at the early age of 44, he had produced over 200 short stories — a body of work that almost permanently altered the form and profoundly influenced all of the writers who followed him: Joyce, Woolf, Faulkner, you name ‘em. His fiction is celebrated for its economy, penetrating psychology, and amazing empathy. He is, in short, the Shakespeare of short fiction. If I could take only two writers to a desert island, I would choose Shakespeare and Chekhov without a moment’s hesitation.”

We’ll be using the Norton Critical Edition of Chekhov’s short stories which you’ll find for sale at Amazon & abebooks.com. Join Professor Alan and Rev. Kim for Chekhov; all are welcome, no shipwreck necessary!

Other Announcements

Defend Immigrant Rights! Respect the Dignity of Immigrant Workers

Friday, May 1st

The Arlington Street Church Social Action Committee is a co-sponsor of the following May Day events in support of immigrant rights:

2:30 PM March from Liberty Plaza in Central Square, East Boston to Chelsea City Hall.

3:00 PM March from Chelsea City Hall to Glendale Park in Everett.

4:30 – 5:30 PM Rally with entertainment at Everett’s Glendale Park, 50 Elm Street, Everett.

For more information, contact Peter Lowber at SocialAction@ASCBoston.org.

Annual Gala Celebration & Auction Benefiting the Boston Gay Men’s Chorus

With special guest Sandra Bernhard

Saturday, May 9th, 7:00 PM, The Roxy Theatre

Raise your voice in support of the Boston Gay Men’s Chorus’ mission of creating a more tolerant society through the power of music. Tickets for this event can be purchased online at www.bgmc.org or by calling 617.542.SING. Enjoy an evening of cocktails, tasty hors d’oeuvres, festive silent and live auctions, and a featured performance by acclaimed actress and comedian Sandra Bernhard.

The BGMC is seeking volunteers to work behind the scenes to help make the event a success. Volunteers will receive complimentary tickets to the BGMC’s upcoming “TOTALLY 80’s” concert during Pride weekend in June. To get more information on volunteering, contact Guy Croteau, Volunteer Chair at volunteersog@bgmc.org or by calling 781.223.0209.

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesdays, 6:00 – 7:30 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 will be a \$10 charge that will go to the church.

Our Principles and Sources

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations is considering updating and refining the wording for the principles and sources of Unitarian Universalism. To learn more, please visit uuworld.org/news/articles/128147.shtml



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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 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, APRIL 26TH, 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!

Singer/Songwriter Melissa Cox

Today, 1:30 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street welcomes singer/songwriter Melissa Cox for today’s service, followed by an afternoon concert in the chapel that you don’t want to miss! As a musician and Unitarian Universalist, Melissa believes that music can enact positive change in our lives and in society at large. Her stop in Boston at Arlington Street Church is part of her 2009 tour, as she shares her musical message of change, love, hope, advocacy and open-mindedness across the East Coast! Listen to her music online at www.myspace.com/MelissaCox.

Children’s Religious Education

Today, the children of the church school will be joining Erick DuPree, religious educator, for a Children’s Homily. Erick will be reading from *God’s Dream* by Archbishop Desmond Tutu and Douglas Carlton Abrams. After the Children’s Blessing, church school will be held in the Perkins Room. As part of today’s class project, the children will be creating faces of diversity. If you are new to Arlington Street, we invite you to the Perkins Room for an opportunity to see what our church school program has to offer. All are welcome!



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Emergency Evacuation Training

Today, 12:30 PM, in the Sanctuary

The Arlington Street Church Security Task Force will be conducting training for anyone who is willing to assist in the safe and orderly evacuation of congregants from the sanctuary in case of an emergency. We will gather in the front of the sanctuary. There will be a short introduction, followed by a walk through of the evacuation plan. We would like to familiarize as many people as possible with this protocol.

Congregational Announcements

Humpday Brown Bag Lunch

Wednesdays, starting April 29th, 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

Are you unemployed, working from home, or just longing for connection in the middle of the week? If so, join Rev. Dan and other church folks for brown bag lunches on Wednesdays, commencing April 29th and throughout the month of May. We'll eat, chat and share some dessert. Bring your own lunch and we'll provide the dessert. Hope to see you on humpday!

Covenant Renewal

Sunday, May 3rd, 11:00 AM

Covenant Renewal Sunday is when Arlington Street Church members and supporting friends pledge their financial support for the upcoming church year, July 2009 through June 2010.

To include your commitment in the total announced during the worship service on Covenant Sunday, you must pledge on or before May 3rd. Brochures and pledge sheets can be found in the pews, at the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour, online at www.ASCBoston.org, and in the church office.

This year's Covenant Sunday will feature special musical performances from the choir and a luncheon provided by volunteers from the Friday Night Supper Program.

Thank you for your generosity and commitment!

Music At Arlington Street Church

Zradci New Music Ensemble Concert

Friday, May 1st, 7:30 PM, in the Sanctuary

Come experience an evening of engaging and provoking music: the inaugural concert of Zradci, a new music ensemble based in Boston. Zradci's mission is to bring to the public unique ways of presenting, performing, composing, seeing, hearing, experiencing and understanding music. The concert will include pieces by John Cage, Morton Feldman, and Frederic Rzewski, as well as music written specifically for this performance by living composers from around

Coming Up...

Sunday, April 26th, 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 Adults Lunch - Stage Right Room
1:00 PM Sunday Connections Group - Perkins Room
1:30 PM Melissa Cox Concert - Hunnewell Chapel
6:00 PM Building Your Own Theology - Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, April 27th, 2009

6:00 PM Covenant Committee - Perkins Room

Tuesday, April 28th, 2009

6:00 PM Buddha's Belly - Hunnewell Chapel
7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center (ASZC) - Hunnewell Chapel

Wednesday, April 29th, 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, April 30th, 2009

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room
7:00 PM Sacred Eros - Perkins Room

Friday, May 1st, 2009

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall and Kitchen
8:00 PM Molly Wood Recital - Sanctuary and Chapel

Saturday, May 2nd, 2009

3:00 PM Brandon Brooks Recital - Hunnewell Chapel

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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 Leadership Workshop - Clarke Room
6:00 PM Building Your Own Theology - 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.

the nation. Arlington Street Church's collaborative pianist Molly Wood is a founding member of this group and will be performing, along with several other colleagues. Reception in the Hunnewell Chapel to follow.

Brandon Brooks Cello Recital

Saturday, May 2nd, 3:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Cellist Brandon Brooks returns to Arlington Street Church to perform a program that you do not want to miss! The concert features George Crumb's mystical *Vox Balaenae* (Voice of the Whale) for amplified flute, cello, piano, and crotales. This transcendent piece is based on the songs of humpback whales and will be performed in near-darkness, with the speakers surrounding the audience. The concert also features Bach's *Third Suite for Solo Cello*, Arvo Pärt's spiritually minimalist *Frates* and *Spiegel im Spiegel*,

Craig Walsh's *Pipeline Burst Cache* for cello and digital media, and Judith Weir's *Unlocked* based on early American folk songs collected by John and Alan Lomax in the 1930's from prisoners in Florida and Alabama. Reception to follow.

ASC Center

Sacred Eros: Discussion Group on Sexuality and Spirituality

Thursday, April 30th at 7:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

This month, the Boston Phoenix ran a feature article on our city's "underground" fetish and kink scene (see Sara Faith Alterman at thephoenix.com).

Is there a spiritual side to this scene? Feel free to come with questions, concerns, stories, and something for the refreshment pile.

The Leadership Journey at Arlington Street Church: Exploring the Gifts Among Us

Sunday, May 3rd, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, in the Clarke Room

Workshop Leader: Rev. Dr. Teresa G. Cooley, UU Mass Bay District Executive

Unitarian Universalists pride ourselves on our congregational polity, the idea that it is the members and leaders of each congregation — not any denominational authority — who define the mission and purpose of each congregation. Congregations struggle to find ways of developing and equipping leaders to help bring their mission into being. This workshop will help us develop the truly spiritual discipline of developing our leadership.

If you are a Prudential Committee member, committee chair, past Prudential Committee member, Nominating Committee member or an emerging leader — please plan to attend this important event.

Unitarian Universalist Reading Group

Mondays, 7:00 PM, beginning May 4th in the Stage Right Room

The UU Reading Group will be continuing their readings in May. New members are invited to join! The next book the group will be reading and sharing is *The End of Faith: Religion, Terror, and the Future of Reason* by Sam Harris. The book draws on the insights of neuroscience, philosophy, and eastern mysticism to explore the clash between reason and religion today. The book is available from amazon.com for \$9.86.

To sign up, send an email to Richard Mattoli in care of Office@ASCBoston.org or visit the membership Table during Coffee Hour.



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