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Help Test Unitarian Universalist Association Website

November 3rd, 4th, and 5th

The Unitarian Universalist Association is seeking volunteers to test their current website, UUA.org, and provide feedback on a new home page design. They are interested in working with people who are either new to Unitarian Universalism, volunteer leaders in a congregation, or who serve in a professional capacity, either lay or ordained. No experience is necessary!

Tests will be conducted onsite at the MIT Usability Lab (Building N42 Information Technology & Services) which is located at 211 Massachusetts Avenue, Cambridge. Free parking is available.

As an expression of appreciation for your participation, you will be offered a \$25 gift certificate.

Testing will be conducted on November 3rd, 4th, and 5th with tests at 9:30, 10:30, 11:30, 2:00, 3:00, and 4:00.

If you are interested in participating contact Deborah Weiner, Director of Electronic Communication, at DWeiner@uua.org.

Unitarian Universalist Intentional Housing Cooperative

Saturday, November 7th, First Church, Jamaica Plain

A group of Unitarian Universalists are exploring the formation of an intentional community based upon Unitarian Universalist values. They are considering purchasing a home in the Boston area where 10 – 20 people from diverse backgrounds can live intentionally, sustainably, and affordably. The house will also serve as a center for social justice to a larger network of activists.

A kickoff party and fundraiser will be held November 7th, from 7:00 – 10:00 pm at the First Church in Jamaica Plain, with food, drink, and incredible world music. To learn more or to RSVP, please visit www.LucyStoneCoop.org.

UU Reading Group Returns

Monday, November 16th, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Frothingham Library

The UU Reading Group will be reading *Emerson: The Mind on Fire*, by Robert D. Richardson, Jr. at its first meeting of the fall. They will be discussing the first 4 sections. The group will meet again for a discussion of sections 5 – 9 on Monday, December 14th.

The book should be in any public library, and you can buy it on Amazon.com in paperback for \$16.47 new, or less, if used a used edition is purchased. Join them in reading and discussing a very influential figure in Unitarian history. For more information, check the Membership Table during Coffee Hour, or email Sarah Richards via office@ascboston.org.

Plastic Bags Needed!

The Social Action Committee is resuming the collection of plastic bags for the food pantry at Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church in Dorchester. Please bring grocery-sized plastic bags (not newspaper or

sandwich bags) to the Social Action Table after church on Nov. 8th. Supporting this food pantry is part of our Jubilee service to Bethel, which sponsors the Villages without Walls youth program, funded by Jubilee, Arlington Street Church's work in the world.

Music At Arlington Street Church

Saint Cecilia's Day

Sunday, November 22nd, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Arlington Street Church welcomes members of the Longwood Symphony Orchestra, our Artists in Residence, for a special service featuring a performance of George Frideric Handel's magnificent cantata *Ode to Saint Cecilia's Day*! Saint Cecilia, the patron saint of music, is one of seven women, excluding Mary, commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. Her musical fame rests on the legend that she praised God, singing to him, as she lay dying.

Handel's music, composed in 1739, is scored for two trumpets, two oboes, two bassoons, timpani, harpsichord, strings, solo soprano, solo tenor, and choir. The text is written by the English poet John Dryden; the main theme is the Pythagorean theory of harmonia mundi, that music was a central force in the creation of the world.



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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 3:00 pm by e-mail to communications@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, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2009

Today

Emergency Evacuation Drill Today, November 1st, Sanctuary

Immediately following today's service, there will be an evacuation drill of the church. This will be the second emergency evacuation drill we have had this year. In our first drill, we were able to evacuate everyone from the church in 90 seconds!

Coffee Hour

Parish Hall, immediately following the evacuation drill

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. All are welcome!

Today! Thinking About Becoming a Member of Arlington Street Church?

We welcome all! Arlington Street Church is a thriving spiritual community.

Beginning today, and on every first and third Sunday, we will offer **Path to Membership** immediately following worship. Acting Associate Minister Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek, Linda Evans, Bob Sessions and the Membership Team will be leading "Path to Membership" classes. This is an opportunity to learn more about the meaning, expectations, and benefits of church membership. If you have been considering joining us, this is the place to start! Conversation will be brief and informal, no more than 15 or 20 minutes or so. No RSVP needed; just come find us in the Archives Room off the Parish Hall downstairs during Coffee Hour.

Anyone planning to join should attend our quarterly half-day class for new members ("So You Want to Be a UU?"), on Sunday afternoon, November 22nd, from 12:45 – 4:00 pm. RSVP: YesYvonne@ascboston.org.

Children's Religious Education

All children are welcome to join Erick DuPree, religious educator, along with longtime Arlington Street member Carol Fisher, as the children carve pumpkins, stencil with leaves, and make crepe paper flowers in honor of Day of the Dead! Children are welcome to participate in the costume processional during worship. Class will take place in the Hunnewell Chapel, adjacent to the sanctuary. A special thanks to Woody O'Kane and Carol Fisher for supplying the pumpkins and goodies for today's class.

We invite you to cut out this calendar and clip it to your refrigerator or bulletin board!

Buddha's Belly, the Buddhist Book Discussion: In the Lap of the Buddha

Tuesday, November 10th, 6:00 – 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel
 immediately preceding the Arlington Street Zen Center

Our current book is Gavin Harrison's beautiful *In the Lap of the Buddha*. Gavin, a South African and longtime AIDS survivor, is a Buddhist meditation teacher in the Vipassana tradition. His story is one of having been transformed by suffering; his writing is lucid and uplifting. All are welcome!

Lama Surya Das

Wednesday, November 18th, 7:30 – 9:15 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

\$15 (proceeds will be shared with the church)

Please join Rev. Kim in welcoming to Arlington Street her beloved and esteemed friend, Lama Surya Das.

Lama Surya Das is one of the foremost Western Buddhist meditation teachers and scholars, one of the main interpreters of Tibetan Buddhism in the West, and a leading spokesperson for the emerging American Buddhism. The Dalai Lama calls him "The Western Lama."

Surya has spent thirty-five years studying Buddhism with the great masters of Asia, including the Dalai Lama's own teachers, and has twice completed the traditional three year meditation cloistered retreat at his teacher's Tibetan monastery. Founder of the Western Buddhist Teachers Network with the Dalai Lama, he is also active in interfaith dialogue and social activism and regularly organizes its international Buddhist Teachers Conferences.

Surya Das is the author of many bestselling books, including *Awakening the Buddha Within: Tibetan Wisdom for the Western World*, and, most recently, *The Mind is Mightier Than the Sword*.

Please join us! All are welcome!

Congregational Announcements

Corporation Meeting

Sunday, November 8th, 12:30 PM, Sanctuary

AGENDA

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| I. Membership Update* | Clerk |
| II. Ordination of Kate Wilkinson* | Rev. Kim |
| III. Treasurer's Report | Mark MacDonnell |
| IV. Church Administrator's Report | Ed Thomas |
| V. Prudential Committee Report | Elizabeth Lindholm |
| VI. Church Council Report | Mark Watanabe |
| VII. Social Action Committee Report | Peter Lowber |
| VIII. Other Business | |

* Indicates vote required

Coming Up...

Sunday, November 1st, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Church Council - Clarke Room
- 10:00 AM Children's Chapel - Chapel
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Path to Membership - Archives Room
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:00 PM Sanctuary Emergency Evacuation Drill - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM ASC Event Committee - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Young Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 12:45 PM Mystery Worshipper Task Force - Frothingham Library

Monday, November 2nd, 2009

- 6:30 PM Membership Committee - Perkins Room

Tuesday, November 3rd, 2009

- 6:30 PM Worship Committee - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Social Action Health Care Reform 2009 - Parish Hall
- 7:30 PM *Spiritual Practice for Professional Caregivers - Library

Wednesday, November 4th, 2009

- 3:30 PM *Staff Meeting - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel

Thursday, November 5th, 2009

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, November 6th, 2009

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

Saturday, November 7th, 2009

- 10:00 AM Women's Spirituality Retreat - Chapel

Sunday, November 8th, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee - Archives Room
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Young Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Corporation Meeting - Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM Kate Wilkerson Ordination - Sanctuary, Parish Hall, 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.



Kate Wilkinson Ordination

Sunday, November 8th, 3:00 PM, Sanctuary

Please plan to attend the Ordination Service of long time Arlington Street Church member, Kate Wilkinson. We will be joined by Kate's friends, family, and colleagues for this special occasion. A reception will follow the service.

Kate will be preaching her first sermon as guest preacher on Sunday, November 15th, 11:00 am, here at Arlington Street Church. All are welcome!

Narthex Renewal!

You may have noticed a collection of ladders and scaffolding in the Sanctuary Narthex. The Narthex, or vestibule, is being repainted. We are making every attempt to minimize disruptions to scheduled activities in the Sanctuary.

Women's Spirituality Retreat

Saturday, November 7th, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street Church women of all ages are invited to join together for a one-day spirituality retreat. Nourish your spirit and connect with other women in the congregation. We will meet in the Hunnewell Chapel at Arlington Street Church at 10 am on Saturday, November 7th, 2009, and enjoy a planned program together. Bring a pen and notebook, paper, or a blank book for journaling. We will provide two different soup selections for lunch, one of them vegetarian. You are invited to provide the rest of the lunch meal by potluck. Before the retreat is over at 4 pm, we will decide whether, how often, and where the group will continue to meet, becoming an ongoing ministry of Arlington Street Church. The retreat's leaders include Linda Evans, Acting Associate Minister Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek, and Senior Minister Rev. Kim Crawford Harvie. RSVP to YesYvonne@ascboston.org by November 5th.

Other Announcements

Health Care Reform 2009 Forum

Tuesday, November 3rd, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Parish Hall

Arlington Street Church Prudential Committee member Dr. Doug Fiero, along with Dr. Steffie Woolhandler, will present their views on health care reform during an open discussion forum. All are welcome. Please come with your questions regarding this national issue.

Steffie Woolhandler, M.D. MPH, is a professor of medicine at Harvard and a primary care doctor in Cambridge. She is a co-founder of Physicians for a National Health Program, <http://www.pnhp.org>, whose 17,000 physician members advocate for a non-profit national health insurance option for the U.S.

Doug Fiero, M.D. MPH, has been in private practice for over 30 years, and is now working part time in community health centers in the South End and in Roxbury, and for Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program.