

UU Reading Group

Monday, December 14th, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Frothingham Library

The UU Reading Group first reading of the fall will be *Emerson: The Mind on Fire*, by Robert D. Richardson, Jr. At the last meeting the first 4 sections were discussed. At its next meeting there will be a discussion of sections 5 – 9. Join them in reading and discussing a very influential figure in Unitarian history.

The book should be available in any public library, and you can buy it on Amazon.com in paperback or used. For more information, check the Membership Table during Coffee Hour, or email Sarah Richards via office@ascboston.org. Please put UU Reading Group in the subject line.

Other Announcements

Purchase A Holiday Gift For A Friday Night Supper Guest

To celebrate 25 years of providing hot, nutritious meals to the homeless, the Friday Night Supper Program is giving its guests the opportunity to request one item they would like to receive as a holiday gift. The Friday Night Supper Program needs cash donations to meet the many anticipated requests. If you would like to purchase a gift for a homeless guest (price range \$25-\$40), please contact Caroline Carwood at info@fridaynightsupper.org before the end of November.

Unplug the Christmas Machine with Rev. Kim and Rev. Yvonne

Sunday, December 6th, 12:45 – 2:45 PM, Frothingham Library

Join Rev. Kim and Rev. Yvonne for conversation and reflection on your celebration of this season. What traditions and practices reflect our Unitarian Universalist values? What would comprise an ideal holiday? Beyond habits and obligations, what do we love about Christmas, and what shall we decide to let go?

Erick Dupree, our religious educator, has generously offered to be on hand in the Perkins Room to spend time with any children whose parents or grandparents would like to attend.

All are welcome!

Share the Gift of Service through PetPals

PetPals is a successful pet visitation program that coordinates visits by dogs and cats and their owners to elderly residents of long-term care facilities in Boston. The program is run by MATCH-UP Interfaith Volunteers in cooperation with the Animal Rescue League (ARL) of Boston.

MATCH-UP recruits, interviews, and carefully screens volunteers and their pets before they can participate in PetPals. Contact MATCH-UP directly at (617)482-1510 or <http://www.matchelder.org/services/petpals.html>.

If your child grows restless during worship, please be welcome to bring her or him to the nursery (located off of the Chapel, through the leather door). The service is piped-in, so you won't miss a word, and your child will be happy.



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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, Assistant to the Administrator. 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. *8 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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INSIDE ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22ND, 2009

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

HAPPY SAINT CECILIA'S DAY!

Today

Coffee Hour

Parish Hall, immediately following the worship service

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!

So You Want To Be A Unitarian Universalist?

Today, November 22nd, 12:45 – 4:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Would you like to become a member of Arlington Street Church? Join both of our ministers and our Membership Team this afternoon to get the detailed scoop: requirements and benefits of membership, the history and values of Unitarian Universalism, and how things get done here. Once membership requirements are met, we'll welcome you in our new member ceremony!

Young Adult Group

The Young Adult Group (ages 18 – 35) meets after the Sunday service for lunch in the Stage Right Room. You can purchase food from the Sandwich Board during Coffee Hour, or bring your own food. The Stage Right Room is the first room on your left after going down the stairs at the back of the sanctuary.

The Young Adult Group also meets two Fridays per month at 7 pm in the Perkins Room (downstairs next to the kitchen) for activities, food, and worship. All young adults are welcome!

Children's Religious Education

Today, children are welcome to join Erick DuPree, religious educator, baking "no bake" pies. As service is our gift, Church School will make Banana Crème and Chocolate Crème pies in celebration of Thanksgiving. Pieces of pie will be available at the Sandwich Board table in the Parish Hall.

All children are welcome to join in the fun downstairs in the Perkins Room. Church School departs with the Children's Blessing printed in your order of service.

Congregational Announcements

Coming Sunday Services

November 29th

Welcoming the Advent Season, Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek preaching.

Our Director of Music, Mark David Buckles, will be joined by violist, pianist, and singer Amy Lynne Menard, the Music Director of UU Tallahassee.

December 6th

Lama Surya Das joins Rev. Kim in the high pulpit. Stay tuned!

Standing On The Side of Love Keep Immigrant Families Together

Rally and Vigil

Today, November 22nd, 2:00 PM

Suffolk County House of Correction

20 Bradston Street, Boston

Arlington Street Church members planning on attending the rally should meet in the Parish Hall at 1:00 pm. Transportation for those who do not have cars will be provided. Join with others from the Massachusetts Resist the Raids Network, Centro Presente and the Coalition of the New Sanctuary Movement and add your voice to the effort to keep together immigrant families facing deportation. The Boston area Coalition of the New Sanctuary Movement includes Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist Church of Medford, Massachusetts Interfaith Committee for Workers Justice, Community Church of Boston, and the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Sacred Eros: Discussion Group on Sexuality and Spirituality

Monday, November 23rd, 7:00 PM, Perkins Room

This month's topic is "Eros Online." The Internet has changed the landscape of sex and relationships, in both positive and negative ways. How can we use technology in a more mindful, safe and life-affirming way? Come to a low-tech discussion, and feel free to bring drinks and munchies to share.

UUSC Focus Groups

Wednesday, December 2nd, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Thursday, December 3rd, 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

First Church, Marlborough Street

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) is looking to better understand how Unitarian Universalists get involved in social justice work. UUSC is an international not-for-profit engaged in the work of promoting and defending human rights and social justice, and is recognised for their commitment in bringing Unitarian Universalist principles and morale to areas of the globe most in need. Arlington Street Church has been invited to partner in two

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

Coming Up...

Sunday, November 22nd, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 AM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Young Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM So You Want To Be A UU? - Chapel

Monday, November 23rd, 2009

- 7:00 PM Sacred Eros - Perkins Room

Tuesday, November 24th, 2009

- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center - Chapel

Wednesday, November 25th, 2009

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

Thursday, November 26th, 2009

No congregation related events at this time.

Friday, November 27th, 2009

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

Saturday, November 28th, 2009

No congregation related events at this time.

Sunday, November 29th, 2009

- 10:00 AM ASC Auction Committee - Archives Room
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
- 12:00 AM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Young Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Santuario - 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.



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dynamic focus groups held at First Church. Participants will be asked a range of questions about their understanding of UUSC, how we feel about them, what types of activities we would like to see UUSC involved with in the future! Each focus group session will last an hour and a half.

There will be a sign-up at the Welcome Table or see Rev. Yvonne or Erick. Participation in both nights is recommended but not required.

Arlington Street Church Now Has A Facebook Page!

Visit www.facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch

Path to Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member of Arlington Street Church and are unable to attend today's class for new members, fear not. The next quarterly new member class is set for January 31st, 2010, and all are welcome. Anyone planning to join should calendar that date. Even you who are already members might like to attend in order to deepen your engagement with our congregation. Please let Acting Associate Minister Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek know if you plan to attend in January. We'll have another quarterly new member class in the spring.

In addition, every first and third Sunday from 12 noon until 12:30 pm, immediately following our Sunday service, we offer a brief orientation and some handouts about Unitarian Universalism, our congregation, and our membership process. If you are brand new to Arlington Street Church, you are especially warmly invited to join us for this informal presentation in the Archives Room off the Parish Hall downstairs during Coffee Hour. This gathering is hosted regularly by Acting Associate Minister Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek, Linda Evans, Bob Sessions, and the Membership Team. No RSVP needed.

Women's Spirituality Group

A lively multi-generational group of sixteen Arlington Street Church women met in retreat on Saturday, Nov. 7th, and enjoyed being together so much that they've decided to continue meeting monthly as the **Second Saturday Soul Sistahs**. Our next gathering of the Sistahs will be on Saturday, December 12th, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Perkins Room. If you can, please bring a potluck lunch item for sharing or your own brown bag lunch. Yvonne will bring veggie soup for sharing. RSVP to office@ascboston.org, subject: Sistahs. All Arlington Street Church women of any age are very welcome to join us. If you have any questions, please either be in touch with Acting Associate Minister Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek yesyvonne@ascboston.org or speak with Linda Evans.

The Sistahs will continue meeting on the second Saturday of each month, so calendar these dates now if you plan to attend: January 9th, February 13th, March 13th, April 10th, May 8th, and June 12th. Beginning in January, we'll use a Unitarian Universalist curriculum, *Evensong*, to help shape our gatherings, deepening our conversations and connecting our souls. We ask for a commitment to attend regularly, and the group will be closed to new members, after the January gathering, until June.