

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

Sunday, December 6th, 12:45 – 2:30 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!

Talking Our Walk: A Discussion Group for People Affected by Depression

Wednesday, December 16th, 5:30 – 6:30 PM, Perkins Room

A wonderful, supportive atmosphere, facilitated by our own John Sacco, awaits in this open discussion group: not a substitute for therapy or medication, but a different kind of healing. The group meets the third Wednesday of the month. Please speak with John or with Rev. Kim for more information. *You are not alone!*

Bethel Holiday Party!

Monday, December 21st, 6:00 – 8:00 PM,
Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church
Dorchester, MA

Bethel Tabernacle Penecostal Church is the home of Villages without Walls (VWW). VWW is a project of Jubilee, Arlington Street Church's work in the world.

Come to our third annual holiday gathering as we celebrate our connections with Bethel... and have fun! Please let us know you're coming by sending an e-mail to SocialAction@ascboston.org with the word "Party" in the subject line. And use the same e-mail to let us know if you need a ride to the party. We will have rides for eight people, half from Arlington Street Church and half from Forest Hills Station in Jamaica Plain (Orange Line).

DONATIONS NEEDED! We are in need of art supplies for an ornament-making project at the party. Please bring glitter (all colors), bottles of Elmer's glue, sheets of green felt, and boxes of plain ornaments (Target sells these) by Sunday morning, December 20th. Thank you!

Arlington Street Church Now Has A Facebook Page!

Visit www.facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch.

Cool Tip: Sign up for the Green Electric Grid

Many of you have probably already signed up for NStar's renewable energy option on your electric bill.

But if you haven't yet done it, it only costs 1.4 cents per kWh — or about 10% extra — to be 100% transferred to the green grid!

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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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH, 2009

WELCOMING THE ADVENT SEASON

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!

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. Our next meeting will be Friday, December 4th. All young adults are welcome!

Children's Religious Education

Children are invited to join Acting Associate Minister Rev. Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek and Erick DuPree, religious educator, on the lower chancel during worship today to light the Advent wreath! Each Sunday during the four Sundays of Advent, children will learn a Unitarian Universalist interpretation of the Advent season. Today's lesson is about "Hope!" The children will leave for their classes during the Children's Blessing and will return to sing our last hymn, This Little Light of Mine, at the end of service. All are welcome!



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Congregational Announcements

Next Sunday

December 6th

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

Standing On The Side of Love Immigrant Rights Documentary

Wednesday, December 2nd, 7:00 PM, Parish Hall

Made in LA is a 70 minute documentary about immigrant workers struggling to organize a “sweat shop” factory in Los Angeles. After the viewing, Patty Montes, Executive Director of Centro Presente, will lead a discussion on the continuing endeavor for immigrant rights.

This event is co-sponsored by Arlington Street Church, the Boston Area New Sanctuary Movement, and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

Path to Membership

If you are interested in becoming a member of Arlington Street Church 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, next Sunday, December 6th, 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:

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

Coming Up...

Sunday, November 29th, 2009

9:30 AM	Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
10:00 AM	ASC Auction Committee - Archives Room
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
12:30 PM	Santuario - Chapel
12:30 PM	Young Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room

Monday, November 30th, 2009

No congregation related events at this time.

Tuesday, December 1st, 2009

6:00 PM	Worship Committee - Perkins Room
7:30 PM	*Spiritual Practice for Professional Caregivers - Library

Wednesday, December 2nd, 2009

3:30 PM	*Staff Meeting - Perkins Room
6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
7:00 PM	Santuario - Parish Hall

Thursday, December 3rd, 2009

7:00 PM	Choir Warm-Up - Clarke Room
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Friday, December 4th, 2009

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

Saturday, December 5th, 2009

No congregation related events at this time.

Sunday, December 6th, 2009

9:30 AM	Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
10:00 AM	ASC Auction Committee - Archives Room
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Path to Membership - Archives Room
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
12:30 PM	Young Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room
12:45 PM	Unplug the Christmas Machine - 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.



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.

The Arlington Street Center
for Liberal Religious Inquiry
and Spiritual Practice

The UU Reading Group

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

The UU Reading Group first reading of the fall is *Emerson: The Mind on Fire*, by Robert D. Richardson, Jr. At the last meeting, the first 4 sections of the book were discussed. At the 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

Friday Night Supper Program, Inc

Help your homeless and hungry neighbors!

The Friday Night Supper Program has been serving hot, nutritious meals to over 150 disadvantaged people every Friday evening for twenty-five years. This year 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 in the range of \$25 – \$40, before the end of November, to meet the many anticipated requests.

There are many ways in which you can support the Friday Night Supper Program: through a tax deductible cash donation, a donation of clothing and toiletries; supporting our annual Holiday Bags campaign during which we distribute warm clothing, toiletries, socks and holiday candy to our guest; or by sponsoring or volunteering to serve at one of our Friday meals.

Secure donations can be made via our website, www.fridaynightsupper.org. More information about our history, programs and services can also be found there.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Caroline Carwood, Executive Director, at 617-536-7050 X22 or email: info@fridaynightsupper.org