
Spiritual Passions 2010!

Let's gather on a winter Sunday afternoon from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM for these wonderful offerings of our spiritual passions! All are welcome!

January 3rd

Meditation 101

January 31st

Architecture and Spirituality

February 7th

Writing from Real Life

Arlington Street Zen Center Retreat

February 14th

Mindful Eating

February 21st

O, Freedom! Our Southern Legacy

February 28th

Fractionate! Understanding and Resolving Conflict

Spiritual Passion of Singing: Arlington Street Choir Open House

March 14th

The Larger Thought of God

March 21st

Parents as Resident Theologians

March 28th

Crafting Easter Bonnets

Congregational Announcements

Celebrate Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church's Grand Opening!

Monday, December 27th, 4:30 PM

Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church

12 Bicknell Street, Dorchester

In 2007, Bethel began a major church renovation project. As part of Arlington Street Church's work in the world, Jubilee, Arlington Street members joined Bethel and assisted in their renovation efforts. The work is now finished and Bethel Pentecostal has extended an invitation for Arlington Street to join them in celebration at their grand opening service. More information is available at the Social Action during Coffee Hour.

Bethel is home to Villages without Walls, a project supported by Jubilee, Arlington Street Church's work in the world.

National Service Day

Feed and Blanket the Homeless

Monday, January 18th, 2010

Arlington Street Church will partner with Volunteers of America to make and distribute bag lunches for our homeless neighbors in and around the surrounding area. This year we hope to surpass the 500

bag lunch total we were able to distribute last year. In addition to lunches, we will distribute granola bars and fleece blankets.

If you are unable to volunteer, please consider sponsoring a blanket for \$10 or making a contribution towards food purchases.

Look for a donation bucket in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour.

Arlington Street Cares

Arlington Street Cares is a group of individuals who write cards to members and friends of the Arlington Street community with expressions of sympathy or hope, or just a friendly greeting. The Arlington Street Cares team can be found during Coffee Hour on the second and fourth Sundays of the month.

If your children grow restless during worship, please be welcome to bring them 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, DECEMBER 20TH, 2009

Children's Religious Education

Erick DuPree, religious educator, welcomes all children to church school to create artwork for the family Christmas Eve service. The church school will be singing *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer* before leaving for class. The church school will return to the sanctuary at the close of worship for the last carol and benediction. Church School is held downstairs in the Perkins Room and all are welcome.

Come Celebrate the Holidays!

Children's Holiday Party

Monday, December 21st, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church

12 Bicknell Street, Dorchester

Come to our third annual children's holiday gathering as we celebrate our connections with Bethel... and have fun! To assist with the festivities we are in need of art supplies for an ornament-making and for cookie decorating. There is a need for glitter (all colors), bottles of Elmer's glue, sheets of green felt, plain ornaments and sprinkles for cookies!

Arlington Street is also bringing the salad and veggies to the party. If you would like to donate salad makings, art supplies or cookie decorating items for the party, please let us know 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).

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

Arlington Street Zen Center Winter Solstice Vespers and Waking Up the Trees!

Tuesday, December 22nd, 7:00 PM

Hunnewell Chapel and Boston Public Garden

Join the Arlington Street Sangha for a Winter Solstice Vespers, with beautiful readings, silent meditation by candlelight, songs, and walking meditation in the Public Garden complete with Wassailing the Trees! Refreshments to follow.

All are welcome!

Christmas Eve!

Thursday, December 24th, Sanctuary

Services are at 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 9:00 PM

O, Come All Ye Faithful! Our choir sings in the holiday at the 5:00 pm family service, with participation by all the children (this service is perfect for children, but all are welcome at all three services!). At 7:00 and 9:00 pm, the Boston Gay Men's Chorus stands in for the Heavenly Host! Candle lighting is a highlight of all three services (candles are provided). Please come and bring your loved ones to share in this magical evening.

“On Ending and Beginning Again in Love”

Sunday, December 27th, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Worship, Rev. Yvonne preaching

We'll see the old year out and the New Year in, held in love, grace, and community.

First Night Organ Recital

Brian Jones, Rosalind Mohnsen, and Christian Lane, organists

Thursday, December 31st, 10:00 PM, Sanctuary

Admission by First Night button (\$18.00)

Arlington Street Church, Artist in Residence Rodger Vine, and the American Guild of Organists, present a New Year's Eve organ recital featuring Brian Jones, Rosalind Mohnsen, and Christian Lane! The concert showcases Arlington Street Church's 1957 Aeolian-Skinner organ, housed in a magnificent case original to the E. and G.G. Hook organ of 1861; the Hook case pipes still provide the organ's foundation sound.

This will be the 34th First Night Boston. Founded in 1976, First Night was started by artists who sought an alternative to traditional New Year's Eve revelry. First Night has gone from attracting about 25,000 people to drawing crowds over one million. To buy First Night buttons online, visit www.firstnight.org.

The Arlington Street Center
for Liberal Religious Inquiry
and Spiritual Practice

Sacred Eros: Discussion Group on Sexuality and Spirituality

Monday, December 28th, 7:00 PM, Perkins Room

'Tis the season for gifts and celebration! You are invited to attend a special candle service to celebrate the gifts enjoyed this past year — a new relationship, the joy of coming out, or an experience of healing. Come one, come all, and bring your joys and treats to share!

All are welcome.

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

Coming Up...

Sunday, December 20th, 2009

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| 9:30 AM | Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary |
| 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 | Christmas Eve Candle Assemble - Parish Hall |
| 12:30 PM | Christmas Eve Usher/Greeters Orientation - Sanctuary |
| 12:30 PM | Rodger Vine Piano Recital - Chapel |
| 12:30 PM | Young Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room |
| 1:15 PM | 3rd Annual Carol Sing - Chapel |

Monday, December 21st, 2009

No congregation related events at this time.

Tuesday, December 22nd, 2009, 2009

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

Wednesday, December 23rd, 2009

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

Thursday, December 24th, 2009

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| 5:00 PM | Christmas Eve by Candlelight - Sanctuary Family and Children's Service |
| 7:00 PM | Christmas Eve by Candlelight - Sanctuary Community Service |
| 9:00 PM | Christmas Eve by Candlelight - Sanctuary Community Service |

Friday, December 25th, 2009

Friday Holiday - Church Office Closed

Saturday, December 26th, 2009

No congregation related events at this time.

Sunday, December 27th, 2009

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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 Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room |

*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 Wednesdays: Three Chinese Poets

Wednesdays, January 6th, 13th, and 27th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Frothingham Library (please note that we do NOT meet on January 20th)

Join Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim for our latest literary adventure at Arlington Street's *The Wednesdays* literary salon: Three Chinese poets! For our first gathering on January 6th, please read the poems of Wang Wei, the Preface, and "Introduction to Chinese Poetic Form" in *The Anchor Book of Chinese Poetry*, edited by Tony Barnstone and Chou Ping.

For more information, please visit <http://www.ASCBoston.org>.

Women's Spirituality Group

A lively multi-generational group of sixteen Arlington Street Church women met in retreat during November, 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, January 9th, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm in the Perkins Room. Beginning with the January meeting, we'll use a Unitarian Universalist curriculum, *Evensong*, to help shape our gatherings, deepening our conversations and connecting our souls. If you can, please bring a potluck lunch item for sharing or your own brown bag lunch. RSVP to wsg@ascboston.org, subject: Sistahs.

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. We ask for a commitment to attend regularly.

All Arlington Street Church women of any age are very welcome to join us for the January gathering, and after that, the group will be closed to new members until after the June meeting.

If you have any questions, please be in touch with Acting Associate Minister Yvonne Schumacher Strejcek or Linda Evans, both of whom can be reached at wsg@ascboston.org.

UU Reading Group postponed until February

After last month's first meeting to discuss *Emerson: The Mind on Fire*, we decided more time was necessary to read and digest it. Next week's meeting is canceled, and we'll come together again in February. This will allow folks who were interested to get the book and join the discussion! Watch for the rescheduled dates in 2010. Email Sarah Richards at office@ascboston.org if you have any questions.

Happy Holiday Reading!