

The Wednesdays: Three Chinese Poets

Wednesday, January 27th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Join Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim for our latest literary adventure at Arlington Street's The Wednesdays literary salon: Three Chinese poets!

We'll be studying the three best Tang dynasty poets, all of them giants of world literature: Wang Wei, Li Bai (also known as Li Po), and Du Fu (also known as Tu Fu). All three poets are easily accessible and deeply moving, writing largely about simple things in a world of evanescent beauty. Our text is *The Anchor Book of Chinese Poetry*, edited by Tony Barnstone and Chou Ping. For more information, please visit <http://www.ASCBoston.org>.

Conversation on Ethical Eating

Sunday, January 31st, 12:45 – 3:00 PM, Sanctuary

Are you concerned about the way farm animals are raised, housed, and slaughtered? Would you like to learn or teach others about ethical choices non-vegetarians can make? Do you seek out and request fair trade coffee and produce, and know how this benefits farmers and the environment?

Deadline to submit our input and comments regarding the current UU Study Action, "Ethical Eating," is March 1st. Let's begin the conversation now. You may also contact ethicaleating@ascboston.org with ideas and contributions to this discussion or visit the Ethical Eating info-table in the Parish Hall on Jan 17th.

Music@ASC

Bach Solo Cello Suites

Guy Fishman, Artist in Residence

Sunday, January 31st, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Cellist Guy Fishman is Arlington Street's newest addition to our thriving Artist in Residence program! Guy's residency features performances of all six of Johann Sebastian Bach's solo cello suites; his upcoming visit marks the fifth installment.

Other Announcements

Friday Night Supper Needs A New Stove

The Friday Night Supper Program needs a new stove! Their current stove is working at 50% capacity and they are looking to replace it this month. You can help in the following ways:

- * Make an online donation via our website at www.fridaynightsupper.org and click on the "Donate Now" button.
- * Gather friends, family and/or co-workers and organize a fundraiser. We can provide you with materials to get started.
- * Put us in contact with a restaurant that is looking to replace their working stove or a restaurant supplier that would assist in purchasing a new stove.

Contact Caroline Carwood at info@fridaynightsupper.org.

Indulge

Give In & Give Back
March 6th, 2010

*Save the date for a gala evening to support
Arlington Street Church's 150th Anniversary Fund!
Join members and friends for an evening of
fine dining, entertainment & spectacular items on auction
for the benefit of Arlington Street Church.*

Tickets are \$75.00 per person or \$550.00 for table of eight.

*For information on volunteering or donating auction items
contact: danielfournier10@aol.com.*

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.

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, JANUARY 17TH, 2010

Children's Religious Education

Today, join Erick DuPree, religious educator, and the Church School as they learn how Arlington Street Church member and Unitarian Universalist minister Rev. James Reeb stood on the side of love, even when it was not popular, by answering Rev. Dr. King's call to march on Selma. This lesson focuses on how children can discover each other's inherent worth and dignity.

Church School is sung out to classes with the Children's Blessing printed in the order of service. All are welcome to join us downstairs in the Perkins Room.

Spiritual Passions 2010! ~ January

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

Welcome Iraqi Activist Raed Jarrar!

Sunday, January 24th, 12:45 PM, Frothingham Library

Raed Jarrar, Iraqi activist, author, architect, and political analyst, will speak on the upcoming elections and refugee crisis in Iraq. There will be time for Q & A and discussion.

Mr. Jarrar worked on humanitarian and reconstruction projects before leaving Iraq and immigrating to the US in 2005. He has been an outspoken advocate for ending the US occupation through numerous public speaking engagements, media appearances, and publications. During his time in the US, he has facilitated dialogue between US and Iraqi decision-makers to ensure a fast and complete US withdrawal from Iraq. Mr. Jarrar leaked and translated the infamous new Iraqi hydrocarbon law, and the US-Iraqi security agreement— SOFA. He is currently a Senior Fellow with Peace Action.

Spirituality and Architecture

Seanan Holland, Intern Minister

Sunday, January 31st ~ 1:00–3:00 PM

How well have we created our cities and towns? Do they serve our human condition well? If our cities are a monument to god, then what is that god like? Bring your imaginations to explore possibilities for the future. Our intern minister, Seanan, will lead a visual exploration of spiritual expression in human (and non-human) dwellings.

Congregational Announcements

National Service Day: Feed and Blanket the Homeless

Monday, January 18th, 2010, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Parish Hall, Chapel

Arlington Street Church will partner with Volunteers of America to make and distribute bag lunches for our homeless neighbors in 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 fleece blankets. Volunteers are needed from 9 AM to 12:30 PM to assemble bag lunches, and from 12:30 PM to 4 PM, for distribution to our homeless neighbors.

If you are unable to volunteer, please consider sponsoring a blanket for \$10 or making a contribution towards food purchases. Please mark your donation “National Service Day.”

Welcome A Guest At Your Table: Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

Sunday, January 31st, 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Last month, we distributed Guest At Your Table boxes to support the programs of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. Please feed your “guest.” Boxes will be collected during the worship service and sent to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee on January 31st.

UUSC annual memberships are \$40. Gifts of \$100 or more will be matched!

Planning for PRIDE 2010!

Tuesday, February 2nd, 5:00 – 6:00 PM

June 12th will mark the 40th celebration of Pride in Boston! Please join members of Arlington Street’s Worship Team to plan our pre-parade Pride service (11:00–11:45 on the Saturday morning of Pride). This is a huge, rollicking, joyous service in which we welcome guests from all over the state (country, world!) who have traveled to Boston for the festivities! If you can’t make this meeting, there will be more; please e-mail your interest (and your contact info) to worship@ASCBoston.org. All persuasions (including no persuasion) are welcome!

The Arlington Street Center
for Liberal Religious Inquiry
and Spiritual Practice

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

Wednesday, January 20th, 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

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

Coming Up...

Sunday, January 17th, 2010

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 Congregational Conversations - Clarke Room
12:30 PM Young Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room
1:00 PM Spiritual Passions 2010 - Chapel
1:00 PM Center for Spirit Wellness - Frothingham Library at Arlington Street Church

Monday, January 18th, 2010

9:00 AM National Service Day: Meals in Motion - Perkins Room
9:00 AM MLK Day Observance - Church Office Closed

Tuesday, January 19th, 2010

6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room

Wednesday, January 20th, 2010

3:30 PM * Staff Meeting - Perkins Room
5:30 PM Talking Our Walk - Perkins Room
6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Parish Hall
7:00 PM UU Affairs Committee - Perkins Room
7:30 PM Lama Surya Das - Chapel

Thursday, January 21st, 2010

6:30 PM Center for Spirit Wellness - Frothingham Library at Arlington Street Church
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, January 22nd, 2010

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

Saturday, January 23rd, 2010

No congregation related events at this time.

Sunday, January 24th, 2010

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 Greeters - Archives Room
12:30 PM Young Adult Group Lunch - Stage Right Room
12:30 PM YoUU and Unitarian Universalism - Clarke Room
1:00 PM Spiritual Passions 2010 - 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.



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!

Lama Surya Das

Wednesday, January 20th, 7:30 – 9:15 PM, Chapel

Please join Rev. Kim in welcoming to Arlington Street her beloved and esteemed friend, Lama Surya Das, for chanting, meditation, and spiritual teachings.

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.”

Lama 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*.

The cost at the door is \$15 (proceeds will be shared with the church). Please join us! All are welcome!

YoUU and Unitarian Universalism

Sunday, January 24th, 12:30 – 2:00 PM, Clarke Room

Question: where can you go to learn about Unitarian Universalist work with the United Nations, attend a jazz/poetry slam and call it a prayer service, or attend a rally to protect immigration rights?
Answer: General Assembly. Want to hear more? Come hear last year’s delegates to the General Assembly share their stories. Please email gaaffairs@ascboston.org for more details. See you there!

Membership Committee: “The Art of Hospitality”

Sunday, January 24th, 12:30 – 1:30 PM, Archives Room

Come learn the subtle nuances of welcoming visitors and members to our spiritual home. Hosted by the Membership Committee, this one hour session is great for anyone interested in practicing hospitality by being a greeter — a fun and fulfilling way to make new friends and provide service to Arlington Street. Current greeters and ushers are also welcome.

Thinking about Joining Arlington Street Church?

If you are curious about the benefits and expectations of membership in Arlington Street Church, we offer a brief, informal orientation every first and third Sunday immediately following the Sunday service.

Bring your questions to the Archive Room, and we’ll tell you about The Path to Membership.

A more in-depth class for new members — “So You Want to Be a UU?” — is set for Sunday, January 31st, from 12:45 to 4 PM. Led by our ministers, staff, and lay leaders, the class offers an opportunity to share our spiritual journeys, to learn about Unitarian Universalism and this church, and to deepen engagement in the life of the congregation. Both potential and current members are welcome. RSVP: office@ascboston.org, subject: membership class.