

the death-haunted city because of his infatuation with the beautiful Tadzio, his memorable angel of death. Antiguan writer Jamaica Kincaid's *My Brother* (November 17th) is a poignant memoir about her youngest brother Devon's AIDS-related death in which she explores the nature of love, family ties, and loss. William Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying* (December 8th) told by 15 narrators in 59 short chapters, is the story of the death of Addie Bundren and her family's shocking journey through Mississippi as it travels with her corpse to her family's cemetery. In our final meeting, we'll discuss the first chapter of *The Oxford Book of Death* (December 15th), a collection of poems and prose extracts from writers of the past 2,500 years ranging from Homer and Plato to Shakespeare and Woody Allen.

Ironic as it may seem, good writing on death is among the liveliest we have. And in case any of you thinks our subject dour, we hope you'll take solace in the news that our Spring course will be "Love in Five Wednesdays."

*Any editions of Tolstoy and Mann will do. The chapter from *The Oxford Book of Death* is a free handout distributed at our penultimate meeting. For the Faulkner & Kincaid, I strongly recommend the following editions:

Faulkner, *As I Lay Dying*, Vintage, 1957, 250 pp.

Kincaid, *My Brother*, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1998, 208 pp.

Come one, come all; come for one, come for all! All are welcome!

Immigration as a Moral Issue Reading Group

In October our Intern Minister, Rebecca Froom, will lead a reflection and discussion group in response to Margaret Reagan's recent book *The Death of Josseline* (Beacon Press, 2010). Detailing heartbreakingly real human stories from the US / Mexico border, *The Death of Josseline* invites us to engage the complex ethical, moral and spiritual challenges presented in these borderlands and consider how we as a religious community might be called to respond. More information about dates and times as well as opportunities to acquire the book will be forthcoming.

MUSIC

Love of singing?

Thursdays, 7:00 – 9:00 PM, Clarke Room

Do you love to sing? Would you consider sharing your voice as a gift of service to this community? Do you want or need to take just a couple hours out of your week to create something beautiful? The Arlington Street Church Choir awaits you!

We rehearse on Thursdays from 7:00 – 9:00 PM in the Clarke Room on the second floor of the church. Musicians and non-musicians are welcome! If you have any questions, please always feel free to contact our Director of Music, Mark David Buckles, who is available at the front of the sanctuary following the service or via email at MBuckles@ASCBoston.org.

COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM 2010 thru. 2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/We Commit an Annual Total Of \$ _____ to Support the Work of the Arlington Street Church for 2010-2011.

My/Our Pledge Will Be Paid:

Weekly Monthly Quarterly

Semi-annually One payment Or As Follows: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contributions may be made via cash, check, or credit card. If you are paying your pledge with cash via the Sunday collection, be sure to clearly mark the envelope with your name(s) and indicate "**Pledge Payment**". Checks should be made payable to Arlington Street Church and also please include "2011 pledge payment" on memo line. If you wish to use a credit card, please complete the information below:

Mastercard Visa

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

One Time Charge Monthly Contribution

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. 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 email all Sunday "Inside" announcements before Tuesday noon to print@ascboston.org. Phyllis Guiliano (church administrator) will receive this email and will compile all of the announcements for publication. 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. *814 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!

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INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2010

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Coffee Hour

Parish Hall, immediately following the worship service

The Sandwich Board team is pleased to provide lunch and other refreshments each Sunday, and we're encouraged to see so many members and friends participating in fellowship after the service. Thank you for the compliments and suggestions you share regarding our menu items. For the next several weeks, we'll offer a survey to assist us in future menu planning.

We also want to share that the workload for our team is considerable, and we would welcome additional volunteers to help with food preparation and, especially, with clean-up. **We'd like to suggest that all who enjoy the refreshments offer at least one Sunday to assist with dishes and other clean-up tasks.** Please contact Jon Ellertson or Sharon Pressly-Fiero at office@ASCBoston.org for more information about joining our team.

Planning for Indulge 2011

TODAY: 12:30 – 1:30 pm, in the Stage Right Room

Grab some lunch and join the group in starting to map out plans for our second annual gala event. Veteran Indulgettes - we need your ideas and feedback. And, new volunteers - please join us to plan a bigger and better event for 2011. Contact Danny Fournier or Sharon Pressly-Fiero at office@ASCBoston.org with questions or information. Hope to see you today!

Children's Religious Education Fall Clean-Up!

TODAY: 12:30 PM, Perkins Room

Calling all helping hands to clean out old toy, supplies, and books in the Perkins Room!

Our New Intern Minister

Rebecca Froom recently joined our ministerial staff and she would like to get to know you by visiting the committees, church groups, and programs of the congregation throughout the fall. Members of the congregation and chair persons are encouraged to introduce themselves to Rebecca when you see her.

CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS *continued...*

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 3rd ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Each year on a Sunday near the Feast Day of St. Francis, we celebrate the animal companions in our lives by welcoming them (crated, on a leash, in a bowl) to be blessed. Come join in this happy, hilarious, and love-filled worship service.

YouthBuild Just-A-Start Is Looking for Mentors

Help young adults, ages 17-24 enrolled in an alternative GED program attain academic, career, and personal success. Mentors participate in recreational, educational, and community service activities. YouthBuild is looking for responsible, established adults who can commit to 4-6 hours a month for meetings, program sponsored activities, phone calls and emails for at least one year. Application process includes six hours of training and CORI/SORI criminal screenings. For more information, contact Kati Chase at 617-492-1460 x 20 or katichase@justastart.org.

30 Years of Renewal: An Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 2nd ~ 7:00 PM, First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough Street

Please join the UU Urban Ministry in celebrating 30 years of providing shelter and support for those escaping domestic violence. This special event will feature original and traditional music, photography, desserts, wine, and special guests. Appetizer/wine reception from 7-8:00 PM featuring *30 Faces of Renewal* photographic gallery of former Renewal House residents; 8-9:00 PM original music concert by North Shore composer Gabriella Snyder, as well as music from the UU tradition, with organist Heinrich Christensen and soprano Denise Konicek; dessert and coffee reception at 9 PM. Tickets to support Renewal House are \$30.

For more information, please visit our website at: www.uuum.org/RenewalHouse30

Volunteer Training for GLAD's Legal Infoline

October 12th & 14th ~ 5:30 – 9:30 PM, October 16th ~ 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), New England's leading legal rights organization dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status, and gender identity and expression, seeks committed volunteers to staff its Legal InfoLine! Volunteer one weekday afternoon a week from 1:30-4:30 PM helping people who have experienced discrimination by providing legal information that can make a real difference in their lives! Be trained in LGBT/HIV civil rights legal issues. **No prior legal experience is needed.** Register now for the next training. You can get more information and an application by contacting Bruce Bell, 617-426.1350, or email bbell@glad.org. More information is online at: <http://www.glad.org/rights/infoline/volunteer/>

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

Coming Up...

Sunday, September 26, 2010

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
12:30 PM Planning for Indulge 2011 - Stage Right Room

Monday, September 27, 2010

7:00 PM Sacred Eros - Perkins Room

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

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

Wednesday, September 29, 2010

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

Thursday, September 30, 2010

5:30 PM Human Resource Committee - Perkins Room
6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, October 1, 2010

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

Saturday, October 2, 2010

No congregational events

Sunday, October 3, 2010

9:30 AM Social Action Committee - Smith Room
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal - Sanctuary
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship - Sanctuary
12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
12:45 PM Church Council - Chapel

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.

** Denotes Closed Meetings*



ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sacred Eros

Monday, September 27th ~ 7:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

ASC's lively group on sexuality and spirituality begins another year! All ASC members and friends 18 and over are welcome. Our first meeting will be an open exchange - bring your ideas, questions, poetry, and munchies to share. For more information, contact Desmond Ravenstone through the church office.

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, September 29th ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Experience fun exercises and poses, breathing techniques, chanting, meditation, and deep relaxation in this unique class. Moving energy through your body brings positive change and growth. There will be a \$10 charge that will go to the church.

New Member Class

Wednesdays, October 6th & October 13th ~ 6:00 PM, Perkins Room

ASC invites all interested newcomers to a "New Member Class" which meets twice on consecutive Wednesday evenings. Please sign up at the Welcome Table downstairs in the Parish Hall after the service.

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

Wednesday, October 20th ~ 5:00 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 once a month, on the third Wednesday. Please speak with John or Rev. Kim for more information. *You are not alone!*

The Wednesdays: Death in Five Wednesdays

November 3rd, 10th, and 17th plus December 8th and 15th, 6:00-8:00 PM, Frothingham Library

You're welcome to join Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim for as little or as much as you're able for our next Wednesdays, Arlington Street's literary salon, in which we will explore the world's most perennially fascinating, most mysterious, most frightening to many, most cataclysmic to all, most profoundly important subject in the whole of literature: DEATH. There's not a great writer in world literature who hasn't written about it, and we're reading some of the best. *continued...*

We begin with Tolstoy's Death of Ivan Ilych (November 3rd), a classic of Russian literature which tells of a rich, smug, government official who struggles against the agonizing knowledge that he is slowly dying, a final fact that utterly transforms his life. Then Thomas Mann's brilliant Death in Venice (November 10th), in which an eminent, lonely German writer sojourning in Venice ignores rumors of an impending plague and chooses instead to remain in

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