

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25TH, 2009

Today's Events

Second Ask Sunday

Today, 11:00 AM, in the Sanctuary

As most of you know, our budget for this fiscal year was based in part on a Covenant Renewal goal of \$285,000. At the half-way point in the year, we're behind in pledges by 17%, or \$50,000. In an effort to bridge this gap, the Finance Committee has decided to come back to the congregation for a Second Ask.

The Finance Committee first approached the lay leadership of the church and asked them to consider increasing their pledges by 10% – 20%. They have stepped up and responded generously and enthusiastically, increasing their pledges by an average of 25%, which reduced the gap to about \$45,000.

We realize that these are extraordinarily difficult economic times. But trusting in your spirit and connection to the community, we ask each of you to consider increasing your pledge for this year to help us reach our goal. We can do this. By way of example, our average pledge is \$1,000. If everyone increased his or her pledge by 20%, we could reach our Covenant Renewal goal of \$285,000.

If you did not make a Covenant Renewal pledge for this fiscal year, please consider making a gift for the next five months (February – July 2009). Thank you!

We've provided pledge cards with your order of service. Please complete the card and return it during today's offering to one of the ushers, or to Rev. Kim. Thank you for your ongoing love, service, and financial commitment to Arlington Street Church.

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Gather with Arlington Street Church's congregation in this lively and social environment. To find the Parish Hall, head downstairs at the rear of the sanctuary. All are welcome.

Buy Fair Trade Products at the Social Action Table

Today, during Coffee Hour, in the Parish Hall

Come to the Social Action table today to purchase fairly traded products and find out ways you can get involved to make the world a better place for all.

Women's Spirituality Group

Today, 12:15 PM, in the Clarke Room

We're forming a Women's Spirituality Group at Arlington Street Church. Our first meeting will be an informational session to determine the group's purpose, meeting dates/times, and to brainstorm and gather ideas for topics to explore together in the next six months. Come and contemplate the spiritual side of life as well as gain opportunities to connect with other women. If you are interested in the group but can't make the first meeting, please contact Susan Thomas by e-mail at SThomas@ASCBoston.org or by phone at 617-536-7050, ext. 13.

Corporation Meeting and Congregational Conversation on Music

Today, 12:45 PM, in the Sanctuary

A G E N D A [* means a vote is required]

- *I. Membership Update
- *II. Special Election of At-Large Jubilee Representative
- *III. Special Election of Treasurer
- *IV. Ordination of Dan Kane
- V. Finance Report
- VI. Prudential Committee Report
- VII. Congregational Conversation
- VIII. Other Business

Free childcare is available for parents attending the meeting.

Children's Religious Education

Today our church school welcomes the Chinese New Year! The children will leave for children's worship during the first hymn. After a brief exploration of the Chinese New Year tradition they will return to the sanctuary for the children's homily and the dragon dance. All children are welcome are participate in all activities.

Religious educator, Erick DuPree, will provide childcare during the Corporation Meeting today, in the Perkins Room.

Music at Arlington Street Church

Gu-zheng

Today, 11:00 AM, in the Sanctuary

2009 is the Year of the Ox! Congratulations and be prosperous! In honor of the Chinese New Year, Phil and Megan Savoy perform music on the gu-zheng, a traditional Chinese 21-stringed zither, for today's service.

Congregational Announcements

The Wednesdays: Shakespearean Tragedies

Wednesday, January 28th, 6:00 PM, in the Frothingham Library

Join us for The Wednesdays, Arlington Street's literary salon. Professor Alan Helms will be on hand to lead us through another of Shakespeare's tragedies. Any text will do, as long as it has numbered acts, scenes, and lines. We'll be reading the plays in what most people think is the chronological order of composition. The plays may be read online (see the links below).

Coming Up...

Sunday, January 25th, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee - Archives Room
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:15 PM Women's Spirituality Group - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Young Adult Lunch - Stage Right Room
- 12:45 PM Corporation Meeting and Congregational Conversation - Sanctuary

Monday, January 26th, 2009

No congregation related events at this time

Tuesday, January 27th, 2009

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

Wednesday, January 28th, 2009

- 3:00 PM *Staff Meeting - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Parish Hall
- 6:00 PM The Wednesdays Literary Salon - Frothingham Library

Thursday, January 29th, 2009

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room
- 7:00 PM Sacred Eros - Perkins Room

Friday, January 30th, 2009

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

Saturday, January 31st, 2009

- 11:00 AM *Santuario* Work Shop - Parish Hall, Kitchen, and Stage Right Room

Sunday, February 1st, 2009

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-Up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Young Adult Lunch - Stage Right Room

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 28th: **OTHELLO** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Othello>

February 4th: **KING LEAR** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/King_Lear

February 11th: **MACBETH** <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Macbeth>

February 18th: **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA**

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antony_and_Cleopatra

On February 25th, we'll watch a DVD of one of the plays.

All are welcome!

Deepen your relationship with Arlington Street Church and Unitarian Universalism, Winter 2009

New Class begins Sunday, February 8th, 12:30 PM, in the Parish Hall, and concludes on Sunday, February 22nd, 12:30 PM, in the Frothingham Library

If you are a newcomer; if you are growing to know us and understand your journey within our spiritual community; if you have been with us for a while; if you have taken some classes and attended some of our events, if you want to be even more deeply engaged in your own spiritual journey—we invite you to attend an upcoming Path to Membership class.

The Path class is a great opportunity to meet others and share your spiritual story. You'll also get to know members, leaders, staff, and ministers from the congregation in an informal setting. Discussion topics include: Arlington Street's heritage and governance; UU heritage and faith; religious education;

our current programs and ways to get involved; making a financial contribution to support our community, and answers to your questions. The class closes with a tour of the church and you can ring the church bells! For more information or to sign-up, visit the Welcome Table during Coffee Hour or contact Susan Thomas, director of communication and programs, by e-mail at SThomas@ASCBoston.org or by phone at 617-536-7050 x13.

Organizing for a Just Economy

Wednesday, January 28th, 11:30 AM, at SEIU Local 615, 26 West Street, Boston

Santuario encourages you to attend this luncheon and panel discussion on ways to stop wage theft and other crimes against workers. The featured presenter is Kim Bobo, the executive director of Interfaith Worker Justice and author of *Wage Theft in America: Why Millions of Working Americans Are Not Getting Paid—And What We Can Do About It*. Tickets are \$30 and may be purchased through info@massinterfaith.org or by calling 617-840-5860.

Sacred Eros: Discussion Group on Sexuality and Spirituality

Thursday, January 29th, 7:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

This month's topic: "Questioning." Do you have questions about sexuality, spirituality, and relationships? Here is the time and place to ask them. There will be chips and salsa, and folks are welcome to bring other edibles. Questions before the meeting? Send them to Desmond Ravenstone, through the Arlington Street Church office.

Santuario Workshop on Workers' Rights

Saturday, January 31st, 11:00 AM, in the Parish Hall

Come hear stories about workers from Central America living in the Boston area. Some of the thirty workers who have not received pay for work they have done for local restaurants will be on hand to share their stories. There will also be a brief video presentation. Contact Peter Lowber at Santuario@ASCBoston.org for more information.

Friday Night Supper Program Fundraiser

Tuesday, February 3rd, 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, at Brownstones, next to the Back Bay T Station at Dartmouth Street

Join Boston Cares and the On Your Feet Project Boston to raise money for the Friday Night Supper Program. You get two drinks and a selection of great appetizers for \$20.00 a person. A raffle with great prizes will be held as well. You will also get the great feeling of helping the Friday Night Supper Program serve our hungry and homeless neighbors.

Social Action Film Series

The Visitor

Friday, February 6th, 7:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." Hebrews 13:2.

In this heartfelt human drama, a college professor who has been drifting aimlessly through his life discovers an immigrant couple has been living in his New York City apartment. His connection to them and attempts to help them change his life, as he rediscovers a passion he thought he had lost long ago.

Free and open to the public. A discussion will follow.



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THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS ...

Spiritual Passions, 2009

UPCOMING PASSIONS

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Spiritual Passion: Arlington Street Zen Center Retreat

Sunday, February 1st, 1:00 – 5:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Periods of sitting, walking, and dharma talks (teachings from the Buddha) will be followed by dinner at a local Japanese restaurant (BYO\$). Come join like-hearted seekers to savor a peaceful afternoon together. This “passion” is led by Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie and members of Arlington Street Zen Center.

Spiritual Passion: Communal Singing, Choir Open House

Sunday, February 8th, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street Church’s director of music, Mark David Buckles, and the Arlington Street Choir welcome you an afternoon of communal music-making: the spiritual passion of singing! We believe that the act of singing together is a central and beautiful part of our spiritual practice as Unitarian Universalists. Will you join us? We will learn, briefly rehearse, and sing together an evocative selection of beautiful and interesting pieces, and offer answers to questions like “can I sing in choir if I can’t read music, or if I’ve never sung in a choir before?” (yes), and “what do you do during rehearsal anyway?” Come prepared to share the music within you.

Spiritual Passion: Theatre in the Text

Sunday, March 8th, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Led by Susan Thomas, director of communication and programs.

Spiritual Retreat in the Wilderness - An Arctic Sojourn

Sunday, March 15th, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Led by Arlington Street Church member Lois Hartsough.

Spiritual Passion:

Only A Child hosts a visit from author Francisco Goldman

Sunday, March 29th, in the Clarke Room

Only A Child is excited to announce that author Francisco Goldman will be at Arlington Street Church to join us in a discussion of his best-selling book, *The Art of Political Murder: Who Killed the Bishop?*. The New York Times named the book one of one hundred Notable Books of 2007.

The book gives an accurate feel for the violence-laden community in which Only A Child operates, and reinforces the urgency to help homeless youth move off the streets and into stable environments. George Leger, the founder of Only A Child urges all to read this compelling book. Please help to spread the word about this opportunity to speak with Mr. Goldman about human rights in Central America.

CONNECTIONS

small group ministry at arlington street church

Connections, the Small Group Ministry Program at Arlington Street Church, Begins This Month

Connections groups consist of eight to ten people who meet regularly to engage in spiritual seeking, caring, intellectual exploration, community building, and living our values. Groups are led by trained facilitators, meet semi-monthly and occur in facilitator's homes or here at the church. The sessions follow a prescribed format and, by all accounts, are spiritually and intellectually rewarding. Connections groups are also a great way to make new friends at the church.

There are currently three groups eagerly accepting new members. Sign up sheets are available at the Welcome Table during coffee hour or you may contact interim assistant minister Dan Kane at DKane@ASCBoston.org or 617-536-7050 ext. 18. Enrollments will continue through the end of January.

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 noon by e-mail to inside@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, facilities manager. 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. 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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