



ARLINGTON  
STREET CHURCH  
Unitarian Universalist

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE PRESENTS ...

## *Spiritual Passions, 2009*

### **Spiritual Passion: The Art of Prayer**

Today, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

This experiential workshop led by Dan Kane, interim assistant minister, is an opportunity to learn and practice the art of prayer: casting intentions from our hearts and minds into words and images, then putting them out into the universe via action, conversation, or even supplication, if we must, in order to bring them to fruition.

### **UPCOMING PASSIONS**

CHECK *INSIDE* FOR MORE INFORMATION

### **Spiritual Passion:**

#### **Reclaiming the Message in the Messenger's Word**

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 PM, in the Frothingham Library

The Bible is a source of great inspiration as well as controversy. Quotations from the Bible are often used to spawn hatred. As Unitarian Universalists, putting dogma aside, what remains is a search for deeper understanding and truth. How can we find the truth in Jesus' message and reclaim our spiritual past? Join Erick DuPree, religious educator, as we reclaim the message in the messenger's word. BYO Bible (if you have one!).

### **Spiritual Passion: Journaling**

Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Since childhood, nature has taught Lois spiritual lessons. In August 2008, she went on a women's wilderness camping trip to Gates of the Arctic National Park, which is in Alaska, north of the arctic circle. She will share her experiences of living in an area where the only human impact has been from nomadic hunter and gatherer cultures. On the last day of her trip, a grizzly bear came to the campsite, and one woman was mauled. She survived due to heroic efforts of the trip guides and all of the members. Discussion will consider lessons of 1) living with limited control of our environment; 2) appreciating the scale of wilderness in comparison to human experience; 3) discovering our true self by looking at the awesome beauty in wilderness and our vulnerability as humans.

## Other Announcements

### **Friday Night Supper Program Donation Bins**

The Friday Night Supper Program now has permanent donation bins in the Parish Hall located next to the piano. Donations of food items (canned vegetables, beans and soup), toiletries, and clothing can be placed in these bins during the week, and will be picked up on Fridays.

If you would like a tax receipt for your donated items please include your name, address, and dollar amount.

Thank you for supporting the Friday Night Supper Program.



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### **REAL LIFE BULLETIN BLOOPER**

Pastor is on vacation.  
Massages can be given to church secretary.

#### **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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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# INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2009

## Today's Events

### **To Renewal House with Love**

Today, during the worship service, in the Sanctuary

This is our annual food drive for the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry's shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence. All food will be delivered to Renewal House.



### **Coffee Hour**

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

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. The children are in the Perkins Room, right off the Parish Hall; stop by to see what they have been up to this morning. And there's always something going on at the Social Action Table. All are welcome. Enjoy!

## Children's Religious Education

This Sunday church school explores the fourth principle, a free and responsible search for truth and meaning; with Erick DuPree, religious educator leading the Chalice Children and Dan Kane, assistant to the minister and JP LaFond, guest teacher leading the Explorers. All are welcomed to join us at the front of the sanctuary when church school. We depart with our children's chalice during the Children's Benediction.



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for Liberal Religious Inquiry  
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### Get Your Book for the New Book Club

Sunday, February 22nd, during Coffee Hour, at the Welcome Table

March is the perfect month to do some reading with fellow UUs—winter lingers, spring can seem far away. Make the most of your indoor time and read with us! Our first selection is *Out of the Flames* a book about Michael Servetus and his “polemical masterpiece that cost him his life,” *Christianismi Restitutio*.

“Though once an influence on Voltaire, Jefferson, and Emerson, Servetus has received little attention in recent decades. This fascinating study should remedy that neglect.” (Booklist)

We’ll meet 4 Mondays, from 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the Archives room, starting March 9<sup>th</sup>. The first eight people who ask can get the book for \$12 (\$3 discount). If we have as much fun as I think we will, we’ll make plans for future UU-themed book reading. If you’re interested, send an email to Sarah Richards at [Office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Office@ASCBoston.org), or sign up (and see the book) at the Membership table after service.

### The Wednesdays: Shakespearean Tragedies

Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 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).

February 25<sup>th</sup>: **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antony\\_and\\_Cleopatra](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Antony_and_Cleopatra)

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, we’ll watch a DVD of one of the plays.

All are welcome!

### Sacred Eros:

#### Discussion Group on Sexuality and Spirituality

Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

This month’s theme will be “Transformation.” How can sexuality change our spirituality, and vice versa? Has this happened to you ... or do you want it to? Come join the discussion. Munchies provided!

## Coming Up...

### Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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  
12:30 PM Nominating Committee - Archives Room  
1:00 PM \*Sunday Connections Group - Perkins Room  
1:00 PM New Member Class - Parish Hall  
1:00 PM Spiritual Passions - Clarke Room

### Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2009

No congregation related events at this time

### Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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

### Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009

3:00 PM \*Staff Meeting - Perkins Room  
6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Hunnewell Chapel  
6:00 PM The Wednesdays Literary Salon - Frothingham Library

### Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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

### Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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

### Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009

No congregation related events at this time

### Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 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  
12:30 PM Security Task Force - Archives Room  
12:30 PM Social Action Committee - Hunnewell Chapel  
1:00 PM Women’s Spirituality Group - Perkins Room  
1:00 PM Spiritual Passions - Frothingham Library  
5:30 PM Global Poverty Study Group - Hunnewell 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](http://www.ASCBoston.org).

### Women’s Spirituality Group

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM, in the Perkins Room

The Women’s Spirituality group enjoyed a wonderful first gathering and will gather again on March 1<sup>st</sup> to share “spiritual practices” with one another. Please join us and share a spiritual practice such as prayer, meditation, walking, journaling, or whatever practice helps connect you along your spiritual journey. We will also share practices we would like to grow into, as well as ways we can help each other keep before us the importance of spiritual practices for women. nurturing our spirituality is central to our wellbeing!

## Congregational Announcements

### Combatants for Peace

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 12:30 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Can you imagine this scenario: a Palestinian fighter and an Israeli soldier laying down their weapons and coming together to work for peace? This event features two former combatants—one Israeli, the other Palestinian—who believe the solution to the conflict can only come through non-violence. Come and listen to what they have to say, and participate in a discussion. Sponsored by the Arlington Street Church Social Action Committee and Jewish Voice for Peace.

### Global Poverty Study Group System of Rice Intensification

Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

The System of Rice Intensification (SRI), which can result in a 50 - 100% increase in rice yield using less land, seed, and water, holds great promise for the major rice growing areas of the world. Much of the world is dependent upon rice as a major staple in its diet. Rice farmers in all but the most wealthy countries generally are at a subsistence level, and would stand to benefit greatly from improvements such as this.

Karthik Karkal and Sankalp Sethi, coordinators of a SRI project in Chhattisgarh State (east-central India), will present their research.

This is the third in our series of Global Poverty issues. A light supper will be served. Please contact Doug Fiero if you are interested in attending through the church office at 617-536-7050 x 10 or [Office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Office@ASCBoston.org).

### Save-The-Date

#### Chili and Contra Dancing to “balance” the budget

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM – ?!, in the Parish Hall

Join us for a fun evening of homemade chili and Contra Dancing, a family-friendly form of American folk dance in which the dancers form a set of two parallel lines which run the length of the hall. Each dance consists of a sequence of moves that ends with the dancers having progressed one position up or down the set. By the end of the evening, everyone will have danced with everyone else. Contra Dancing was all the rage in the 1800s. Let’s help bring it back! All are welcome. Come alone or bring your friends!

Tickets and details to follow!