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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20TH, 2007

Today's Events

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.

The Art of Prayer

Today, 1:00 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

This experiential workshop 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.

Dan is a former lawyer who, by amazing grace, is completing his studies for the Unitarian Universalist ministry. This year, he is serving as Arlington Street's intern minister.

At the Social Action Table

Come to the Social Action Table during coffee hour to sign a petition to the Canadian government asking them not to deport U.S. war resisters. This is a project of a group called Courage to Resist. The petition can also be signed on-line at www.couragetoresist.org.

Please come to the Social Action table to find about State Senate bill 2406, safer alternatives to toxic chemicals in Massachusetts. which went to Governor Patrick's desk on January 9th.

While you are there you can also borrow a DVD from our library, and get pins to put on Santuario's map, to show where your ancestors came from.

Children's Religious Education

Today's lesson is Universally Unique: A Prayer for Bedtime.

Save the date: Please join us in the Perkins Room on Sunday, January 27th, following worship and before the Corporation meeting to meet Erick DuPree, Children's Religious Educator. All are welcome!

Worship at Arlington Street Church

Wednesday Gathering: First Wednesday

The Power of the Present

Wednesday, February 6th, 6:30 PM, in the Hunnewell Chapel

Join Adam Sutton for a gentle yet powerful exploration of the path of the spiritual warrior. Come together in a supportive community of spiritual seekers to journey a little more deeply into yourself. Discover what it takes to stay present in the present, experiencing the power and beauty of all we really have, the here and now. With spoken word, song, and movement, relax into the moment in a much-needed mid-week respite, finding strength and courage to live more authentically, one day at a time.

The First Wednesday service, as always, meets in the Chapel at 6:30 with live music by jazz pianist Joe Della Penna. Refreshments served after the service in the kitchen.

Congregational Announcements

Corporation Meeting

Sunday, January 27th

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

- *I. Membership Update
- II. Staffing: Update
- III. Prudential Committee Report
- IV. Finance Report
- V. Fundraising Task Force: Report
- VI. Covenant Report
- VII. Nominating Committee: Update
- VIII. Growth and Transformation Task Force Report
- IX. Music Search Committee Report
- *X. Arlington Street Church Joining the New Sanctuary Movement
- XI. Other Business

¡Santuario!

Please join us at the following events:

January 25th, 10:00 AM, SEIU Local 615 at 26 West Street to help us work to make Massachusetts a welcoming state.

January 25th, 4:00 – 6:00 PM, at the JFK building for a May Day Coalition rally to protest attacks on immigrants.

January 27th, 12:30 PM, Arlington Street Church Corporation meeting and vote on making Arlington Street a sanctuary for immigrants.

February 3rd, after the service join us for our meeting and educational discussion about immigrant rights.

If you have any questions, or are interested but can't make the meeting, please contact Peter Lowber through the church office at 617-536-7050 ext 10 or SocialAction@ASCBoston.org. Sponsored by the Social Action Committee.

Coming Up...

Sunday, January 20th, 2007

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM **Worship Service - Sanctuary**
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:00 PM Green Sanctuary/Social Action Film Series - Clarke Room
- 1:00 PM Membership Class part 2 of 2 - Clarke Room
- 1:00 PM Spiritual Passions - Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, January 21st, 2007

- 10:30 AM *Connections - Clarke Room
- 6:30 PM *Connections - Frothingham Library

Tuesday, January 22nd, 2007

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

Wednesday, January 23rd, 2007

- 3:00 PM *Staff Meeting
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Clarke Room

Thursday, January 24th, 2007

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, January 25th, 2007

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

Saturday, January 26th, 2007

No congregation related events at this time

Sunday, January 27th, 2007

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM **Worship Service - Sanctuary**
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Corporation Meeting - Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM Ordination of Lauren Smith - Sanctuary

* This program is currently closed.
Check *Inside* for the next open 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.

To Renewal House with Love

Sunday, February 3rd and Sunday, February 10th

This is our annual food drive for the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry's shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence. On February 3rd, please bring "Souper Bowl" donations – all things soup! Cans, cartons, packages of soup and non-perishable soup ingredients (e.g. beans, rice, and pasta) would be much appreciated! On February 10th, please bring "kid food" – think mac'n'cheese, juice boxes, peanut butter and jelly, little boxes of raisins, and other things you can't imagine you ever loved to eat! All food will be delivered to Renewal House on Valentine's Day. Thank you!

Helen Ewer Memorial Service

Sunday, February 3rd, 3:00 PM, in the Sanctuary

Join us as we celebrate the life of Helen Ewer, long time member of Arlington Street Church.

Unitarian Universalist Association Updates

As of January 15, 2008, our Association Sundays have raised \$1.31 million (including the \$500,000 matching gift challenge) for national marketing, District-distributed grants to congregations for local growth and outreach projects, and President William Sinkford's Diversity of Ministry Initiative.

Also, with your generous end-of-year gifts, the Campaign has reached 74% of its \$50 million goal. This includes \$15.5 million in cash and pledges and \$21.5 million in legacy commitments.

Arlington Street Church Goes to Memphis!

The Arlington Street Church Anti-Racism Network is gathering a group to attend the Unitarian Universalist Allies for Racial Equality Conference in Memphis, Tennessee Feb 1st – 3rd, 2008. Join us for a life-altering and spiritually-awakening weekend. This conference is for Unitarian Universalists who identify as white and share a goal of learning to work to end racism. For more information about the network or the conference, please contact Liz Weber through the church office at Office@ASCBoston.org or 617-536-7050. The conference website is www.uallies.org

Rebuilding in Boston Sheetrock Project

Jubilee, Arlington Street Church's Work in the World, has been supporting rebuilding in Dorchester, by helping Villages Without Walls (VWW). The Bethel Pentecostal church in Dorchester is the home of VWW and they have asked for help renovating an old church, doing sheetrock work. This is the service part of our Jubilee support of VWW! We will be working some Saturdays in January and hopefully a weekday in February (Wednesday?). You do not need to be a carpenter or an expert—we can use many kinds of help! Mapquest does a pretty good job of getting you to 12 Bicknell Street, Dorchester 02124. Please e-mail Laura Pattison at Office@ASCBoston.org if you need a ride from Forest Hills T Station. If you'd rather contribute funds to the sheetrock project, ask Laura about the church's pledging process (\$11 per sheet of sheetrock.)

Study Circles in February and March

With help from Jubilee, Arlington Street's Work in the World, Villages without Walls developed a study circle program this past summer. Now we are going to have two study circles, one at Bethel Pentecostal in Dorchester (Monday, February 25th) and the second at Arlington Street Church (Monday, Monday, March 3rd), both at 6:00 PM. This is an opportunity for dialogue between the two churches on issues of importance in the city of Boston. You don't have to be a Boston resident to find this interesting! For more information see www.studycircles.org and/or email SocialAction@ascboston.org.

Spiritual Passions

The Ordination of Lauren A. Smith

January 27th 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Lauren was an active member of Arlington Street Church until she left for Starr King School for the Ministry. Lauren has completed her training and is ready to be ordained! Ordination is our sacred privilege and a joyous occasion in the life of our congregation. Please join us for this very special Spiritual Passion!

We still need one person to usher the ordination service and several others to assist with the set-up and clean-up of the sanctuary and parish hall following the service and reception. Please contact Dan Kane at DKane@ASCBoston.org if you are available to pitch-in.

Inside-Out Concert Experience

Sunday, February 3rd

The Inside-Out Concert Series presents “Scenes from Childhood”. Explore Schumann’s Scenes from Childhood and Ives’ The Alcotts with “tour-guides” hornist Eli Epstein and pianist Eve Kodiak. Co-create a new Scenes from Childhood with Eve Kodiak as she improvises upon your bestchildhood memories.

Note

Due to an illness, (from which she is recovering!) Sylvia Boorstein’s Spiritual Passion on Monday, February 4th, has been cancelled.

Sharing Great Music

Sunday, February 17th

Join us for an afternoon of sharing great music! Mark Buckles, our acting music director will bring recordings from a variety of cultures and traditions to hear and discuss. You are invited to bring and share a recording of a song or piece that has particular spiritual significance to you.

Mark David Buckles is a composer, conductor, singer, and pianist. He is captivated by the spiritual and the emotional and believes music is one of the most positive unifying forces in human relations. Mark holds a M.M. in Choral Conducting from Boston University and a B.M. in Composition from the University of Michigan. In addition to his role as the Acting Director of Music at Arlington Street Church, Mark is the Co-Founder and Music Director of Juventas, a contemporary music ensemble dedicated to the music of today’s young composers.

Other Notices

The Window Deadline Approaches

Articles for inclusion in The Window Vol. 7, No. 3, March – May 2008 should be sent as Word® documents to Window@ASCBoston.org by 5:00 PM, Friday, February 1st.

Building Issues

Jeffrey Bouchard, our facilities manager, is on vacation. If you would like to reserve meeting space or have questions about building usage, please contact Ed Thomas, business administrator, in the church office at 617-536-7050 ext 16 or ETHomas@ASCBoston.org

Parking at Arlington Street Church

On Sunday mornings discount parking is available at the Back Bay Garage now at the rate of \$5 for the first three hours. Regular weekend rates apply thereafter. Back Bay Garage is accessible on Clarendon between Boylston and St. James streets. Present your parking ticket to an usher or at the Welcome Table to obtain the discount sticker.

Please note: Parking spaces in the alley are rented to private, non-Arlington Street Church members Monday through Saturday until 6:00 PM. **Spaces #1 and #2 are for our senior minister and business administrator and must be kept available at all times.** Violators will be towed at the owner's expense without warning.



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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 ASC Submission Guidelines

Please deliver all Sunday announcements before Tuesday at 10:00 PM 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. The Parish Concerns committee and ASCares, our lay pastoral caregiving team, in conjunction with 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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