

Professor Alan strongly recommends that you read all the stories over the holidays (you can think of your reading as a Christmas gift to yourself) and then reread them for our meetings. Of all the literary genres, the short story is closest to the lyric poem, in that it's highly concentrated and aims for one main overall dramatic effect. As anyone familiar with poetry knows, it's impossible to "get" a poem on a single reading; ditto a short story. This is especially true of Hemingway, who said that a good story should be like an iceberg with only one tenth showing above the water. The powerful part of the story, in his theory, isn't visible, which means that Hemingway isn't an immediately accessible writer. He definitely bears rereading. All are welcome; all aboard!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pru in Review ~ December

- The Pru approved the new employee handbook completed by the human resources committee and the business administrator.
- The Pru made plans to test drive a new online communications tool with the staff and for its own action-item tracking.
- The Pru continued discussion about Unitarian Universalist Association dues for the congregation
- The Pru planned for the January Corporation meeting.

Connections: Small Group Ministry

Registration has re-opened through January 27th!

Connections is the name of Arlington Street's small group ministry: facilitated experiences of deep sharing and listening around selected topics, such as what we love, our gifts, taking a stand, living, and dying.

This is an opportunity to join the existing groups when they reconvene in early February. Groups of 6-10 people will meet twice a month for 90 minutes, with a goal of deepening their relationships with one another and the congregation. We will explore and engage around shared Unitarian Universalist principles; and be included and heard in a safe and nurturing environment.

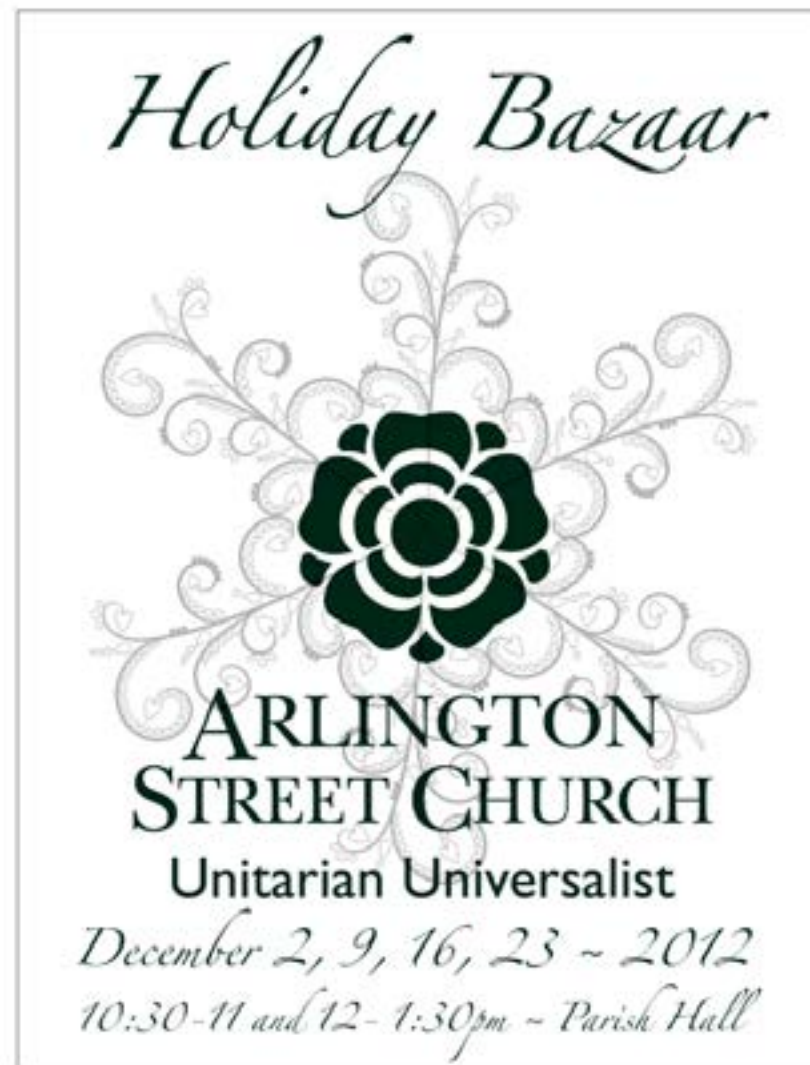
Registration is open today and every Sunday at the Welcome Table in the parish hall during coffee hour through January 27th. You can also sign up online at ascboston.org/connections.

Tiffany Windows Watercolor Show

Through January 20th ~ Museum of Biblical Art, New York City

A show at the Museum of Biblical Art (MOBIA), entitled "The Devotional Art of Louis C. Tiffany" includes two of Arlington Street Church's original watercolors, and another from one of our upstairs windows will be featured in the show. MOBIA is a new, small, modern, and non-denominational museum, that concentrates on art derived from the Bible and all religious traditions. The museum is located at 1865 Broadway, just a few blocks from Lincoln Center.

As part of the contract, MOBIA paid for the conservation of our two works on exhibition. We hope to raise funds to conserve the remaining seven watercolors!



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. The Church's administrative assistant will pass your message on to the appropriate people. Please speak your "truths in love" and include your name and contact information so we can follow up. Thanks!

SCHEDULING EVENTS AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

All issues dealing with building usage, (both congregational use and rentals), must be coordinated by Jeffrey Bouchard, Administrative Assistant and 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.

INSIDE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please email all Sunday "Inside" announcements **before Tuesday noon** to print@ascboston.org. Phyllis Guiliano (Business Administrator) will receive your email and will compile the announcements for publication. Materials should be legible, signed, and fully composed. Space is limited, so some editing may be necessary. Please note that we only publish submissions related to Arlington Street events or the wider Unitarian Universalist community.

OUR CARING COMMUNITY—EMERGENCIES

In the event of a disruption or major transition in the life of an Arlington Street member, please inform the church office, 617.536.7050. 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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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23RD, 2012

TODAY

Coffee Hour and Lunch

Today ~ Immediately following worship, Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for coffee, soup, sandwiches, and community! If you're visiting Arlington Street Church, or would like information about Unitarian Universalism, please visit the Welcome Table.

We welcome additional volunteers to help with food preparation and, especially, with clean-up. To volunteer, and for more information about joining our team, please stop by the kitchen today, or contact Jon Ellertson or Sharon Pressly-Fiero through the church at office@ASCBoston.org.

Shop at the Holiday Bazaar

Today ~ 10:30-11 AM & 12-1:30 PM, Parish Hall

It's not too late! Stop by the Parish Hall and shop for beautiful, original gifts made by local artisans.

THIS WEEK

English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Classes Resume Mon., Jan. 7th & Wed. Jan. 9th ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins

Learn or improve your English! The class meets twice a week. Students practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Topics include general conversation, cooking, and holiday events, as well as grammar and pronunciation.

Christmas Eve!

Monday, December 24th ~ Sanctuary

Services are at 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 9:00 PM

O, Come All Ye Faithful! Our choir sings in the holiday at the 5:00 PM family service, with participation by all the children (this service is perfect for children, but all are welcome at all three services!). At 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM, the Boston Gay Men's Chorus stands in for the Heavenly Host! Candle lighting is a highlight of all three services (candles are provided). Please come and bring your loved ones to share in this magical evening!

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Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, December 26th ~ 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 is a \$10 charge that goes to the church.

Sacred Eros: Sexual Orientation, A Brief History

Wednesday, December 26th ~ 7:00 PM, Perkins Room

How did we change from talking about “sexual preference” to “sexual orientation?” Where did we get the idea that it was innate? What about the questions raised by “Queer Theory?” Join us as co-moderator Desmond Ravenstone gives an historical overview of how our views about gender and sexual identity have changed, and continue to change. Bring some munchies and good cheer!

Sacred Eros is a monthly discussion group that provides a safe and supportive space to explore questions about sexuality from a spiritual and ethical perspective. Anyone over 18 is welcome, and participants are expected to respect one another and keep personal matters discussed confidential.

SAVE THE DATE

First Night at Arlington Street!

Monday, December 31st ~ 10-11:00 PM, Sanctuary

The Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists hosts its annual First Night performance at Arlington Street Church! Tonight's performers are Lois Toepfner, Louise Mundinger, and Laurence Carson. The organists perform works that appeal to a general audience, ranging from “light” to “serious.” Our own Artist in Residence, Rodger Clinton Vine, is the event coordinator and your host for this exciting musical evening! Admission to this concert is your First Night button.

Gatherings for Healing

Thursday, January 3rd ~ 6:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Gatherings for Healing happen the first and third Thursdays of the month. We invite those struggling with illness and disability, and those who are touched by that struggle. Suffering is often isolating. It can leave us feeling overwhelmed and entirely emptied. These gatherings are intended to move us toward a sense of wholeness, and toward feeling more connected with the flow of life. Please come as you are for inspirational readings, contemplative prayer, and chamomile communion.

We are also looking for help to make these gatherings beautiful and meaningful (with music, for example). If you would like to be part of the Healing Team, please contact Lisa Mobayed, our student minister, at LMobayed@ASCBoston.org.

Guest at Your Table

Sunday, January 6th

This is the day to return the Guest at Your Table box to Arlington Street Church. We will gather all the boxes, count the money, and

We invite you to cut out this calendar and clip it to your refrigerator or bulletin board or, view the full calendar at ASCBoston.org

This Week

Sunday, December 23, 2012

9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
10:30 AM	Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall

Monday, December 24, 2012

5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Family Service ~ Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service with BGMC ~ Sanctuary
9:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service with BGMC ~ Sanctuary

Tuesday, December 25, 2012

No congregational events

Wednesday, December 26, 2012

6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
7:00 PM	Sacred Eros ~ Perkins Room

Thursday, December 27, 2012

No congregational events

Friday, December 28, 2012

5:00 PM	Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall
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Saturday, December 29, 2012

No congregational events

Sunday, December 30, 2012

9:30 AM	Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall

* **Denotes closed meetings.** This calendar is accurate as of noon the Tuesday before publication and only includes events directly related to the congregation. For complete, up-to-date calendar listings over the coming months, visit the website.

For more information, please visit www.ASCBoston.org



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deliver our Arlington Street donations to Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)!

Indulge Planning Meeting

Sunday, January 6th ~ 12:30 PM, Stage Right Room

Join our energetic team as we continue to prepare for this wonderful gala dinner and auction scheduled for Saturday, April 6th! This meeting will focus on the auction, so if you have any experience or interest, please join us. You're just in time to get involved, meet new people, and make a difference at our spiritual home!

Spiritual Passions 2013!

Arlington Street Zen Center: Introduction to Meditation

Sunday, January 6th ~ 1:00-3:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Don't just do something; sit there! And when you sit, just sit. Very simple directives ... simple, but not easy! Join Rev. Kim and members of Arlington Street Zen Center for Meditation 101, including answers to burning questions such as, “Where do I put my legs?” and “How do I quiet my mind without going to sleep?” This ancient spiritual practice will bring profound benefits not just to you, but to all whose life touches yours. Wear comfortable clothing (and yes, you can meditate in a chair!)

Buddha's Belly ~ The Buddhist Book Discussion and the Arlington Street Zen Center

Tuesday, January 8th ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Buddha's Belly and the Arlington Street Zen Center (feel free to come to one or both) meet every second and fourth Tuesday throughout the church year.

Buddha's Belly meets from 6 PM to 7 PM. We are finishing Jack Kornfield's *After the Ecstasy, the Laundry*. Please read chapters 15-17 for this evening's session. In two weeks, we will begin Pema Chödrön's new book, *Living Beautifully with Uncertainty and Change*.

Arlington Street Zen Center meets at 7 PM and includes seated and walking meditations, a dharma talk, and conversation. Beginners and experienced meditators from all traditions are welcome!

The Wednesdays Literary Salon: Hemingway Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim

Four Wednesdays in February ~ 6:00-7:30^{ish}, Frothingham Library

Like most celebrated writers, Hemingway suffered a decline in reputation immediately following his death. In our time, however, he's being rehabilitated, and now it's his short stories that are prized more than his novels. We'll discuss roughly seven short stories per meeting, many of them now considered classics of the genre: “A Clean, Well-Lighted Place,” “Hills Like White Elephants,” “The Snows of Kilimanjaro,” and “Big Two-Hearted River.” Our text is the collection *In Our Time*, which you can find for pennies at abebooks.com or at the library. We'll also read from a hand-out, which will be ready for you before Christmas.

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