

And who, after all,  
Would credit what its vague head  
Must in dreams recall—  
How it long looked down  
On the backs of dinosaurs  
Shadowed by its crown?

This last stanza, which suddenly transports us back millions of years to a time when the modest horsetail was a gigantic plant towering over dinosaurs, is a typical Wilbur maneuver: a shift of perspective that inspires wonder & awe. If you like these two poems, you'll love the four weeks we'll spend with him. All welcome, all aboard!

### Citizens United Response Team

Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 PM, Clarke Room

Government by the people is under attack by big money in politics.

Our guest speaker, Attorney David Cobb, 2004 Green Party Candidate for President, national director of Democracy Unlimited and Move To Amend, will talk about how we can join forces to combat it! Refreshments will be served.

### Tea for Two, or Three or More...

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Break out your long gloves and your broad brimmed hats, and join together in fellowship to raise awareness and funds for our upcoming rebuilding trip to New Orleans.

Enjoy tea, finger sandwiches, sweet delights, engaging conversation, and be serenaded by lovely classical music. This event is sponsored by Jubilee to support Arlington Street Church's work in New Orleans and for our continued fellowship with the good people of First Unitarian Universalist Church of New Orleans.

Please RSVP to [NewOrleans@ASCBoston.org](mailto:NewOrleans@ASCBoston.org) or leave a message at the church office 617-536-7050.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Covenant Renewal 2012-2013

Your pledge of financial support to our beloved spiritual community is greatly appreciated! It's not too late to pledge and to put your donations to work as part of this year's operating budget! Please drop your pledge form into the collection plate, give it to Rev. Kim, or mail it into the church office. Thank You!

### Call for Children's Religious Education Facilitators!

Would you like to share a bit of your time with the children and youth at Arlington Street Church? This could be a one time sing-along, a history lesson about the church, a conversation about a rally that is coming up, or just being another helping hand on Sunday morning. If interested, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Laura Evonne Steinman at [LES@ASCBoston.org](mailto:LES@ASCBoston.org).

### Just Coffee—Just for You!

Friends, we have a new supply of Just Coffee! Please come and get yours at the Social Action table after the service. Just \$12 per pound for great 100% organic coffee! Help support the grower cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico, [www.justcoffee.org](http://www.justcoffee.org).

## COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

July 2012 through June 2013

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I/We commit an annual total pledge of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the work of Arlington Street Church.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Pledge contributions may be made by cash, check, or credit card.**

- If you are paying with cash via the Sunday collection, please mark the envelope with your name(s) and "2013 Pledge Payment".
- Checks should be made payable to Arlington Street Church with "2013 pledge payment" written on the check memo line.
- If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete the following:

**Accepted:**  Mastercard  Visa

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: mm \_\_\_\_\_ yy \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please charge my credit card in either:**

- One payment for my entire pledge on July 15, 2012
- 12 equal monthly installments on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month

### 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.

### SCHEDULING EVENTS AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

All issues dealing with building usage, for both congregational usage 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](mailto:JBouchard@ASCBoston.org).

### INSIDE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please email all Sunday "Inside" announcements before Tuesday noon to [print@ascboston.org](mailto:print@ascboston.org). Phyllis Guiliano (Business Administrator) will receive this email and will compile 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.

### 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, 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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# INSIDE

## ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

*NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup>, 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](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org).

## THIS WEEK

### English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Monday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room

Learn or improve your English! The class usually meets twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Topics include general conversation, cooking, and holiday events, as well as grammar and pronunciation. Students are also welcome to suggest their own topic ideas. The class is taught by Ann Troise, a member of Arlington Street Church, who has been certified to teach ESL by the Boston Academy of English.

### Gay Men's Spirituality Group

Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street Church's Gay Men's Spirituality Group invites previous members and any interested newcomers to our first meeting of the church year. If you've always wondered about the group, now is your chance to check us out. Bring your ideas for maintaining a vibrant spiritual community for gay men at the church. There will be pizza for all, and please coordinate with Mark Troia at [gms@ascboston.org](mailto:gms@ascboston.org) if you can bring drinks, sides, dessert, or paper supplies. All are welcome, so feel free to bring a friend from the church or the larger Boston community.

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

Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 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 will be choosing our first book of the church year at this opening meeting. All are welcome!

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!

## Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.

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## Building the World We Dream About

Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:00 PM, Clarke Room

In June, a group of active members of Arlington Street Church met to explore the question of how we could work together to lead our congregation in becoming a more inclusive and multicultural community. We now propose an ongoing working group involving study and action called *Building the World We Dream About*, a newly-developed Unitarian Universalist (UU) curriculum. The program is designed to enable UU congregations to become more welcoming of racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity, and to dismantle racism in congregations and in the larger community. Curriculum goals are:

- To promote a multicultural welcome, inclusion, and affirmation in all facets of Unitarian Universalist congregational life
- To cultivate participants' knowledge and skills in addressing issues related to race, ethnicity, and cultural identity both individually and institutionally
- To identify ways congregations can build multiracial/multicultural communities of love and justice.

Through a series of interactive seminars, participants will explore topics that increase their understanding of race and ethnicity, as well as systemic racism, through spiritual reflection, journaling, visual arts, poetry, music, theater tools, simulations, guest speakers, and field trips. The curriculum culminates with worship and creation of action plans for anti-racist, multicultural congregational transformation. Please join us for the first meeting on Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>!

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

## This Week

### Sunday, September 9, 2012

9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Social Action Committee Meeting ~ Smith Room
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
12:30 PM	Membership Team ~ Stage Right Room

### Monday, September 10, 2012

10:00 AM	Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
7:00 PM	Gay Men's Spirituality Group ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Tuesday, September 11, 2012

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

### Wednesday, September 12, 2012

10:00 AM	Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
*3:30 PM	Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Thursday, September 13, 2012

7:00 PM	Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room
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### Friday, September 14, 2012

5:00 PM	Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall
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### Saturday, September 15, 2012

No congregational events

### Sunday, September 16, 2012

9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour and Light Lunch ~ Parish Hall
1:00 PM	Building the World We Dream About ~ Clarke Room

\* **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](http://www.ASCBoston.org)*



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## The Wednesdays Literary Salon: Richard Wilbur

Four consecutive Wednesday evenings: September 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>; October 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00-8:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Please join Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim for another delightful series at The Wednesdays, Arlington Street's literary salon! All are welcome!

Alan writes,

For the past 60 years, Richard Wilbur has arguably been our best formal American poet. By "formal," I only mean a poet who uses meter and rhyme. A hundred years ago, 99% of all English language poetry published was metered (meaning you can count the beat by rapping it out on a tabletop) and rhymed, with the remaining 1% written in free verse. Today, the percentages are reversed: 99% free verse, 1% formal. Robert Frost was probably the last internationally famous American poet who wrote formal poetry. He famously said that in his view, writing free verse was like playing tennis without a net.

He had a point, which we'll discuss in our four meetings devoted to Richard Wilbur. If his name is unfamiliar to you, you'll get a firm feel for his poetry from this small, playful poem called "Museum Piece" written (I'm guessing) around 1950:

The good grey guardians of art  
Patrol the halls on spongy shoes,  
Impartially protective, though  
Perhaps suspicious of Toulouse.  
Here dozes one against the wall,  
Disposed upon a funeral chair.  
A Degas dancer pirouettes  
Upon the parting of his hair.  
See how she spins! The grace is there,  
But strain as well is plain to see.  
Degas loved the two together:  
Beauty joined to energy.  
Edgar Degas purchased once  
A fine El Greco, which he kept  
Against the wall beside his bed  
To hang his pants on while he slept.

And here sixty years later is a poem that appeared in The New Yorker just last year, titled "Horsetail:"

It grows anywhere.  
This jointed stalk, with branches  
Like green floating hair.  
Thrives in ditches and  
Trackside gravel, and even  
In oil-spattered sand.  
Careless of all that,  
Its foot-high grace enhances  
Any habitat.  
Like a proud exile,  
It will not boast that elsewhere  
It lived in high style;

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