



Have You Made Your Pledge Yet?

If you have not yet made a financial pledge of support to Arlington Street for this church year, it's not too late! This church is a self-supporting community that relies on the generosity of members to fund everything from our transcendent worship to our mundane electric bill. Coordinating your values with where your money goes is a powerful spiritual practice! Plus, pledging helps the church plan responsibly for the year ahead. We are very close to reaching our goal of \$260,000, which will allow for a fully-funded budget. Covenant Renewal forms are available in the pews and at ASCBoston.org. Please submit your pledge today!



A Reflective Discussion for Lesbians Seeking Spiritual Answers—Separate from Traditional Religious Beliefs!

Saturday, January 14th ~ 12:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Might you be interested in getting together with other lesbians—who have left traditional religious beliefs—to think about and discuss our unique explorations and journeys of a spiritual nature? We'll have our discussion over a luncheon potluck. Please bring what you'd like for 5-6 persons: snack, sides, sandwiches, salad, or dessert! For further information, contact Sue Reamer at info@ASCBoston.org



Arlington Street's Literary Salon, The Wednesdays: Frost ~ Winter Poems, Part II

Wednesday, January 18th ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Join Prof. Alan and Rev. Kim for a cozy evening of winter poems by Robert Frost. This winter we'll be discussing ten new Frost winter poems. Printed copies of the poems will be available, but if you'd like a head start, the poems are as follows (in chronological order). Climb in your sleigh and come join us! All are welcome!

Storm Fear	Good Hours
Christmas Trees	Snow
Wild Grapes	Two Witches
Looking for a Sunset Bird in Winter	Dust in the Eyes
There Are Roughly Zones	To a Young Wretch



Alcoholics Anonymous Conference - Registration is Open!

January 27-29th ~ Kirsch Auditorium, MIT, Cambridge

Join us for a weekend of the steps as they are laid out in the Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous with Ralph W. from Los Angeles, Becky S. from New Bedford, Al G. from Buzzards Bay, Kelly H. from Brooklyn, Tommy D. from Boston, and Arisa B. from Brookline. Registration is only \$40 for the entire weekend and includes coffee, snacks, and an ice cream social. Scholarships are available to those who cannot afford registration. For more information please visit beacongrouppaa.com/freedom-trail-conference.

COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM July 2016 through June 2017

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/We commit an **TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE** of \$ _____
to support the work of Arlington Street Church for 2016-2017.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Mastercard Visa

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: mm _____ yy _____

Please charge my credit card in either:

- One payment for my entire pledge.
- Equal monthly installments on the 12th 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. 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 publications@ascboston.org. Laurinda O'Connor 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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INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11TH, 2016

TODAY



The Mitten Tree

Today ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Today is our 21st year of decorating the Mitten Tree. It's dressed with new, donated gloves, hats, scarves, and socks for the gentlemen guests of our Friday Night Supper Program. Please visit fridaynightsupper.org for information about the group.



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.

Additional volunteers are always welcome to help with food preparation and, especially, with clean-up. To learn more about joining our team, please stop by the kitchen.



Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street's Artist in Residence, Rodger Clinton Vine, presents a brief concert of Christmas music for the piano, followed immediately by our annual Carol Sing!



10th Annual Carol Sing!

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our tenth annual old-fashioned Christmas carol sing! Mark David Buckles, Director of Music, and the Arlington Street Choir will lead us in seasonal favorites, from Jingle Bells to It Came Upon a Midnight Clear. Hot chocolate, tea, cookies, and fruit to follow!



Annual Bethel Holiday Party

Today ~ 2:30 PM, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, Dorchester

Each year, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church provides an awesome holiday party for neighborhood families. We are invited to participate and help with whatever is needed (blow up balloons, paint faces, serve food, hand out gifts, etc.). Sign up to participate at the Social Action table in the Parish Hall.

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Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Every Sunday ~ 12:30 pm, Carol Smith Room

Are you battling illness, struggling with isolation, caring for someone who is sick or dying, or coping with grief after a loss? Please visit the Circle of Caring and join our community of support, peace, healing, and love. Facilitators Maureen Peterson and Lisa Kirk lend their significant personal and professional experience to create a safe space for sharing our stories and supporting one another through the crises of life.



Out of Many, One: An Interfaith Call for Dignity and Diligence with Mayor Marty Walsh

Today, 6:00 ~ Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center, 100 Malcolm X Blvd.

Please join Rev. Kim and the interfaith community of Boston as we gather at the Islamic Center to bear witness to the post-election spike in hate mail and hate crimes being perpetrated on our Muslim neighbors. For security reasons, please RSVP on the home page at ASCBoston.org. All are welcome!



Refuge Recovery

Every Sunday ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Refuge Recovery is a Buddhist path to recovering from addiction. All are welcome! For more information, please visit <https://m.facebook.com/refugebackbay/> or email refugerecoverybackbay@gmail.com.

THIS WEEK



Kundalini Yoga Class

Every Wednesday ~ 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. First class is free!



Buddha's Belly Presents *Stumbling into Infinity* A Very Special Evening with Michael Fischman

Tuesday, December 13th ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Michael Fischman, author of *Stumbling Into Infinity: An Ordinary Man in the Sphere of Enlightenment*, left a very successful career in business to pursue a spiritual life. Michael's memoir chronicles his life as the son of a Holocaust survivor and his life-changing encounter with Indian teacher Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. We are looking forward to welcoming Michael as our honored guest to read from his book and share his thoughts on living a spiritual life. The list price of the book is \$14, but it will be available to us at the publisher's cost of \$8.50. Bring a friend! All are welcome!



Arlington Street Zen Center Winter Solstice Vespers

Tuesday, December 13th ~ 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Come to the Arlington Street Zen Center for a Winter Solstice Vespers, with beautiful readings, silent meditation by candlelight, songs, and walking meditation in the Public Garden. All are welcome!

We invite you to cut out this calendar or view the full calendar at ASCBoston.org

This Week

Sunday, December 11, 2016

- *9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee Meeting ~ Carol Smith Room
- 9:30 AM CRE Committee Meeting ~ Panera on Boylston Street
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education - Nursery, Chapel, Perkins and Carol Smith Rooms
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Arlington Street Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith Room
- 12:30 PM Rodger Vine Christmas Music on Piano ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 1:00 PM 10th Annual Carol Sing ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 6:00 PM Refuge Recovery ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 6:00 PM Out of Many, One ~ Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center

Monday, December 12, 2016

- *6:30 PM Internship Committee Meeting ~ Perkins Room

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly *Stumbling into Infinity* ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center Winter Solstice Vespers ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

- *12:30 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 7:00 PM Meetup Group for Liberals and Progressives ~ Clarke Room

Thursday, December 15, 2016

- 7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, December 16, 2016

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, December 17, 2016

No congregational events are scheduled.

Sunday, December 18, 2016

- *9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Multigenerational Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education - Nursery, Chapel, Perkins and Carol Smith Rooms
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Holiday Party ~ Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Arlington Street Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith Room
- 12:30 PM Uncomfortable Conversations ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- *1:00 PM Coming Of Age (COA) ~ Perkins Room and Parish Hall
- 6:00 PM Refuge Recovery ~ Hunnewell Chapel

* Denotes closed meetings. This calendar is accurate as of noon the Tuesday before publication and only includes events directly related to the congregation.

For additional listings, please visit www.ASCBoston.org



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Ushers Still Needed for Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve is special at Arlington Street, with three candlelit services, and we need ushers to help out with all three, especially at the 5 pm service! You can volunteer by signing up at the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall after today's service or by contacting the church office (office@ascboston.org; 617-536-7050). Please be sure to let us know which service or services you are volunteering to usher and provide an email address and phone number where we can reach you. Thank you!



Holiday Party!

Sunday, December 18th ~ 12:30 PM, Parish Hall

The Arlington Street staff invites you to a festive holiday celebration! Visit the hot chocolate bar, make a gingerbread house and a pomander (fragrant orange-clove), and string a popcorn and cranberry garland for your tree. Rev. Kim will wrap your presents. Let's celebrate together!



Uncomfortable Conversations

Sunday, December 18th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

The Transformation Team for Racial Justice offers this time and space for facilitated discussion and continuing conversation about developing an anti-racist worldview. We plan to hold these conversations periodically at Arlington Street Church. All are welcome and no RSVP is needed. For more information or to suggest discussion topics in advance, email transformation@ascboston.org.



Coming Of Age (COA)

Sunday, December 18th ~ 1:00 PM, Perkins Room

Youth and their mentors will meet up at the holiday party and get to know each other a little better. Please email Jaimie for more information at jdingus@ASCBoston.org.



Chanukah Concert—A Light Through the Ages

Sunday, Dec. 18th ~ 4:00 PM, Central Reform Temple, 15 Newbury St.

Come celebrate the meaning of Chanukah in story and song, with a dramatic candle lighting ceremony! The Zamir Chorale of Boston will perform traditional and contemporary holiday classics. Free!



Christmas Eve!

Saturday, December 24th ~ Services 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 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 and 9:00, the Boston Gay Men's Chorus stands in for the Heavenly Host! Candle lighting is a highlight of all three services. Please come and bring your loved ones to share in this magical evening!