

Future meal shipments as well as other critical supplies will go to Liberia and Ghana. For more information, please visit <http://events.stophungernow.org/ArlingtonStreetChurch>. Bring everyone you know! All are welcome! Stop Hunger Now!

### **Arlington Street's Literary Salon, The Wednesdays, presents The Wednesdays: Shakespeare's Plays**

Wednesdays, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, and Feb. 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim have come up with a scheme that we hope will excite you as much as it does us! The Wednesdays of January and February will be the first installment of a long series devoted to reading all 38 plays of Shakespeare. (Our plan is to alternate Shakespeare with other writers: Flannery O'Connor, Faulkner, Mary Oliver, et al. So we'll have a Shakespeare course, then another course, then the next Shakespeare course, then another course, etc.) This is a huge ambition and will take years to accomplish, but it's wholly appropriate, since Shakespeare is by universal consent not only the greatest writer in the English language, but one of the immortals of world literature. (His only peers in that lofty realm are Homer, Dante, and Cervantes.) Part of what this means is that, sometimes, we will read plays that are only apprentice-work, i.e., plays that are less than great (there are blessedly few of these), and we will need to practice a good deal of patience with archaic language, attending to a plethora of footnotes, since there's no doing without them (unless you live in a world where you cut your meat with a bodkin and teach your children to say their orizons at bedtime). In other words, these Shakespeare courses are not for the faint of heart. But since it's generally true that "as ye sow, so shall ye reap," the rewards will be enormous. For many of us this will be one of the great experiences/accomplishments of our lives!

*Shakespeare I:* January 21: Henry VI, Part One; January 28: Henry VI, Part Two; February 11: Henry VI, Part Three; February 18: Richard III

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## **Announcements**

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### **Christmas Eve Ushers Needed!**

Christmas Eve is coming and we will be needing ushers for all three services: 5pm, 7pm and 9pm. You can volunteer by emailing Ellen Spencer at [espencceruu@comcast.net](mailto:espencceruu@comcast.net) or calling her at 617-566-9821 (leave a message if her voice mail picks up). Please specify the service you're volunteering for - and also leave an email address and/or telephone number where we can reach you. There will also be a sign up sheet at the membership table in the Parish Hall after the service. A brief orientation for ushers will be held from 12:30-1pm on Sunday, Dec. 21 in the sanctuary.

### **A Study Group Based on UU Principles: Palestine and Israel**

February 2015

Perhaps no other issue challenges our UU principles—to support human rights and social justice—than the Israeli Palestinian question. In a talk given during General Assembly last June, Rabbi Brian Walt said: "At its root it is a struggle insuring that everyone gets equal rights." For those of you who are interested, a study group based on the UUJME (UUs for Justice in the Middle East) curriculum on Justice in Israel-Palestine will start in February 2015. This curriculum will connect questions raised by this conflict with each UU principle. We will meet six times, and we will determine the best time for us to meet. If you want to be part of the group, please contact [socialaction@ASCBoston.org](mailto:socialaction@ASCBoston.org)

### **Join the Arlington Street Choir!**

Every Thursday ~ 7:00 PM, Clarke Room

Experience the spiritual practice of communal singing! Take just a couple of hours out of your week to create something beautiful, make friends, and add more music to your life! Musicians and non-musicians are welcome—we are a mix of professionals and amateurs. We rehearse every Thursday and are always accepting new members. We meet in the Clarke Room on the second floor of the church. If you have any questions, please always feel free to contact our Director of Music, Mark David Buckles at [MBuckles@ASCBoston.org](mailto:MBuckles@ASCBoston.org).

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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](mailto: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!

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#### *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](mailto:JBouchard@ASCBoston.org).

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#### *INSIDE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES*

Please email all Sunday "Inside" announcements *before Tuesday noon* to [publications@ascboston.org](mailto: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.

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#### *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.

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#### *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 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2014

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### **TODAY**

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#### **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.

#### **Holiday Bazaar!**

Today and Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 10:30 -10:45 AM & 12:00-1:00 PM, Parish Hall

Support our local craftspeople and artists by shopping local! And it doesn't get much more local than our own Parish Hall! Come check out the beautiful handcrafted gifts for purchase before and after the service today and the following two weeks.

And, if you are a craftsperson and would like to participate next Sunday, please contact Laura Evonne Steinman at [les@ascboston.org](mailto:les@ascboston.org), we are looking for artisans of all ages and kinds!

<http://goo.gl/forms/ehN39ESqub>. Each craft table is asked to make a free-will donation to the church from their proceeds.

#### **The Mitten Tree**

Today ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Today is the day we decorate the Mitten Tree with all the new, donated gloves, hats, scarves, and socks for the gentlemen guests of our Friday Night Supper Program! Thank you for your generosity!

#### **Indulge 2015 Planning Meeting**

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Clarke Room

Join the planning as we finalize design for the "save the date" cards and discuss next steps for pulling together the live and silent auctions. Indulge 2015 is scheduled for March 28th, 2015,

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and it will doubtless be as much fun and as successful as all the previous Indulges! Come be a part of helping to make this fun night a reality!

### 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!

### 8th Annual Carol Sing!

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our eighth 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!

### Boston Gay Men's Chorus puts the Merry into Christmas!

Today, at 3 PM; and Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> at 8 PM ~ Jordan Hall

Come Deck Jordan Hall with the Boston Gay Men's Chorus this holiday season. Traditional favorites Deck the Hall, Ding Dong Merrily on High, The First Noel, and more are combined with fun new classics like Sparklejollytwinklejingle to make this the most wonderful time of the year. Don't miss Boston's other holiday tradition. Full price tickets are available at [www.bgmc.org](http://www.bgmc.org) for \$25-75

### Chanukah Concert—A Light Through the Ages

Today ~ 4:00 PM, Central Reform Temple, 15 Newbury St.

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

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## THIS WEEK

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### 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!

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## SAVE THE DATE

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### Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Frothingham Library

Are you battling illness, caring for someone who is ill, or in the process of losing someone you love? Or have you already lost them, and are you trying to cope with the heartbreak and anger that

*We invite you to cut out this calendar or view the full calendar at [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org)*

## This Week

### Sunday, December 14, 2014

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| *9:30 AM | Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary                                     |
| 10:30 AM | Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall                                    |
| 11:00 AM | Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary                              |
| 11:15 AM | Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins, Parish Hall, Stage R. |
| 12:00 PM | Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall                             |
| 12:00 PM | Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall                                    |
| 12:30 PM | Indulge 2015 Planning Meeting ~ Clarke Room                     |
| 12:30 PM | Rodger Clinton Vine Christmas Music on Piano ~ Hunnewell Chapel |
| 1:00 PM  | 8th Annual Carol Sing ~ Hunnewell Chapel                        |

### Monday, December 15, 2014

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| 7:00 PM | Boston New Sanctuary Movement ~ Hunnewell Chapel |
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### Tuesday, December 16, 2014

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| 6:00 PM | Prudential Committee ~ Perkins Room    |
| 6:00 PM | Transformation Team ~ Hunnewell Chapel |

### Wednesday, December 17, 2014

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| *11:30 AM | Staff Meeting ~ Perkins           |
| 6:00 PM   | Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel |

### Thursday, December 18, 2014

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| 7:00 PM | Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room |
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### Friday, December 19, 2014

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| 5:00 PM | Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall |
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### Saturday, December 20, 2014

No congregational events are scheduled.

### Sunday, December 21, 2014

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| *9:30 AM | Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary                             |
| 10:30 AM | Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall                            |
| 11:00 AM | Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary                      |
| 11:15 AM | Childcare ~ Nursery                                     |
| 12:00 PM | Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall                     |
| 12:00 PM | Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall                            |
| 12:30 PM | Arlington Street Circle of Caring ~ Frothingham Library |

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

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accompany loss and grief? If you are currently struggling, or have experienced this type of life crisis and would like to share how you made it through, then please join the Caring Circle.

Maureen Peterson is an ASC member who has lost her parents and her best friend to cancer and her brother to AIDS. Her vision of the Circle of Caring is to create a safe space in which to share our stories, discuss what might help, and just be together in support, in healing, in peace and always in love.

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

Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Buddha's Belly and Arlington Street Zen Center (feel free to come to one or both) meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday.

Buddha's Belly meets at 6 PM. Tonight, we continue our discussion of Pema Chödrön's *Start Where You Are*. Please read chapters 7-9.

### Arlington Street Zen Center Winter Solstice Vespers and Waking Up the Trees!

Tuesday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel and Boston Public Garden

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 complete with Wassailing the Trees! Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

### Rev. Vera OBrien preaches "A Year to Live"

Sunday, December 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:00 AM ~ Sanctuary

We are thrilled to welcome to our high pulpit Rev. Vera, our Affiliated Community Minister, who was ordained here at Arlington Street eight years ago. As a Staff Chaplain at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Rev. Vera's ministry extends our work and faith into our local community. Rev. Vera works with the Palliative Care, Hospice, and Oncology Teams and co-leads the Pastoral Visitor program, a group of volunteers who meet regularly for ongoing training while serving patients as volunteer chaplains. In addition to preaching on December 28<sup>th</sup>, she will be offering a Sunday afternoon Spiritual Passion this coming February. Stay tuned for details!

### Ebola Crisis Response: Arlington Street Teams Up with Stop Hunger Now!

Sunday, January 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:00 PM, Parish Hall

Once again, we're teaming up for a Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event as part of the Dr. Martin Luther King Day of Service. Last year, we raised \$2,500 for Stop Hunger Now. We created an all-ages assembly line, and, in one afternoon, packaged an astonishing 10,000 meals! Those meals and others, totaling 285,120, were shipped to Cambodia, where they were distributed by a partner organization to orphans and widows in 24 provinces there.

This year, Stop Hunger Now has mounted an Ebola crisis response, and are shipping meals to West Africa. The first shipment arrived in Sierra Leone in September, where markets had been shut down for 3 months and nearly half of the country had come to a standstill.