

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. 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. Please visit [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org) for more information.

*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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### **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. Our first rehearsal of the new year is Thursday, January 8th. 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).

## **COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM**

July 2014 through June 2015

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

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

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

I/We commit an **TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE** of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the work of Arlington Street Church for 2014-2015.

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 “*2015 Pledge Payment*”.
- Checks should be made payable to Arlington Street Church with “*2015 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 10, 2014
- Equal monthly installments on the *10<sup>th</sup> of each month*
- I'm adding a pledge of SERVICE! Here's how I'd like to serve:*

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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 21<sup>ST</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 ~ 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.

### **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 [espenenceruu@comcast.net](mailto:espenenceruu@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 12:30-1:00 pm on Sunday, Dec. 21 in the sanctuary.

### **Arlington Street Circle of Caring**

Today ~ 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 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.

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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.

### CRE Holiday Party

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Perkins Room

Come to the CRE Holiday Party! We will be making gingerbread houses, clove oranges, latkes, and paper chains. All are welcome!

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## THIS WEEK

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### 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!

### Christmas Eve!

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 9:00 PM, Sanctuary

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!

### Kundalini Yoga Class

Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> (because of the Wednesday holiday) ~ 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!

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

## This Week

### Sunday, December 21, 2014

- \*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
- 12:30 PM CRE Holiday Party ~ Perkins Room

### Monday, December 22, 2014

- 10:30 PM Connections ~ Perkins Room
- 6:30 PM Membership Team Meeting ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Tuesday, December 23, 2014

- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center Winter Solstice Vespers ~ Hunnewell Chapel and Boston Garden

### Wednesday, December 24, 2014

- 5:00 PM Family Christmas Eve Service with the Arlington Street Choir ~ Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Community Christmas Eve Service, with Boston Gay Men's Chorus ~ Sanctuary
- 9:00 PM Community Christmas Eve Service, with Boston Gay Men's Chorus ~ Sanctuary

### Thursday, December 25, 2014

Church office is closed

### Friday, December 26, 2014

- 5:00 pm Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga

### Saturday, December 27, 2014

No congregational events are scheduled.

### Sunday, December 28, 2014

- \*9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 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

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



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## SAVE THE DATE

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### 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 today, on February 8th, as part of our Sunday afternoon Spiritual Passions series, she will be hosting a Death Cafe—an opportunity to speak about death and dying in a casual, comfortable setting.

### First Night at Arlington Street

Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup> ~ 10:00 PM, Sanctuary

The American Guild of Organists' First Night concert will take place again this year at Arlington Street Church! Three outstanding organists will each perform 20-minute segments of an hour-long program at 10:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve. The three featured artists are our own Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, Bryan Ashley (Organist at the Christian Science "Mother Church"), and Heinrich Christensen (Organist at King's Chapel). Admission is granted with the purchase of a First Night Button for only \$10, which is good for admittance to all First Night events in Boston on December 31. Rodger Clinton Vine has been coordinating these annual A.G.O. concerts for the past 32 years!

### Spiritual Passion: People of Faith United for Racial Justice

Sunday January 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Thousands of people across the country have responded to recent police killings of unarmed black men and boys. Arlington Street's Social Action Committee, Children's Religious Education (CRE), and the the Transformation Team for Racial Justice invite you to discuss how, as people of faith, we can actively engage in the struggle for racial justice in the Boston area. Child care will be provided.

### Save the Date for Indulge 2015!

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30 PM, Arlington Street Church

Be there when Las Vegas comes to Arlington Street! It's our 6th annual fundraising gala to benefit our spiritual community. Guests will be treated to a stellar evening of live music, wonderful food, and silent and live auctions. We'd love you to be there, so save the date!

### 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,