
 **Stop the Bleed Training with Bill Briggs, RN**
Sunday, January 27th ~ 1:30 PM, Parish Hall

Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and call-to-action to empower bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives. The Stop the Bleed course was developed by the American College of Surgeons after the Sandy Hook Elementary School shootings. You may have seen emergency trauma kits at Logan Airport, Gillette Stadium, and other public locations. Bill Briggs has generously donated one that will hang next to the defibrillator here at Arlington Street. This 90-minute course, offered free of charge, will teach you how to use it. The course is limited to 24 participants. You can register by emailing or calling Jeffrey Bouchard at jbouchard@ascboston.org or 617.536.7051.

 **Spiritual Passions 2019!**
Pathways to Wholeness with Chris Cobb
Sunday, February 17th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

In our fractured current moment, which seems filled with intense anger and tribalism, people are seeking to heal what feels broken—and taking many paths to do that. How well do these pathways help people move toward thriving and connection? Arlington Street member Chris Cobb will use insights from his professional role as a leader of community change efforts focusing on substance use prevention, and examples from his personal spiritual journey, to facilitate dialogue and offer practical tools for pathways to healing and wholeness.

 **Delegates needed for General Assembly Meeting**
June 19-23, 2019 ~ Spokane, WA

Are you a voting member of the congregation planning on attending this year's General Assembly Meeting in Spokane, WA (either in person or online)? If your answer is yes, then would you consider using this trip as an opportunity to be of service to our beloved spiritual community? The Nominating Committee will be submitting the names of five delegates to represent our congregation at this year's meeting. If being of service in this way interests you, please contact the Nominating Committee before March 3, 2019 at nominating@ascboston.org or see Rachel Corey at the Welcome Table after the service for more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **The Environment and Food Choices**

Less Meat = Less Heat. To what does this refer? It is about the fact that the raising of livestock is a major contributor to greenhouse gas emissions. Of these emissions, it is mainly beef cattle that produce methane, a gas that gets trapped in the ozone layer. As the ozone layer thickens, less heat is able to escape into the atmosphere, causing the earth to heat up. There are many steps we can each take to lessen the heating of the planet and one is to no longer eat beef. Please give serious consideration to this important suggestion; small steps by millions of us can have a positive effect. You can be part

COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

through June 2019

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/We commit an **TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE** of \$ _____
to support the work of Arlington Street Church for 2018-2019.

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, Congregational Administrator 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.

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.

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.

FINDING EVENTS AT ARLINGTON STREET

Main level: Hunnewell Chapel is through the leather door to the right of the pulpit; **Nursery** is off the hallway outside the chapel; **Frothingham Library** is past the stairs and next to the Boylston Street entrance.

Upstairs: Clarke Room is up the stairs outside the nursery.

Downstairs: Parish Hall is the main room; **Carol Smith Room** is to the right of the stage; **Alan Helms Library** is to the left of the stage; **Perkins Room** (Family Ministry) is just past the kitchen; **Program Room** is at the back of the Perkins Room.

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 23RD, 2018

*If you are visiting Arlington Street Church
or would like information about Unitarian Universalism,
please visit the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall.*

TODAY

  **Coffee Hour and Lunch**

Today ~ Immediately following worship, Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for coffee, soup, sandwiches, and community! Please visit the Arlington Street Cares Table (on your right as you enter the Parish Hall) to sign cards for those who have shared candles of sorrow and joy with us.

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.

THIS WEEK

 **A Candle Lit Christmas Eve!**

Monday, December 24th ~ Services at 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 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!

 **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!

SAVE THE DATE

 **Arlington Street Circle of Caring**

Sundays, December 30th, January 13th & 27th ~ 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. Facilitator, Maureen Peterson calls on her significant personal experience to create a safe space for sharing our stories and supporting one another through the crises of life.



Taking Out the Greens

Sunday, January 6th ~ 12:45 to 2:00 PM, Sanctuary

Please join in helping to take down and pack away our holiday decor. January 6th is the 12th Day of Christmas (and the Feast of the Epiphany, when the 3 Wise Men delivered gifts to the baby Jesus), so it's an appropriate time to "take out the greens!" Interested people can contact Kevin Tyrrell at ushers@ascboston.org or via the church office at 617.536.7050.



Uncomfortable Conversations about Race

Sunday, January 6th ~ 12:30 PM, Perkins Room

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



Spiritual Passions 2019! Introduction to Meditation

Sunday, January 6th ~ 1:00 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 Arlington Street Zen Center

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

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

6:00 Buddha's Belly: We will complete Sylvia Boorstein's *It's Easier Than You Think: The Buddhist Way to Happiness*. Please read through to the end. All are welcome!

7:00 Arlington Street Zen Center: Our gathering includes seated and walking meditations, a dharma talk, and conversation. If you'd like to walk in the Public Garden (optional!), please dress for the weather. Beginners and experienced meditators from all traditions are warmly welcome.



Second Sunday Song Circle

Sunday, January 13th ~ 12:45 PM, Clarke Room

Have a song or story in your heart? Come share it at our song circle. If you need inspiration, at least one copy of Pete Seeger's *Rise up Singing* will be provided. Feel free to bring your own! Voices and instruments of all skill levels welcome, and just listening is fine too!



Strategic Planning: Collaborative Conversations

Sunday, January 13th ~ 12:45 PM, Perkins Room

The Prudential Committee (our governing board, comprised of elected members of the congregation) has drafted a vision statement for Arlington Street. At this gathering, we'll be discussing our second topic: Arlington Street Church as the Hub for Progressive Values and Spiritual Transformation. All are welcome!

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

This Week

December 23, 2018

*9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM Sunday Worship Service ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM Family Ministry Program ~ Perkins Room

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018

5:00 PM Christmas Eve Service ~ Sanctuary
7:00 PM Christmas Eve Service ~ Sanctuary
9:00 PM Christmas Eve Service ~ Sanctuary

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2018

Church office is closed. Happy Holidays!

Wednesday, December 26, 2018

6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, December 27, 2018

7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, December 28, 2018

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, December 29, 2018

No congregational events are scheduled.

Sunday, December 30, 2018

*9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM Sunday Worship Service ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM Family Ministry Program ~ Perkins Room
12:30 PM ASC Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith 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 additional listings, please visit www.ASCBoston.org



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

Here is the vision statement:

*We are a welcoming sanctuary,
an historic destination for arts and culture,
and a hub for progressive values and spiritual transformation.*

The Pru will be hosting a series of collaborative discussions and invites you join us and share your ideas on how our congregation can realize this vision. Topics will include:

1. Membership and Financial Growth
2. Arlington Street Church as the Hub for Progressive Values and Spiritual Transformation
3. Program Expansion (i.e. Coming of Age packages, a lecture series, concerts, weddings)
4. Integrating ASC and the Foundation (in service to making ASC an historic destination for arts and culture)
5. Stewardship



Intersectional Book Discussion

Monday, January 14th ~ 5:30 PM, Frothingham Library

Join Rev. Kim for the tenth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. For this gathering, we'll be reading Robin DiAngelo's *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk about Racism*. All are welcome!



Arlington Street's Literary Salon The Wednesdays: Shakespeare

Wednesdays ~ 6:00 PM, The Vendome, 160 Commonwealth Avenue (tell the doorman you're there to see Professor Helms)

January 16th ~ Timon of Athens

January 30th ~ Pericles

Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim welcome you to the seventh installment of the Wednesdays Shakespearathon! Reading all 38 of Shakespeare's plays is admittedly a huge ambition, but Shakespeare is, by universal consent, not only the greatest writer in the English language, but one of the immortals of world literature. We'll need patience with archaic language while attending to a plethora of footnotes (there's no doing without them unless you live in a world where you cut your meat with a bodkin and your children 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 of our lives! All are welcome!



Dear White People

Sunday, January 20th ~ 12:30 PM, Perkins Room

Come to watch and discuss *two more episodes* of the Netflix series "Dear White People," a humorous but serious take on a campus culture war between black and white students at a predominantly white college.

Don't worry if you missed the first episode as we will catch you up. We will show more episodes on Sundays, February 10th and March 10th.