

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!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There are many great Arlington Street Church events in the works for the new year. As you begin planning for 2018, be sure to save the dates for:

January 8th – Intersectional Book Group

January 14th – Ice Skating & Hot Chocolate at Frog Pond

February 11th – Chinese New Year Parade & Dim Sum Outing

March 24th – Indulge Auction & Celebration

April 1st – Easter Sunday Worship

April 8th – Rise Against Hunger Service Event

April 29th – Covenant Renewal Sunday

May 6th – Ordination of Beth Robbins

May 12th – Sakyong Mipham (son of Chögyam Trungpa; head of Shambhala)

June 9th – Pride! And an evening Kirtan with Krishna Das

Plus ... Stay tuned for special evenings with Cris Williamson and our own Karlene Griffiths Sekou!

ARLINGTON STREET MINISTRIES



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.



Children's Religious Education Wants You!

Would you enjoy assisting behind the scenes, sharing a story or your spiritual practice, going on a field trip, leading a sex ed class, holding babies, building with legos, or digging in the dirt? If the answer is yes, please contact Beth Robbins at BRobbins@ASCBoston.org.



Transformation Team for Racial Justice

The Transformation Team for Racial Justice is an ongoing task force of Arlington Street Church that seeks to identify and eliminate interpersonal and institutional barriers of racism and oppression, and build a justice-seeking, multiracial, multicultural community. Please email any feedback or questions to Transformation@ASCBoston.org, attend our open meetings on the third Tuesday of the month from 7 - 8:30 p.m. or speak with a team member (Jonah Beukman, Sarah Cooleybeck, Rita Falzarano, Margy Herley, Laura Pattison, Nancy Perna, and Barbara Seidl). Membership on the Team requires a one year commitment and anti-racism/anti oppression/multicultural training.



COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

December 2017 through June 2018

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/We commit an **TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE** of \$ _____
to support the work of Arlington Street Church for 2017-2018.

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 3RD, 2017

*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.



Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Today and Sunday, December 17th ~ 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.



Ritual for Honoring Transition

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

For seven years, Laura Evonne Steinman served as Arlington Street's Director of Religious Education. With the timing of her leaving in June, we missed the opportunity to say goodbye. This simple ritual is to honor the transition in our staff, release what is past, and welcome what is to come. Children, youth, and families are especially encouraged to participate. All are welcome!

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!

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Bringing in the Greens

Saturday, December 9th ~ 11:00 - 4:00 PM, Sanctuary

We're decorating the sanctuary for the holidays! It requires a small battalion of volunteers, no experience is required, and it's a lot of fun! Please plan to join in! Come for all or part of the time. Please RSVP to Office@ASCBoston.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Mitten Tree

Sunday, December 10th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Please bring new, unwrapped gloves, hats, scarves, and socks for the gentlemen guests of our Friday Night Supper Program. Let's decorate the Mitten Tree!



General Assembly Delegate Question and Answer Session

Sunday, December 10th ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

The Nominating Committee invites you to a question and answer session on what happens at the UUA General Assembly meetings and what being an official delegate of the church involves. If you are interested, we'd love you see you!



Chanukah Concert—A Light Through the Ages

Sunday, December 10th ~ 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! This holiday offering is a unique opportunity for the greater Boston community to experience the inspiration and broader significance of Chanukah, the eight day Festival of lights. The Zamir Chorale of Boston will perform traditional and contemporary holiday classics. *Free!*



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

Tuesday, December 12th ~ 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'll begin our discussion of *All the Rage: Buddhist Wisdom on Anger and Acceptance* (Andrea Miller, editor). Please read through page 32, "Five Habits of Mind."

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.



Arlington Street's Literary Salon, The Wednesdays: Shakespeare's All's Well That Ends Well

Wednesday, December 13th ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim welcome you to the final session of the fifth installment of the Wednesdays Shakespearathon! Reading all 38 of Shakespeare's plays is admittedly a huge ambition, but Shakespeare is, by

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

This Week

Sunday, December 3, 2017

- *9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education (CRE) ~ Perkins Room
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM ASC Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith Room
- 1:00 PM Ritual for Honoring Transition ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, December 4, 2017

No congregational events are scheduled.

Tuesday, December 5, 2017

- 6:00 PM Worship Committee ~ Perkins Room
- *7:30 PM Spiritual Practice for Professional Caregivers ~ Frothingham Library

Wednesday, December 6, 2017

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, December 7, 2017

- 7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, December 8, 2017

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP) ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, December 9, 2017

- 11:00 AM 2nd Annual Bringing in the Greens ~ Sanctuary

Mitten Tree Sunday, December 10, 2017

- *9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Intergenerational Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 1:00 PM Nominating Committee ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 1:00 PM CRE Visioning Meeting ~ Perkins 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



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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!



Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Sunday, December 17th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

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



Uncomfortable Conversations about Race

Sunday, December 17th ~ 12:30 PM, Program Room (inside Perkins Room)

The Transformation Team for Racial Justice offers this time and space for facilitated discussion and continuing conversation about developing anti-racist 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.



11th Annual Carol Sing!

Sunday, December 17th ~ 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

Sunday, December 17th ~ 2:30 PM, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, Dorchester

Each year, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church provides an awesome holiday party for neighborhood parents and kids. 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.



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!



Oh Come, All Ye Ushers!

Sunday, December 24th ~ Services at 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 9:00 PM

Christmas Eve is special at Arlington Street, and ushers are needed to help with all three services. You can volunteer by signing up at the