

Help Buy Beds for Children!

The Social Action Committee is sponsoring a holiday bake sale to support the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. The cakes and cookies are donated by the Dancing Deer Baking Company, so every dollar will go to the Coalition to buy beds for children who have none.

There are three kinds of cakes for \$12 each and two different boxes of cookies for \$19 each. We will be taking orders at the Social Action table on Sundays Nov. 20th through December 11th. The goodies can be picked up on Sunday December 18th.

Social Action Heroes

Unitarian Universalists Who Are Changing the World, by Michelle Deakin, has been published just in time to give as gifts or as a way to treat yourself. As you read about the courageous and caring men and women profiled in this book, your spirits will be lifted. It is no surprise that Arlington Street Church folks are included; Reverend Kim and Susie Nacco are highlighted in the book's first chapter about work in New Orleans after Katrina, and a whole chapter is devoted to George Leger and Only A Child. The book(s) can be purchased after church at the Social Action table for \$12.00 each and will be available on December 4th, 11th, and 18th.

Clothing Drive!

The Social Action Committee is sponsoring the drive to help the Eastern Service Workers Association (ESWA). This non-profit organization needs clean, used clothing to give to its clients in the greater Boston area. We will be collecting clothes at the Social Action table on December 4th, 11th, and 18th. Need is great in these difficult economic times; please donate clothes you no longer wear.

Friday Night Supper Program, Inc.

Help your homeless and hungry neighbors!

The Friday Night Supper Program has been serving hot, nutritious, meals to over 150 homeless and low-income people every Friday evening since 1984. This year's Christmas supper will be on December 16th.

There are many ways in which you can support the program:

- Tax deductible cash donations
- A donation of clothing and toiletries. Our clothing closet is in great need of men's pants (sizes 36-40).
- Support our annual Holiday Bags campaign during which we distribute warm clothing, toiletries, socks, and holiday candy to our guests.

Secure donations can be made via www.fridaynightsupper.org, where you will also find information about our history, programs, and services. To volunteer or for more information, contact Executive Director Caroline Carwood, 617-536-7050 x22 or info@fridaynightsupper.org.

COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

July 2011 through June 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

For the church year, July 2011 - June 2012, I/We commit a TOTAL of \$ _____ to support the work of Arlington Street Church.

I/We will make payments on our pledge during the church year, and I/We will complete the pledge by June 30, 2012:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

If you are paying with cash via the Sunday collection, be sure to clearly mark the envelope with your name(s) and indicate "*Pledge Payment*".

Checks should be made payable to Arlington Street Church with "2012 pledge payment" written on the check memo line.

If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete the information below:

Accepted: Mastercard Visa

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Zip Code: _____

One Time Charge Equal Monthly Contributions

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. Your message will be received by the Church's administrative assistant so it can find its way to the appropriate people. Please speak your "truths in love" and include your name and contact information so we can follow-up. Thanks! For emergencies, please see "[Our Caring Community](#)" to the right.

SCHEDULING EVENTS AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

All issues dealing with building usage, for both congregational usage and rentals, must be coordinated by Jeffrey Bouchard, Assistant to the Administrator. 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 print@ascboston.org. Phyllis Guiliano (church administrator) will receive this email and will compile all of the announcements for publication. Materials must be legible, signed, and fully composed and may be edited, as space is limited. Please note that we only publish submissions related to Arlington Street events or the wider Unitarian Universalist community.

OUR CARING COMMUNITY

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!

Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*
351 Boylston Street
Boston, Massachusetts 02116-3303

Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM
Phone: 617-536-7050 • Fax: 617-536-7051

E-mail: office@ASCBoston.org • Web: www.ASCBoston.org

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, 2011

TODAY

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, stop by the kitchen today, or contact Jon Ellertson or Sharon Pressly-Fiero through the church at office@ASCBoston.org.

Conversation on Occupy Boston (OB)

Today, December 4th ~ 12:15-1:30 PM, Stage Right (next to Parish Hall)

Join our Intern Minister, Rebecca Froom, and our Religious Educator, Laura Evonne Steinman, for a conversation on Arlington Street Church's participation in the Occupy Boston movement. Hear about ways that the ASC community can be a support to the OB movement. Bring your questions and ideas. All are welcome!

Arlington Street Church History, Part I

Today, December 4th ~ 12:30-2:00 PM, Clarke Room

Holly Hendricks, Arlington Street Church historian, will present the first of a 3-part multimedia series on the church's history, followed by questions and discussion. Our first session addresses:

- 18th-century beginnings as "Church of the Presbyterian Strangers" in Puritan Boston
- The first two meeting houses (1727 or 1729, and 1744) on Long Lane (100 Federal Street today)
- Long Lane Church's role in pre-Revolutionary and Revolutionary Boston
- Adopting Congregationalism
- Hosting the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention and becoming "Federal Street Church"

continued on next page...

500 Years of Music for Guitar with Peter Griggs!

Today, December 4th ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

In “500 Years of Music for Guitar,” guitarist/composer Peter Griggs explores the music of the classical guitar, from the Renaissance to the Contemporary. The program will include music by Gaspar Sanz, Johann Sebastian Bach, Bartolome Calatuyud, Django Rheinhardt and Thelonious Monk, as well as Flamenco, Brazilian music and several of Griggs’ own compositions. Donations are welcomed.

First Sunday Circle Celebration

Today, December 4th ~ 5:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

This monthly worship service by and for people of color and their families (including children) is sponsored by Diverse, Revolutionary, Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM). Please bring food for the potluck, and then join us for worship.

THIS WEEK

English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Monday, Dec. 5th & Wednesday Dec. 7th ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room

Learn or improve your English! Twice a week, students practice speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, and pronunciation. Topics include general conversation, cooking, holidays, or student suggestions. Teacher, Ann Troise, has been certified by the Boston Academy of English and is a member of Arlington Street Church. You can reach Ann through the church at Office@ASCBoston.org.

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, December 7th ~ 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. The \$10 fee is a donation to the church. Victoria Goodhart will teach the class, while Jean Ko Stewart is recovering from a hip replacement.

Young Adult Group (18-35^{ish}) Food and Game Night

Saturday, December 10th ~ 7:00 PM, Parish Hall

Let’s meet for dinner at 6 PM at Upper Crust pizza shop at 20 Charles Street. Then we’ll walk to Arlington Street Church around 7:00 for fun and board games. Come for dinner, for games, or both. Bring any board/card games you want to play. Check out Arlington Street Young Adult Group on Facebook!

SAVE THE DATE

The Mitten Tree

Sunday, December 11th ~ 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!

We invite you to cut out this calendar and clip it to your refrigerator or bulletin board!

This Week

Sunday, December 4, 2011

9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
9:30 AM	CRE Committee Meeting ~ Perkins Room
9:30 AM	Joining Ceremony / Book Signing ~ Hunnewell Chapel
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Children’s Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour ~ Parish Hall
12:15 PM	Conversation on Occupy Boston ~ Stage Right
12:30 PM	CoA Inspiration Boxes ~ Clarke Room
12:30 PM	ASC Church History, Part 1 ~ Perkins Room
1:00 PM	Peter Griggs Guitar Recital ~ Hunnewell Chapel
1:30 PM	Social Action Union Meeting ~ Smith Room
2:00 PM	New Sanctuary Movement ~ Parish Hall
5:00 PM	First Sunday Circle Celebration ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, December 5, 2011

10:00 AM	Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
*5:30 PM	Internship Committee ~ Frothingham Library

Tuesday, December 6, 2011

6:00 PM	Worship Committee ~ Perkins Room
---------	----------------------------------

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

10:00 AM	Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
*3:30 PM	Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
5:30 PM	Finance Committee ~ Perkins Room
6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, December 8, 2011

7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Clarke Room
7:00 PM	New Sanctuary Movement ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Friday, December 9, 2011

5:00 PM	Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall Kitchen
---------	---

Saturday, December 10, 2011

7:00 PM	Young Adult Group Pizza/Game Night ~ Parish Hall
---------	--

Sunday, December 11, 2011

9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
9:30 AM	CRE Committee Meeting ~ Perkins Room
9:30 AM	Social Action Committee ~ Smith Room
10:00 AM	CoA Mitten Tree Prep ~ Perkins Room
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Children’s Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM	Rodger Clinton Vine Christmas Concert ~ Hunnewell Chapel
1:00 PM	5 th Annual Carol Sing ~ Hunnewell Chape

NOTE: * Denotes closed meetings. This calendar is accurate as of noon the Tuesday before publication and only includes events directly related to the congregation. For complete, up-to-date calendar listings over the coming months, visit www.ASCBoston.org.



ARLINGTON
STREET CHURCH
Unitarian Universalist

For more information, please visit www.ASCBoston.org

Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Sunday, December 11th ~ 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!

5th Annual Carol Sing!

Sunday, December 11th ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street’s musicians for our fifth 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 presents, *This Shining Night*

Sunday, December 11th ~ 3:00 PM & December 16th, 17th, 19th at 8:00 PM
All performances at New England Conservatory’s Jordan Hall

Announcing a special discount for Arlington Street members and friends! Get 10% off tickets for Friday, December 16th and Monday, December 19th! The discount tickets are only available online at www.bgmc.org by using the coupon code ASC10 at checkout.

This month, the Chorus celebrates the tradition, magic, and fun of holiday nights. They sing favorites such as “Jingle Bells” and “Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas,” and include music representing the Hebrew and African traditions, plus three ancient British carols adapted by rock icon Sting! And then there are those memorable nights spent in front of the TV illuminated by the glow of iconic Christmas characters like Cindy Lou Who, Jack Frost, and Rudolph...

If you have any questions or need a little more help to buy a ticket, please speak with Rev. Kim! All are welcome!

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 18th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

’Twas the Week Before Christmas! Come join us for some new stories of the season, some old favorites, and lots of carol singing!

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

Tuesday, December 20th ~ 8:00 PM, Chapel and Boston Public Garden

Join the Arlington Street Sangha 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!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Ushers Needed!

Ushers are needed for all three services on Saturday, Christmas Eve: 5 PM (family service), 7 PM, and 9 PM. Sign up sheets will be circulated during today’s service. You can also sign up by e-mailing Ellen Spencer through the church office: Office@ASCBoston.org. Please specify which service you are volunteering for, and be sure to include a telephone number where we can reach you.

continued on next page...