



## Uncomfortable Conversations

Sunday, December 18th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

The Transformation Team for Racial Justice offers this time and space for facilitated discussion and continuing conversation about developing an anti-racist worldview. We plan to hold these conversations periodically at Arlington Street Church. All are welcome and no RSVP is needed. For more information or to suggest discussion topics in advance, email [transformation@ascboston.org](mailto:transformation@ascboston.org).



## Chanukah Concert—A Light Through the Ages

Sunday, Dec. 18th ~ 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! The Zamir Chorale of Boston will perform traditional and contemporary holiday classics. *Free!*



## 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 (candles are provided). Please come and bring your loved ones to share in this magical evening!



## Hate Crimes Hotline

Attorney General Maura Healey has launched a new hotline to help protect the basic civil rights of residents and visitors to Massachusetts. To report an incident of a bias-motivated threat, harassment, or violence, call 800-994-3228. Learn more at [www.mass.gov/ago](http://www.mass.gov/ago).



## A Marriage Proposal

If you are LGBTQ and seeking to be legally married before the new presidential administration takes office, our affiliated minister, Rev. Joanna Lubkin, will officiate your wedding free of charge (location TBD). Jo says, "We love you. Your rights are important to us, and we will do what we can to protect them!" To find out more, email [office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org) or call the church office at 617-536-7050.



## Ushers Needed for Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve is special at Arlington Street, with three candlelit services, and we need ushers to help out with all three. You can volunteer by signing up at the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall after today's service or by contacting the church office ([office@ascboston.org](mailto: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!

## COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM July 2016 through June 2017

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

I/We commit an **TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE** of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
to support the work of Arlington Street Church for 2016-2017.

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 12<sup>th</sup> 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](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!

### 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).

### 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.

### 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 4<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

### 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.

Additional volunteers are always welcome to help with food preparation and, especially, with clean-up. To learn more about joining our team, please stop by the kitchen.



### ASC History

Sunday, December 4th ~ 12:30-2:00 p.m. ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Holly Hendricks, ASC historian, will present the first of a 3-part multimedia series on ASC's history, followed by questions and discussion. Part 1 includes:

- 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 Mass. Constitutional Convention and becoming "Federal Street Church"

The next two talks on ASC's 19th and 20th century history are scheduled for Jan. 15 and February 12th, 2017.

There is now a 6-part video series available on Unitarian Universalist history from early Christian times through beginnings in England through today. We plan to begin this series in March, watching the first three sections this year and continuing the final three sections in Fall 2017. Holly and other church leaders will be facilitating this series - join us for one or all!



### Indulge 2017 Planning Meeting

Today~ 12:30 PM, Frothingham Library

Join the team as we continue planning decorations, menu, and auction details. Indulge 2017 is our spring time fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, April 1st. Come be a part of helping to make this fun night a reality!

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## Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Every Sunday ~ 12:30 PM, Carol Smith Room

Are you battling illness, caring for someone who is ill, struggling with isolation or in the process of losing someone you love? Or have you already lost someone, 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 or any other 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 and close friends to AIDS. Lisa Kirk, who officially joined the ASC Community last year has lead grief and small support groups for other congregations and has lots of experience and insight to share with the group.

Their 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.



## The New Administration

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Parish Hall, Social Action Table

What is troubling you? What can be done? All are invited to join in a discussion after the service. *Sponsored by the Social Action Committee*



## Coming of Age (COA)

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Perkins Room

We will be gathering to see how to pick a mentor and doing some "Speed Faithing!" For more information, please email Jaimie Dingus at JDingus@ascboston.org.



## Refuge Recovery

Today ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Refuge Recovery is a Buddhist path to recovering from addiction. All are welcome! For more information, please visit <https://m.facebook.com/refugebackbay/> or email [refugerecoverybackbay@gmail.com](mailto:refugerecoverybackbay@gmail.com).

## 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!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



## The Mitten Tree

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 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 or view the full calendar at [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org)*

## This Week

### Sunday, December 4, 2016

- \*9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education - Nursery, Chapel, Perkins and Carol Smith Rooms
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Arlington Street Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith Room
- 12:30 PM History Presentation ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 12:30 PM Indulge Planning Meeting ~ Frothingham Library
- 12:30 PM The New Administration ~ Parish Hall
- \*1:00 PM Coming of Age ~ Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Refuge Recovery ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Monday, December 5, 2016

No congregational events are scheduled.

### Tuesday, December 6, 2016

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

### Wednesday, December 7, 2016

- \*12:30 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Thursday, December 8, 2016

- 7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

### Friday, December 9, 2016

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

### Saturday, December 10, 2016

No congregational events are scheduled.

### Sunday, December 11, 2016

- \*9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- \*9:30 AM Social Action Committee Meeting ~ Carol Smith Room
- 9:30 AM CRE Committee Meeting ~ Panera on Boylston Street
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education - Nursery, Chapel, Perkins and Carol Smith Rooms
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Arlington Street Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith Room
- 12:30 PM Rodger Vine Christmas Music on Piano ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 1:00 PM Carol Sing ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 6:00 PM Refuge Recovery ~ Hunnewell Chapel

\* 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)*



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH  
Unitarian Universalist



## Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 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!



## 10th Annual Carol Sing!

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 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 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.



## Buddha's Belly Presents Stumbling into Infinity A Very Special Evening with Michael Fischman

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Michael Fischman, author of *Stumbling Into Infinity: An Ordinary Man in the Sphere of Enlightenment*, left a very successful career in business to pursue a spiritual life. Michael's memoir chronicles his life as the son of a Holocaust survivor and his life-changing encounter with Indian teacher Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. We are looking forward to welcoming Michael as our honored guest to read from his book and share his thoughts on living a spiritual life. The list price of the book is \$14, but it will be available to us at the publisher's cost of \$8.50. Bring a friend! All are welcome!



## Arlington Street Zen Center Winter Solstice Vespers!

Tuesday, December 13<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. All are welcome!



## Holiday Party!

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Parish Hall

The Arlington Street staff invites you to a festive holiday celebration! Visit the hot chocolate bar, make a gingerbread house and a pomander (fragrant orange-clove), and string a popcorn and cranberry garland for your tree. Rev. Kim will wrap your presents. Let's celebrate together!