



Parking Spaces in Alley - No Parking 24/7

The Finance Team has started to rent additional parking spaces to help generate additional income for the church. As a result, parking spaces will no longer be available for weeknight activities. Fortunately there are several low cost options nearby including 10 St. James, the Common Garage (ask about coupon books at their office) and along Arlington Street after 7pm.



UU Retreat for Gay & Bisexual Men

July 16- July 23, UU Ferry Beach Park Association, Maine

Each summer at GAYLA about 100 men form a week-long community of acceptance, affirmation and celebration. Choose from optional activities including practical spirituality, ecology, and the arts, as well as optional morning chapel in the Grove, volleyball, and festively themed evening activities. Enjoy sumptuous family style meals; Maine scenery with beach, waves, and sand dunes; and opportunities to participate in the Northeast UU Choral Festival. Leave with amazing new friendships!

There are limited funds available for a newcomer discount and financial aid. The approximate cost is \$1300 depending on accommodations.

For more information or to register, visit www.ferrybeach.org/gayla.html or call 207- 282-4489. Also, feel free to contact past ASC attendees including Kerry Marshall, Steve Vorenberg, and Joel Light at Office@ASCBoston.org.

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 meet every Thursday 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 Laura or Erica this week for more information at CRE@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. If you have suggestions, questions, comments, or concerns for The Team, please email transformation@ASCBoston.org, attend our open meetings on the third Tuesday of every month from 7 - 8:30 PM or speak with a team member (Sarah Cooleybeck, Margy Herley, Peter Lowber, Laura Pattison, Nancy Perna, Steve Marable, and Barbara Seidl). Membership on the Team requires a one year commitment and anti-racism/anti oppression/multicultural training.



Animal Issues Group

Do you believe in kindness toward animals, yet are uneasy about the ways animals are treated in today's world? Have you considered switching to a plant based diet, but making changes seems over-whelming? Do you feel compassion for others should be as inclusive as possible? If you would like to see animal issues as part of our social action initiatives, please email socialaction@ASCBoston.org, and place *animal issues* in the subject line.

We can discuss how to make changes in our daily lives, support the national UU Animal Ministry, and educate interested members of our congregation about living more mercifully, healthfully, and sustainably.

Elizabeth (Dinny) Fletcher is a lifelong animal lover, and current board member of the Boston Vegetarian Society. She also volunteers for the Massachusetts Animal Rights Coalition (MARC). Dinny would welcome any level of participation or discussion of animal issues.

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. **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, MAY 8TH, 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.

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.



Congregational Elected Leaders ~ 2016-2017

At the June 5th corporation meeting, we will elect officers (Clerk, Co-Moderators, and Treasurer), three board members, and five people to serve on the Nominating Committee. The committee has the responsibility of identifying nominees for all Arlington Street elections by identifying and vetting members who are interested in serving the congregation in an elected role. For more information on any of these positions, please contact nominating@ascboston.org today.

THIS WEEK



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

Tuesday, May 10th ~ 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 continue our discussion of *The Authentic Life: Zen Wisdom for Living Free from Complacency and Fear* by Ezra Bayda. Please read Chapters 7-9.

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

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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!



The Core of Our Faith, and How to Share It

Wednesday, May 11th ~ First Church Boston, 66 Marlborough St.

Dinner: 6:00 PM, Lecture: 7:15 PM

Rev. Kendrick will elaborate on his deeply held belief that the spiritual core of the Unitarian Universalist faith lies in the Transcendentalist tradition, our “hidden strength.”



Raising Voices for African LGBT*IQ Refugees Fundraiser and Concert

Fundraiser: Saturday, May 14th ~ 7:00 PM, Church of the Covenant, Boston

Concert: Sunday, May 22nd ~ 3:00 PM, Church of the Covenant, Boston

Coro Allegro is sponsoring a fundraiser on May 14th to address the crisis facing the LGBT*IQ community of refugees in Kenya who are awaiting resettlement. The international migrant emergency has worsened the outlook for these refugees. Modest cash support they now receive ends in June, even as the wait times for resettlement in LGBT*IQ-friendly countries have grown to two years or more. Our presenters from the recipient organizations RefugePoint and Spectrum Uganda Initiatives will update us on the crisis and their work in support of this community. Please come and join us for an evening of wonderful East African food, lively music, and presentations.

In addition to the fundraiser, Coro Allegro will also be performing a newly commissioned choral work “Aluta continua: the passion of David Kato Kisule,” which recounts the struggle and legacy of this pioneering Ugandan activist for LGBT*IQ rights whose brutal murder in 2011 shocked the world. Tickets are available on our website (coroallegro.org) or from Arlington Street and Coro members Jim Tice and Steve Vorenberg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Covenant Renewal: #LEAP4ASC

Sunday, May 15th ~ Arlington Street Church

We are - every one of us! - the people of the beloved community at Arlington Street. Don't miss Covenant Renewal Sunday! Be here next week for our celebration of generosity as we make our pledges to support next year's church budget. Come hungry! A special thank you lunch will follow the service!



Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Sunday, May 15th ~ 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? Have you already lost someone and are 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 and be in a place of quiet listening and support, then please join the Circle of Caring.

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

This Week

Sunday, May 8, 2016

- *9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Chapel, Perkins, Parish Hall, Carol Smith Room
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 1:00 PM Nominating Committee Meeting ~ Clarke Room

Monday, May 9, 2016

- 6:30 PM Membership Team ~ Perkins Room

Tuesday, May 10, 2016

- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- *7:30 PM Arlington Street Zen Center ~ Hunnewell Chapel | Sanctuary

Wednesday, May 11, 2016

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

Thursday, May 12, 2016

- 7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, May 13, 2016

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, May 14, 2016

No congregational events are scheduled.

Covenant Renewal Sunday, May 15, 2016

- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee Meeting ~ Carol Smith Room
- *9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Chapel, Perkins, Parish Hall, Carol Smith Room
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM ASC Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith Room
- 1:00 PM Uncomfortable Conversations ~ Clarke Room
- 1:30 PM OWL Party ~ 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



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Maureen Peterson is an ASC member who has lost her parents and several close friends to cancer and her brother and close friends 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. She is joined this year by two amazing co-facilitators, Art Judge, who is both a retired physician and hospital chaplain and Lisa Kirk, one of ASC's newest members who has lead grief and small support groups for other congregations.



Uncomfortable Conversations

Sunday, May 15th ~ 1:00 PM, Clarke Room

The Transformation Team offers this time and space for open discussion and continuing conversation about developing an anti-racist worldview. We plan to hold these conversations monthly at Arlington Street Church. All are welcome and no RSVP is needed. For more information, please email transformation@ascboston.org.



New Member Class

Wednesday, May 18th, Spiritual Journey ~ 6:00 PM, Perkins Room

Sunday, May 22nd, Meet ASC ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Sunday, June 5th, New Member Breakfast and Book Signing ~ 9:30 AM, Hunnewell Chapel

All interested newcomers are warmly invited to our next two-session new member class. Rev. Kim joins us for the first session, where we share stories about our spiritual journeys and ask our burning questions. This class is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your relationship and knowledge of Arlington Street, and to discern whether you are ready to join. In our second session, we learn a little of Arlington Street's history, polity, and practices; and meet some of our illustrious leadership and staff. Please sign up at the Welcome Table in the parish hall after the service. All are welcome!



Team Finn!

Walk Five Miles on Sunday, May 29th with CRE!

Remember Finn the Christmas Eve sheep? Finn is doing well at the Maple Farm Sanctuary in Mendon, MA. Team Finn is looking for a few more people to join the team and help raise \$500 for this beloved sheep and his friends. Please speak with Laura Evonne or email her at LES@ASCBoston.org for more information. To support Team Finn, please visit <https://www.gofundme.com/moove-it-team7>.



Dining Out with Arlington Street Church Neighbors

Enjoy an evening out with Arlington Street members in your neighborhood! The Membership Team is planning a series of dinners around town to give members a chance to socialize, make new friends, and build community. The team is currently organizing gatherings in these areas:

- South End
- Jamaica Plain, Brookline, & Brighton
- Cambridge
- Merrimack Valley

Want details on one of these dinners or help in starting a Dining Out program in your area? Visit the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall after the service or e-mail the membership team through the church office at office@ASCBoston.org.