

Announcements

Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs)

Congregational Study/Action Issues (CSAIs) are issues selected by Unitarian Universalist member congregations for four years of study, reflection, and action. There are currently six proposed CSAI's. Congregations need to vote on five by February 3rd. The top five CSAI's will be considered by the GA in June 2014, and one will be chosen as the CSAI for 2014-2015.

1. Age and Ability Reconsidered Snapshot ~ December 20th
2. Ending War on Terror Snapshot ~ December 20th
3. Escalating Inequality Snapshot ~ December 27th
4. Gun Violence Snapshot ~ December 27th
5. American Democracy Snapshot ~ January 3rd
6. Peace for Israelis & Palestinians Snapshot ~ January 3rd

At the Pru's suggestion, the Social Action Committee will submit two issues each week to appear in Snapshot. Information about each CSAI can also be found at uua.org/statements/current/290505.shtml. There will be an open meeting on Sunday, January 12th at 9:30 AM to discuss which issues Arlington Street wants to support. A formal congregational vote will follow at the Corporation Meeting the same day at 12:30 PM.

Arlington Street Church Corporation Meeting

Sunday, January 12th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel ***Vote required**

*Vote on Membership Status Changes David McClain

*Congregational Study/Action Issues Social Action Team

Building the World We Dream Update The Team

Website Initiative The Team

GA 2013 Delegates Report The Delegates

Q&A on Written Reports

Other Business

Written Reports

- Treasurer Susie Nacco
- Prudential Committee Shane McBride
- Business Administrator Phyllis Guiliano
- Accessibility Committee Art Nava
- Children's Religious Education Team The Team

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

Arlington Street Church is an historic congregation (1729) with a progressive faith. Long on the cutting edge of movements for social justice, we affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All are welcome!

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE MEMBERS ARE:

Shane McBride (chair) / Harlow Robinson (vice-chair) / Christine Curtiss / Alex Frost / Greg Haig / Kerry Marshall / Dan Moon / Ellen Payzant / Thomas Simers

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Samuel Gloyd and Desmond Ravenstone (co-moderators) / David McClain (clerk) / Susie Nacco (treasurer)

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. **Accessible** entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. **Braille** hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs in the Perkins Room for CRE. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. Just off the Hunnewell Chapel is a nursery for fussy babies and their caregivers. The service is piped in, and a rocker, changing table and supplies are available.

For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

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Rev. Kim, Laura Evonne Steinman, Catie Scudera, Mark David Buckles, and the choir are away this morning. Today, we give special thanks to Ann Clarke, and to Zachary Ballard & Nick Place for their beautiful music!



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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2013

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

PRELUDE

Fantasia No.1 *Nicholas Stogers (c. 1555- c. 1610)*
Pavana, Bray *William Byrd (1540-1623)*
Galiarda *William Byrd*
Nick Place, piano

INTROIT

Nature's Way text and music: *Charles Ives (1874-1954)*
Zachary Ballard, baritone; Nick Place, piano
When the distant evening bell calmly breathes its blessing;
When the moonlight to the trees speaks in words caressing;
When the stars with radiance gaze toward the sleeping flowers:
Then does nature bare her soul, giving strength to ours.

WELCOME, CHALICE LIGHTING, AND GREETINGS

The flaming chalice is the symbol of our free faith.

*HYMN 58

Ring Out, Wild Bells

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary.

Spirit of Life (Hymn 123)

Spirit of Life, come unto me.	Fuente de Amor, ven hacia mí.
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.	Y al corazón, cántale tu compasión.
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea;	Sopla al volar, sube en la mar;
Move in the hand, giving life the shape of justice.	Hasta moldear la justicia de la vida
Roots hold me close; wings set me free;	Arrágame, libérame,
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.	Fuente de Amor, ven a mí, ven a mí.

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Service is Our Gift

Lead Greeter, Jenn Britt
Lead Usher, Dennis Haley
Worship Coordinator, Charles Dimino
Candles Coordinator, Art Nava
Assistant Treasurers, Nancy George and Dave Erbe

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AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

Love is the spirit
of this congregation,
And service is our gift.
This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
To speak our truths in love,
And to help one another.

El amor es el espíritu
de nuestra congregación
Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
Convivir en paz,
Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

*HYMN 57

All Beautiful the March of Days

SERMON

Limits and Cracks Ann Clarke, Post-Doctoral Intern Minister

SILENT REFLECTION, MEDITATION, AND PRAYER

CANTICLE

At the River text and music: *Rev. Robert Lowry* (1826-1899)
from *Old American Songs* arr: *Aaron Copland* (1900-1990)
Zachary Ballard, baritone; Nick Place, piano

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Over 300 pledging members and friends support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Please consider a generous donation today! Contributions placed in an envelope will be credited toward your pledge or gift.

OFFERTORY

The Woods so Wild *William Byrd* (1540-1623)
Nick Place, piano

PARISH HIGHLIGHTS

*HYMN 235

Deck the Hall with Boughs of Holly

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *(sung twice; please join us!)*

When You Walk From Here text: *Linnea Good*
music: *Tom Witt*, arr. *Buckles*
When you walk from here, When you walk from here,
Walk with justice, Walk with mercy, And with God's humble care.

POSTLUDE

Auld Lang Syne *Traditional Scottish Song*
Nick Place, piano

****You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.***

TODAY in CRE

Children's Religious Education (CRE)

CRE will return on Sunday, January 5th.

INSIDE



ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29TH, 2013

All Are Welcome

**WE ARE GLAD YOU HAVE JOINED US THIS MORNING FOR WORSHIP!
THE FIRST PRINCIPLE OF OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH
AFFIRMS THE INHERENT WORTH AND DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON.
WE CELEBRATE UNITY IN DIVERSITY.**

This morning, we invite you to:

1. Fill in the Welcome Card and place it in the collection plate;
2. Join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall following the service;
3. Introduce yourself to the service leaders, and;
4. Please come back again soon!

Today

Are You a Highly Sensitive Person

Sunday, December 29th ~ 1:00 PM, Stage Right Room

Have you ever been told “You’re too sensitive”? Do you wonder why you sometimes get overwhelmed by everything going on around you? Do you “sense” other people’s feelings before they express them? Then you might be one of the 20% of the population that is wired as a Highly Sensitive Person. Join our facilitator, Michael Parise, Life & Spirit Coach, and explore this wonderful and challenging gift with like-minded people. Receive the support you deserve! We will be meeting on the last Sunday of every month for 45 minutes.

THIS WEEK

First Night Concert at Arlington Street is On!

Tuesday, December 31st ~ 10-11:00 PM, Sanctuary

Arlington Street Church will once again host the annual American Guild of Organists concert featuring three outstanding organists from the Boston area. In addition, this year, one of the organists will play duets with a flutist. Each of the three organists will present a 20-minute segment of an hour-long program of “light and serious” music.

The purchase of a First Night button (\$10 this year) is good for admission to all events, including this concert. We thank Rodger Clinton Vine for coordinating these American Guild of Organists First Night concerts for the past 31 years!

SAVE THE DATE

Guest at Your Table

Sunday, January 5th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

This is the day to return the Guest at Your Table box to Arlington Street Church. We will gather all the boxes, count the money, and deliver our Arlington Street donations to Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC)!

We Can Stop the Deportations of Janet & Milton!

Sunday, January 5th ~ 12:30 PM, Perkins Room

Janet, and her three children, and Milton and his family will be here to tell you their stories. Janet and Milton are at risk for deportation and the loss of their families and communities. Come find out how you can help! This event is sponsored by the Social Action Committee, Children's Religious Education, and Resist the Raids.

Spiritual Passions 2014!

Arlington Street Zen Center: Introduction to Meditation

Sunday, January 5th ~ 1:00-3:00 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 those whose lives touches yours. Wear comfortable clothing (and yes, you can meditate in a chair!)

Talking Your Walk

Wednesday, January 8th ~ 6:30 PM, Smith Room

Talking Your Walk meets every second Wednesday. This is a non-clinical support group in solidarity with those who are dealing with the challenge of depression. Our own John Sacco, LICSW, is the facilitator. Please see Rev. Kim or John with questions, or to let us know that you will be joining the group.

A Service in Celebration of Herb Gleason

Saturday, January 11th ~ 1:00 PM, Sanctuary

Our beloved Herb will be memorialized on January 11th at Arlington Street Church. Come honor Herb Gleason and his extraordinary life!

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

Tuesday, January 14th ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

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

Buddha's Belly meets at 6 PM. Please finish reading *The Heart of the Revolution: The Buddha's Radical Teachings on Forgiveness, Compassion, and Kindness* by Noah Levine, for tonight's discussion.

Arlington Street Zen Center meets at 7 PM and includes seated and walking meditations, a dharma talk, and conversation. Beginners and experienced meditators from all traditions are welcome!