

This is an opportunity to join the existing groups when they reconvene in early February. Groups of 6-10 people will meet twice a month for 90 minutes, with a goal of deepening their relationships with one another and the congregation. We will explore and engage around shared Unitarian Universalist principles; and be included and heard in a safe and nurturing environment.

Registration is open today and every Sunday at the Welcome Table in the parish hall during coffee hour through January 27th. You can also sign up online at ascboston.org/connections.

30 Days of Love: A Spiritual Journey for Social Justice

January 19th to February 17th

Standing on the Side of Love is a community of people compelled to speak out against oppression, united in the common belief that love is the ultimate guiding force of our world.

We are at a transformational moment—struggling to confront our culture of violence and bullying, anxious to see further advancements for LGBTQ equality, and poised to push our leaders to finally enact compassionate, comprehensive immigration reform. Thirty Days of Love is a period for intentional action, service, education, and reflection. Arlington Street is joining this spiritual journey for social justice.

We began our Thirty Days with “Honoring Legacy”, a commitment to motivating ourselves to sustained action and service, anchored in our commemoration of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s birthday. Week two calls us to “Think Interfaith”. The Standing on the Side of Love campaign is rooted in Unitarian Universalist principles, but our spirit is interfaith and increasingly we encompass individuals from many faith traditions. Let us unite with those from different backgrounds who share our common goal of a more just and loving world.

More information can be found at standingonthesideoflove.org and at facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch.

The New Jim Crow ~ An Arlington Street Reading Group

Sundays, Feb. 24th, March 17th, & April 7th ~ 12:30-2:30 PM, Clarke Room

Join a group to discuss Michelle Alexander’s book, *The New Jim Crow*. The Unitarian Universalist curriculum will provide the framework for the discussions. We will explore Alexander’s call for building a spiritual movement to dismantle the new Jim Crow, and consider how we might begin the work. A quote from the author:

“What has changed since the collapse of Jim Crow has less to do with the basic structure of our society than the language we use to justify it. In the era of colorblindness, it is no longer justifiable to use race. So we don’t. Rather than rely on race, we use our criminal justice system to label people of color “criminals,” and then engage in all the practices we supposedly left behind.”

- Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*, 2010

If you would like to be in this reading group, please speak with David Cecere or Peter Lowber. Or contact them at socialaction@ASCBoston.org.

Pru in Review ~ January

- The Pru (Prudential Committee, our Board of Directors) confirmed the Fund a Dream project recipients list for this year’s Indulge fund-raiser. Jubilee sponsors the projects and sends Arlington Street volunteers, with our gifts, to do the work in partnership with non-profit organizations. Jubilee is what we call Arlington Street’s work in the world. This year’s projects are: Only a Child, rebuilding New Orleans & Haiti, Gays for Good, Boston New Sanctuary Movement, National Day of Service, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, and It Gets Better. The Jubilee team distributes the funding based on project need.
- The Pru voted to create a “Planned Giving” program for Arlington Street members who would like to remember the church in their estate plans. This esteemed group of folks will become honored members of *The Channing Circle*.
- How to fund this year’s annual dues to the Unitarian Universalist Association has been a topic of discussion at Pru meetings and at the last two Corporation meetings. Taking into consideration congregational feedback that paying the dues is critical, the Pru voted to create a special Valentine Sunday fund-raiser on February 10th. The goal is to raise \$11,948, the full cost of this year’s dues.

Do you ‘like’ us on facebook?

If you are on facebook, be sure to ‘like’ our page. You can view photos, post comments, ask questions, or RSVP to upcoming special events and concerts. It’s an easy way to help our outreach efforts by showing your facebook friends that you support Arlington Street Church. Simply go to www.facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch, or go to our home page for a convenient link (www.ascboston.org).

Laura Evonne Steinman will be posting a question on facebook for Arlington Street folks to ponder for each of the “Thirty Days of Love.”

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 print@ascboston.org. Phyllis Guiliano (Business Administrator) 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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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27TH, 2013

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

New Member Class

Today, Meet ASC ~ 12:30 PM, Clarke Room

In this second session, we learn a little of Arlington Street’s history, polity, and practices; and meet some of our illustrious leadership and staff. This class is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your relationship and knowledge of Arlington Street, and to discern whether you are ready to join. Please sign up at the Welcome Table in the parish hall after the service. Whether or not you made it to the first session, you are welcome!

Spiritual Passions 2013!

Arlington Street Church History in the 19th Century

Today ~ 12:30-2:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Holly Hendricks, Arlington Street Church historian, presents the second of a 3-part multimedia series on the church’s history and its role in the larger community. Our second session is about the 19th century history and addresses:

- Why did Rev. William Ellery Channing decline larger, more affluent congregations and choose to serve us from 1803-1842?
- How is our congregation associated with establishing Unitarianism in America?
- During the anti-slavery controversy, who were the “lords of the loom” accused of alliances with “lords of the lash?”

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- Why did the congregation move from its historic Federal Street location to Arlington Street?
- What was the “pew controversy?” What other social justice projects were undertaken?

Plan To Come Plan Indulge!

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Stage Right Room

Join the team as we continue to prepare for this wonderful gala dinner and auction scheduled for Saturday, April 6th! Also, there is a special “Indulge” table in the parish hall where you can volunteer for the event or donate items for the silent or live auctions.

THIS WEEK

English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Monday, Jan. 28th & Wednesday January 30th ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room

Learn or improve your English! The class usually meets on Monday and Wednesday. Students practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Topics include general conversation, cooking, and holiday events, as well as grammar and pronunciation. The class is taught by Ann Troise, a member of Arlington Street Church, who has been certified to teach ESL by the Boston Academy of English.

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, January 30th ~ 6:00 PM, Parish Hall

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.

Sacred Eros: Reclaiming Valentine’s Day

Wednesday, January 30th ~ 7:00 PM, Perkins Room

How did a holiday devoted to romance and love become so commercial and clichéd? What can we do to make Valentine’s more meaningful? Join us for a discussion sure to provoke both the mind and the heart. Feel free to bring some goodies to share!

Sacred Eros is a monthly discussion group that provides a safe and supportive space to explore questions about sexuality from a spiritual and ethical perspective.

Anyone over 18 is welcome, and participants are expected to respect one another and keep personal matters discussed confidential.

SAVE THE DATE

Spiritual Passions 2013!

The Spirituality of Decluttering

Sunday, February 3rd ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Rev. Vera O’Brien, our Affiliated Community Minister, for an afternoon focused on the spirituality of decluttering. Is your “stuff” weighing on your spirit? In this practical session, we’ll look at topics like forgiving ourselves and letting go of the reminders of our mistakes. We’ll free up space and energy for new passions. You

We invite you to cut out this calendar and clip it to your refrigerator or bulletin board or, view the full calendar at ASCBoston.org

This Week

Sunday, January 27, 2013

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
 11:15 AM Children’s Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
 12:30 PM Arlington Street Church History: Part 2 ~ Hunnewell Chapel
 12:30 PM Meet ASC (new member class) ~ Clarke Room
 12:30 PM Indulge Planning Meeting ~ Stage Right Room

Monday, January 28, 2013

10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
 6:30 PM Membership Team ~ Perkins Room

Tuesday, January 29, 2013

No congregational Events

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Parish Hall
 7:00 PM Sacred Eros ~ Perkins Room

Thursday, January 31, 2013

7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, February 1, 2013

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, February 2, 2013

No congregational events

Sunday, February 3, 2013

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
 9:30 AM New Member Breakfast ~ Hunnewell Chapel
 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
 11:15 AM Children’s Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
 12:30 PM ASCares Start-Up ~ Frothingham Library
 12:30 PM Connections ~ Stage Right Room
 12:30 PM The Spirituality of Decluttering ~ Hunnewell Chapel
 1:00 PM Ice Skating for All ~ Boston Common Frog Pond

* **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 the website.

For more information, please visit www.ASCBoston.org



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might decide to join Vera in her 365 in 365 and/or 2013 in 2013 decluttering challenges! If there are specific decluttering challenges you would like Vera to address, email her through the church office at office@ASCBoston.org

ASCares Start-Up

Sunday, February 3rd ~ 12:30 PM, Frothingham Library

Church is a place of inspiration and compassion. Sometimes it is the compassion we need most, and when that need arises it is often urgent. ASCares is establishing a Lay Pastoral Care Team and would like to know what your needs have been and how they have been met. We are working to create a self-sustaining system of support that will carry each of us through difficult times. Please come with your ideas and your hopes.

The Wednesdays Literary Salon: Hemingway Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim

Four Wednesdays in February ~ 6:00-7:30^{ish}, Frothingham Library

Like most celebrated writers, Hemingway suffered a decline in reputation immediately following his death. In our time, however, he’s being rehabilitated, and now it’s his short stories that are prized more than his novels. We’ll discuss roughly seven short stories per meeting, many of them now considered classics of the genre: “A Clean, Well-Lighted Place,” “Hills Like White Elephants,” “The Snows of Kilimanjaro,” and “Big Two-Hearted River.” Our text is the collection *In Our Time*, which you can find for pennies at abebooks.com or at the library. We’ll also read from a hand-out, which you can pick up on the chairs behind the pulpit.

Professor Alan strongly recommends that you read all the stories as soon as you can and then reread them for our meetings. Of all the literary genres, the short story is closest to the lyric poem, in that it’s highly concentrated and aims for one main overall dramatic effect. As anyone familiar with poetry knows, it’s impossible to “get” a poem on a single reading; ditto a short story. This is especially true of Hemingway, who said that a good story should be like an iceberg with only one tenth showing above the water. The powerful part of the story, in his theory, isn’t visible, which means that Hemingway isn’t an immediately accessible writer. He definitely bears rereading.

All are welcome; all aboard!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OWL Is Missing

If you borrowed the Our Whole Lives (OWL) book, we hope you enjoyed it! This is the sex education curriculum for middle-school students. Rev. Kim and Catie Scudera are about to start teaching the course, and this is their text. Please return the book to the Frothingham library as soon as possible. Thanks so much.

Connections: Small Group Ministry

Registration has re-opened through today, January 27th!

Connections is the name of Arlington Street’s small group ministry: facilitated experiences of deep sharing and listening around selected topics, such as what we love, our gifts, taking a stand, living, & dying.

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