

The Spiritual Journey from Fundamentalism to Unitarian Universalism

Are you a former fundamentalist or evangelical? What happened to bring you through the great doors of Arlington Street Church and into the big tent of Unitarian Universalism? What did you love? Why did you leave? What are you still trying to understand? What do you need now? If you are interested in an evening of sharing your story and reflecting on these questions with those who have made similar spiritual journeys, please speak with Rev. Kim or email her at office@ASCBoston.org.

Boston Gay Men's Chorus "Hauls Out the Holly!"

Sunday, Dec. 15th at 1 PM & 3 PM, Dec. 20th, 21st, 22nd at 8 PM ~ Jordan Hall

The Boston Gay Men's Chorus celebrates the holidays with traditional favorites and new classics. *Twelve Gays of Christmas* will delight you, and our *Little Drummer Boy* is unlike anything you've ever seen before! And if you're very good, Santa might just stop by! Join us for the KidSized version of *Haul Out the Holly!* At one hour, it's perfect for the whole family.

Full price tickets are available at www.bgmc.org for \$20-\$60 and \$25 for the family show on Sunday, December 15th at 1:00 PM. The chorus is offering Arlington Street a 10% discount on the \$40 or \$60 seats only for the Friday 12/20 and Sunday 12/22 performances. The discount code is **ASC10** and is good for advance online purchases through December 19th.

Help Raise Money for Social Action Projects

Today ~ Noon, Parish Hall

The Social Action Committee will be holding a sale of DVD's and CD's in the parish hall following the worship service. This is an opportunity to help the committee raise funds for its various social action projects. Bring in any CD's and DVD's from your collection that you would like to donate to the sale, and/or buy ones you would love to own!

GA 2014: Seeking Young Adult Staff

June 25th-29th, 2014 ~ Providence, Rhode Island

The Young Adults at General Assembly (YA@GA) are looking for three volunteer staff for the conference. They need a worship coordinator, a community engagement coordinator, and a program coordinator. Each staff person will have their travel, lodging, and food expenses fully paid by the conference.

GA is in our backyard this year, and it is an exciting time to be a part of the young adult community as GA shifts from the caucus format into a more dynamic and inclusive model.

The deadline for applying is December 6, 2013. Job descriptions and the application can be found at uua.org/documents/yaya/ga_ya_staff.pdf.

COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

July 2013 through June 2014

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/We commit an annual total pledge of \$ _____ to support the work of Arlington Street Church.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

- If you are paying with cash via the Sunday collection, please mark the envelope with your name(s) and "**2014 Pledge Payment**".
- Checks should be made payable to Arlington Street Church with "**2014 Pledge Payment**" written on the check memo line.
- If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete the following:

Accepted: Mastercard Visa

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: mm _____ yy _____ Zip Code: _____

Please charge my credit card in either:

- One payment for my entire pledge
- Equal monthly installments on the 10th 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**. 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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INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH, 2013

TODAY

Coffee Hour

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 at office@ascboston.org.

Parish Hall Aesthetics

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Clarke Room

This is an open meeting to talk about guidelines for decorating the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Are You a Highly Sensitive Person?

Today ~ 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.

Inside Out Concert: Bach Chaconne!

Today ~ 1:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Praised for his exceptional gift of insight, virtuosity and true creative flair, violinist Kristopher Tong has performed in hundreds of concerts across the world as the second violinist of the critically acclaimed Borromeo String Quartet. This afternoon, Tong will play Bach Partita No. 2 in D minor BWV 1004 and Eli Epstein of Inside Out will be our tour guide.

Inside Out Concerts show that a connection with music is not so much about knowing (although it's useful to know the historical and cultural context of a piece), it's more about tapping into the emotional

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essence and universal human experience that's inherent in every work of art, be it music, dance, theatre, film, or visual art. The award-winning *Inside Out* approach helps concertgoers access their memories and activate their imaginations so that they can have more moving, meaningful, and personal experiences with classical music.

THIS WEEK

Membership Team Meeting

Monday, November 25th ~ 6:30 PM, Perkins Room

The Membership Team is interested in your ideas about how Arlington Street can be the welcoming community we strive to be to both new and long time members. Do you have ideas of how we can better help members get involved in the wonderful programs at Arlington Street? Do you have questions about the church and how to get more involved? You are invited to come to any Membership Team meetings to express your ideas, get your questions answered, or join the team! We hope to see you.

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

Tuesday, November 26th ~ 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 *There is No God and He is Always With You* by Brad Warner for tonight's lively 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!

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, November 27th ~ 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!

SAVE THE DATE

Anti-Racism, Multicultural Workshop

Sunday, December 8th ~ 12:30-2:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

This workshop will offer some tools to explore issues relating to race, ethnicity, and cultural identity, both individually and institutionally. There will be a short video excerpt, exercises, and small group discussions. There will also be an opportunity to explore the "continuum" (distributed at the last Corporation Meeting) on becoming an anti-racist, multicultural institution. This endeavor is supported by the Prudential Committee (our governing board), and involves the whole congregation; all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The workshop is sponsored by Arlington Street's "Building the World We Dream" team.

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

This Week

Sunday, November 24, 2013

9:15 AM	CRE Committee Meeting ~ Perkins Room
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 & Lunch Hour ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM	Parish Hall Aesthetics ~ Clarke Room
1:00 PM	Highly Sensitive People Support Group ~ Stage Right Room
1:30 PM	Inside Out Concert ~ Hunnewell Chapel

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Thursday, November 28, 2013

Thanksgiving Holiday, office is closed, and no congregational events

Friday, November 29, 2013

5:00 PM	Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall
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Saturday, November 30, 2013

No congregational events

Sunday, December 1, 2013

9:30 AM	Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
12:00 PM	Coffee & Lunch Hour ~ 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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The Mitten Tree

Sunday, December 15th ~ 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!

Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Sunday, December 15th ~ 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!

7th Annual Carol Sing!

Sunday, December 15th ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our seventh 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chanukah Concert—A Light Through the Ages

Sunday, December 1st ~ 4:00 PM, Central Reform Temple, 15 Newbury St.

Celebrate the meaning of Chanukah in story and song, and with a dramatic candle lighting ceremony! The Zamir Chorale of Boston will perform traditional and contemporary holiday classics. Free!

Want To Showcase Your Crafts at the Holiday Bazaar?

Sundays, December 8th, 15th, 22nd ~ 10:30-10:45 AM & 12-1:00 PM, Parish Hall

Dear Arlington Street members and friends!

December is around the corner, and it was wonderful to have your beautiful goods at last year's Holiday Bazaar in the parish hall!

Let me know if you would be interested in participating this year at les@ascboston.org, and I will send you a sign-up form, or you can go to ASCBoston.org and link to the online form. Each craft table is asked to make a free-will donation to the church from their proceeds. Whether we hold the bazaar for all three dates will depend on the number of tables.

~ Laura Evonne Steinman

Guest at Your Table

Through January 5th

Guest at Your Table is an annual Unitarian Universalist tradition in which congregation members learn about, and contribute to, selected human rights initiatives ("guests") supported by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). You can read about this year's guests at www.uusc.org/guest/2013-2014/myguests.

Pick up your donation box in the Parish Hall. At mealtimes, please insert coins or bills into the box, sharing your blessings with your guests and supporting a shared mission. Return your box to Arlington Street by January 5th, when we will gather all the boxes and deliver our Arlington Street donations to UUSC!

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