

pounds per year) reaches landfills and incinerators than any other material in trash. Members of this team plan to tackle the task of finding creative uses for the compostable waste ASC generates. *Stay tuned!*



### Join the Ushers

Are you looking for a fun way to offer service and meet others in the congregation? Consider joining the lead ushers team! Duties include handing out the orders of service, coordinating the offertory collection, and warmly welcoming the community. For more information, please contact Philip Roberts or Kevin Tyrrell (ushers@ASCBoston.org or 617-536-7050).



### Join the 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 (Jonah Beukman, Chris Cobb, Sarah Cooleybeck, Rita Falzarano, Margy Herley, Laura Pattison, Barbara Seidl, and Julia Simon). Membership on the Team requires a one year commitment and anti-racism/anti oppression/multicultural training.



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## COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

through June 2020

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

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

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

I/We commit an **TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE** of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the work of Arlington Street Church for 2019-2020.

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**. 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, Congregational Administrator 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.

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### FINDING EVENTS AT ARLINGTON STREET

**Main level: Hunnewell Chapel** is through the leather door to the right of the pulpit; **Nursery** is off the hallway outside the chapel; **Frothingham Library** is past the stairs and next to the Boylston Street entrance.

**Upstairs: Clarke Room** is up the stairs outside the nursery.

**Downstairs: Parish Hall** is the main room; **Carol Smith Room** is to the right of the stage; **Alan Helms Library** is to the left of the stage; **Perkins Room** (Family Ministry) is just past the kitchen; **Agora office** is at the back of the Perkins Room.

#### SECURITY NOTE

Remember to be mindful of your belongings! Today and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.

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# INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>, 2019

*If you are visiting Arlington Street Church or would like information about Unitarian Universalism, please visit the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall.*

## TODAY



### Coffee Hour and Lunch

Today ~ Immediately following worship, Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for coffee, soup, sandwiches, and community! Please visit the Arlington Street Cares Table (on your right as you enter the Parish Hall) to sign cards for those who have shared candles of sorrow and joy with us.

We welcome additional volunteers to help with the Cares table, food preparation, and, clean-up. To volunteer, and for more information about joining our team, please stop by the kitchen.



### Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Today and Sundays, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Carol Smith Room

Are you battling illness, struggling with isolation, caring for someone who is sick or dying, or coping with grief after a loss? Please visit the Circle of Caring and join our community of support, peace, healing, and love. Facilitator, Maureen Peterson calls on her significant personal experience to create a safe space for sharing our stories and supporting one another through the crises of life.



### Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street's Artist in Residence, Rodger Clinton Vine, presents a brief, beautiful program of Christmas music for the piano, followed immediately by our annual Carol Sing!



### 13th Annual Carol Sing!

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our 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!

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## Children's Book Drive and Holiday Party

The Social Action Committee and Transformation Team for Racial Justice are pleased to announce the return of our wonderfully successful children's book drive! Please bring new books centering people of color for us to deliver to the holiday party at Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church. For many years, we have contributed to gifts for children and have brought gifts for adults. Now we're bringing books for children! The holiday party will be held in Dorchester on the afternoon of December 22. If you want to attend the party, have books to donate, or have any questions, please stop by the Social Action table after church.

## THIS WEEK



### Echoes of Jerry with Judah Leblang

Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:30-1:00 PM, 158 W. Brookline St., Boston

Writer/storyteller Judah Leblang will be sharing excerpts from his new memoir, *Echoes of Jerry*, the story of his deep connection with his deaf uncle. Ed Lemay is hosting in his South End home. Join us for a light lunch, along with a reading and book signing. *All are welcome!* For more information, contact Judah at 617-466-9637 or judah.leblang@gmail.com



### 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!

## SAVE THE DATE



### Christmas Eve Prep Rally

Sunday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Calling all elves! Please drop by the chapel after lunch to stuff gift bags for children visiting on Christmas Eve and help prepare for the festivities! *Thank you!*



### Christmas Eve!

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Services at 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 9:00 PM, Sanctuary

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. Please come and bring your loved ones to share in this magical evening!



### Ushers Needed for Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 PM, Sanctuary

Christmas Eve is special at Arlington Street, with three candlelit services: 5 pm (a family-oriented service, with music provided by our choir) and again at 7 and 9 pm (with music provided by the Boston Gay

*We invite you to cut out this calendar or view the full calendar at [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org)*

## This Week

### Sunday, December 15, 2019

\*9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Sunday Worship ~ Sanctuary  
12:00 PM Lunch with Family Ministry ~ Perkins Room  
12:15 PM Indulge Planning Meeting ~ Alan Helms Library  
12:30 PM Arlington Street Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith Room  
12:30 PM Christmans Music on Piano ~ Hunnewell Chapel  
1:00 PM Carol Sing ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Monday, December 16, 2019

No congregational events are scheduled

### Tuesday, December 17, 2019

6:00 PM Prudential Committee ~ Perkins Room  
6:30 PM Finance Committee ~ Carol Smith Room  
7:00 PM Transformation Team ~ Frothingham Library

### Wednesday, December 18, 2019

6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Thursday, December 19, 2019

7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

### Friday, December 20, 2019

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program ~ Parish Hall

### Saturday, December 21, 2019

No congregational events are scheduled

### Sunday, December 22, 2019

\*9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Sunday Worship ~ Sanctuary  
12:00 PM Lunch with Family Ministry ~ Perkins Room  
12:30 PM Christmas Eve Prep Rally ~ Hunnewell Chapel  
12:45 PM Young Adults ~ Alan Helms Library

\* **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)*



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Men's Chorus). We need ushers to help with all three services. You can volunteer by signing up at the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall after today's service; or by emailing Philip Roberts or Kevin Tyrrell at [ushers@ascboston.org](mailto:ushers@ascboston.org). 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!*



### Intersectional Book Discussion

Monday, January 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:30 PM, Frothingham Library

Join Rev. Kim for the fourteenth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. For this gathering, we'll be reading Tara Westover's *Educated*. All are welcome!



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

Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library

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

*6:00 Buddha's Belly (Book Group):* We will finish our discussion of Sharon Salzberg's *Faith: Trusting Your Own Deepest Experience*. All are welcome!

*7:00 Arlington Street Meditation Center:* Our gathering includes seated and walking meditations, a brief reading from Buddhist teachings, and conversation. If you'd like to walk in the Public Garden (optional!), please dress for the weather. Beginners and experienced meditators from all traditions (or none!) are warmly welcome.

## 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 rehearse every Thursday and are always accepting new members. We meet 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](mailto:MBuckles@ASCBoston.org).



### Join the Social Action Committee

Join our team and get support on the social action topic you are passionate about: voting rights, climate change, economic inequality, gun violence, Citizens United, homelessness, and more. We meet on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm. For more information, please contact Margy Herley at [SocialAction@ASCBoston.org](mailto:SocialAction@ASCBoston.org).  
*"The service begins when the service ends."*



### Environmental Justice & Climate Crisis Team

Compost is decayed organic material, like food and paper, that can end up as trash—or be put to many eco-friendly uses, such as fertilizer. Why compost? If we don't, food waste ends up in a landfill or an incinerator. As we work to mitigate climate change, one important strategy is to reduce trash. The EPA estimates more food (75 billion+