

service. Or, email Ellen Spencer through the church office: Office@ASCBoston.org. Please specify which service you are volunteering for, and be sure to include your telephone number.

Guest at Your Table

Through January 6th

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/2012-2013/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 6th, when we will gather all the boxes and deliver our Arlington Street donations to UUSC!

Friday Night Supper Program, Inc.

Help your neighbors who are homeless and hungry this holiday season!

The Friday Night Supper Program has been serving hot, nutritious, meals to over 150 people struggling with homelessness and poverty every Friday evening since 1984. This year’s Christmas supper will be on December 21st.

There are many ways in which you can support the program:

- Volunteer
- Make a tax deductible cash donation
- Donate clothing and toiletries. Our clothing closet is in great need of men’s pants (sizes 36-40) and winter coats.
- Wear your support with an FNSP T-Shirt (men’s and women’s sizes and cuts available for \$20)
- Support our annual Holiday Bags campaign during which we distribute warm clothing, toiletries, socks, and holiday candy to our guests.

Secure donations can be made by following the DONATE link on our website, www.fridaynightsupper.org. To volunteer or for more information, contact the Executive Director, Amber Pittenger, at 617-536-7050 x22, or email Amber at info@fridaynightsupper.org.

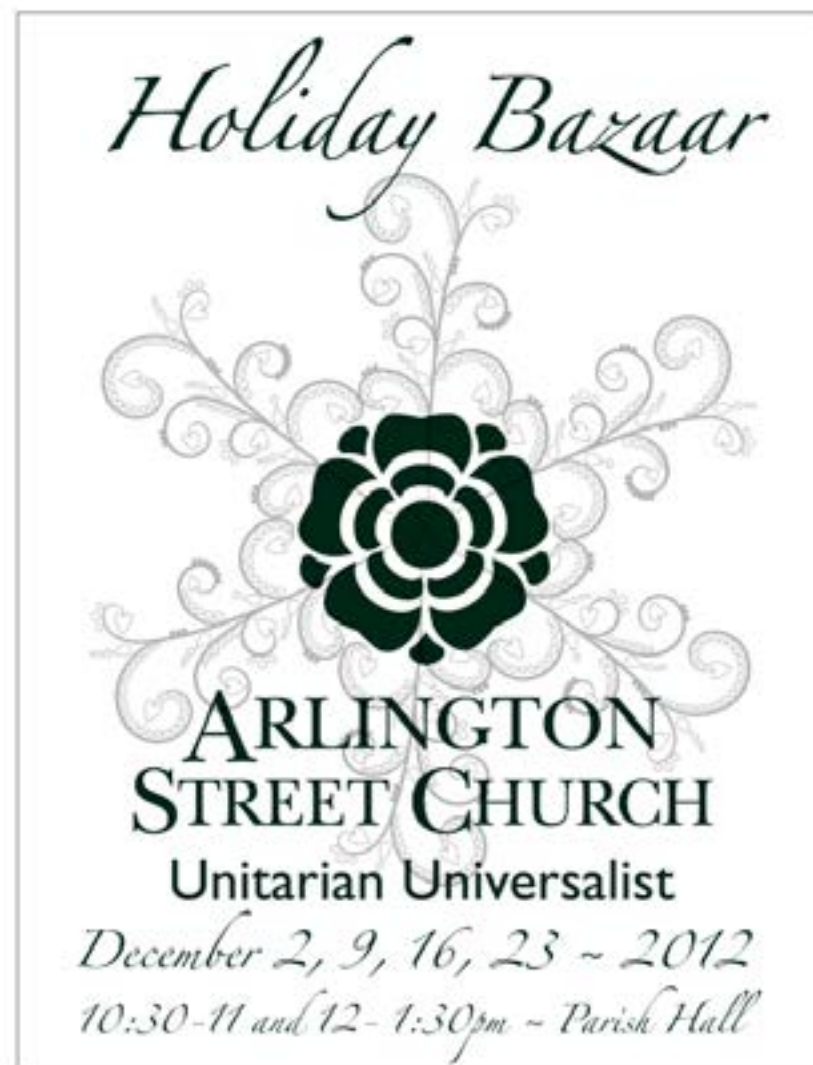
Tiffany Windows Watercolor Show

Through January 20th ~ Museum of Biblical Art, New York City

Did you know that Arlington Street Church owns nine original watercolors done by well-known Tiffany artist, Frederick Wilson? These were created for donors of the “Beatitudes” Tiffany windows on the upper level of our Sanctuary.

MOBIA, the Museum of Biblical Art, is new, small, modern, and non-denominational, located at 1865 Broadway, just a few blocks from Lincoln Center. MOBIA concentrates on art derived from the Bible and all religious traditions. A show entitled “The Devotional Art of Louis C. Tiffany” includes two of our original watercolors; one from another of our upstairs windows will be a show feature.

As part of the contract, MOBIA paid for the conservation of our two works on exhibition. We hope to raise funds to conserve the remaining seven watercolors!



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, DECEMBER 16TH, 2012

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.

Shop at the Holiday Bazaar

Today and next Sunday~ 10:30-11 AM & 12-1:30 PM, Parish Hall

Stop by the parish hall and shop for beautiful, original gifts made by local artisans.

Indulge Planning Meeting

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Stage Right Room

Come join our energetic team as we continue preparing for this wonderful gala dinner and auction scheduled for Saturday, April 6th! You’re just in time to get involved, meet new people, and make a difference at our spiritual home!

Rodger Clinton Vine, Holiday Music on Piano

Today ~ 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!

6th Annual Carol Sing!

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street’s musicians for our sixth 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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THIS WEEK

Hallelujah! Boston Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert

Monday, December 17th at 8:00 PM ~ Jordan Hall

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to the Boston Gay Men's Chorus's (BGMC) joyful celebration of diverse holiday traditions. Hear music honoring Chanukah and the Native American solstice, along with traditional Christmas carols, and some favorite pop tunes (Mariah?) of the season. The hilarious Freres de St. Francis de la Sissies return ... with a BGMC twist!

Tickets cost \$16-\$46 and are available at the door, at www.bgmc.org, or 617-542-SING.

English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Wednesday December 19th ~ 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, December 19th ~ 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.

Gatherings for Healing

Thursday, December 20th ~ 6:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Gatherings for Healing will be offered every first and third Thursday of the month from 6:30-7:30 PM. We invite those struggling with illness and disability, and those who are touched by that struggle. Suffering is often isolating. It can leave us feeling overwhelmed and entirely emptied. These gatherings are intended to move us toward a sense of wholeness, and toward feeling more connected with the flow of life. Please come as you are for inspirational readings, contemplative prayer, and chamomile communion.

We are also looking for help to make these gatherings beautiful and meaningful (with music, for example). If you would like to be part of the Healing Team, please contact Lisa Mobayed, our student minister, at LMobayed@ASCBoston.org.

SAVE THE DATE

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 23rd ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Christmas is coming! Come join us for some new stories of the season, some old favorites, and lots of carol singing!

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, December 16, 2012

9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
10:30 AM	Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall
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
12:00 PM	Youth Group Meeting ~ Perkins Room
12:30 PM	Rodger Vines's Christmas Music ~ Hunnewell Chapel
12:30 PM	Indulge Planning Meeting ~ Stage Right Room
1:00 PM	Annual Carol Sing ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, December 17, 2012

10:30 AM	Connections ~ Smith Room
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Tuesday, December 18, 2012

6:00 PM	Prudential Committee ~ Perkins Room
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Wednesday, December 19, 2012

10:00 AM	Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
*3:30 PM	Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, December 20, 2012

6:30 PM	Gatherings for Healing ~ Hunnewell Chapel
7:00 PM	Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, December 21, 2012

5:00 PM	Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall
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Saturday, December 22, 2012

No congregational events

Sunday, December 23, 2012

9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
10:30 AM	Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall
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

* **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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Christmas Eve!

Monday, December 24th ~ Sanctuary

Services are at 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 9:00 PM

O, Come All Ye Faithful! Our choir sings in the holiday at the 5:00 PM 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 PM and 9:00 PM, the Boston Gay Men's Chorus stands in for the Heavenly Host! Candle lighting is a highlight of all three services (candles are provided). Please come and bring your loved ones to share in this magical evening!

First Night at Arlington Street!

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

The Boston Chapter of the American Guild of Organists hosts its annual First Night performance at Arlington Street Church! Tonight's performers are Lois Toeppner, Louise Mundinger and Laurence Carson. The organists perform works that appeal to a general audience, ranging from "light" to "serious." Our own Artist in Residence, Rodger Clinton Vine, is the event coordinator and your host for this exciting musical evening! Admission to this concert is your First Night button.

The Wednesdays Literary Salon: Hemingway with 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 will be ready for you before Christmas.

Professor Alan strongly recommends that you read all the stories over the holidays (you can think of your reading as a Christmas gift to yourself) 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

Christmas Eve Ushers Needed!

Ushers are still needed for the 5 PM and 9 PM services on Saturday, Christmas Eve. Sign up sheets will be circulated during today's

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