

Requests for Jubilee Support

Our Jubilee initiative supports Arlington Street Church's "work in the world." Church members are welcome to submit requests for support (financial and other) that promote the Jubilee initiative and its guiding principles. Applications will be considered on an ongoing basis. Requests for Jubilee projects to begin this summer should be submitted by May 15th. Project ideas for the coming church year should be submitted by October 1st. For more information, please email jubilee@ascBoston.org.

Mother's Day Walk for Peace

Sunday, May 11th ~ 7:00 AM, Assemble at Town Field in Dorchester

This is the 18th Annual Walk to honor the mothers and families who have lost children to homicide in the city of Boston. Come walk with the Arlington Street contingent! We will gather at Town Field in Dorchester. The walk takes a couple of hours, getting us back in time for Sunday service. Take the Red Line to Field's Corner and walk to Town Field. If you drive, you can find parking on the side streets.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY Advocacy Day!

Tuesday, May 13th ~ 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Parish Hall and Hunnewell Chapel

Ten years ago, Massachusetts helped set off a revolution of equality. A group of courageous couples, including several Unitarian Universalist couples, filed a lawsuit making the simple case that the love they had for each other was equal to the love of any other couple. They won that case, which set off a battle on Beacon Hill that ended with Massachusetts being the first state to recognize full Marriage Equality. UU Mass Action is sponsoring three anniversary events. For more information, to register, purchase tickets, or donate, visit uumassaction.org/uuma/advocacyday.

- Attend the Acts of Faith Breakfast with speaker David Wilson, one of the plaintiffs in the case. Tickets are \$30.
- Participate in Advocacy Day from 10:30–3:00 PM. Advocacy Day begins with a worship service followed by speakers, a celebration at the State House, and visits to legislators. When you register, we will contact your legislators and set up appointments for you to meet with them or their representatives and deliver wedding cupcakes! Tickets are \$15 each.
- Contribute to the Wedding Cake Cupcake Fund! Your contribution of any amount towards the purchase of these cupcakes would be most appreciated!

Worship and Celebration!

Sunday, May 18th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary, Hunnewell Chapel, & Parish Hall
The Boston Gay Men's Chorus and plaintiffs, Dave Wilson and Rob Compton, join us for a celebration of this great day! Following a very special worship service, there will be anniversary photos taken and wedding cake for all to enjoy! At 12:45 PM, everyone is invited to an interfaith wedding vow renewal in the sanctuary!

COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM July 2014 through June 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/We commit an **TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE** of \$ _____
to support the work of Arlington Street Church for 2014-2015.

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 "**2015 Pledge Payment**".
- Checks should be made payable to Arlington Street Church with "**2015 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 on July 10, 2014

Equal monthly installments on the **10th of each month**

I'm adding a pledge of SERVICE! Here's how I'd like to serve:

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, MAY 4TH, 2014

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 at office@ascboston.org.

Covenant Renewal Sunday

Today ~ 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Today is a very special worship service! During Covenant Renewal, members and friends pledge their financial support for the coming church year, which provides almost half of the annual income for our spiritual community and our work in the world. Thank you for your part in renewing our spiritual home and community!

Share the Plate with Louis D. Brown Peace Institute

Today ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

We continue our new spiritual practice of generosity at Arlington Street. For May, *Share the Plate* donations will go to Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. Half of this morning's offering will sustain Arlington Street, and half will go to the Institute.

Louis D. Brown Peace Institute is staffed almost entirely by survivors of violence. It supports other survivors while sponsoring anti-violence services and workshops in local schools. It also organizes the annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace.

If you wish to split your cash, a check, or credit card donation between your pledge to Arlington Street and *Share the Plate*, please specify how much money goes toward each. Thank You!

New Member Class

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

Wednesday, May 7th, *Spiritual Journeys* ~ 6:00 PM, Perkins Room

All interested newcomers are warmly invited to our next two-session new member class. In our first session, we learn a little of Arlington Street's history, polity, and practices, and meet some of our illustrious leadership and staff. Rev. Kim joins us for the second session, where

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we share stories about our spiritual journeys and ask our burning questions. 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. All are welcome!

Spiritual Passions

Higher & Friendly Power: William James and Addiction

Sunday, May 4th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Please attend this *Spiritual Passion* led by Peg O'Connor, professor of philosophy at Gustavus Adolphus College and the author of the *Psychology Today* blog, "Philosophy Stirred, Not Shaken: Philosophy and Addiction." Peg has written several pieces for *The New York Times* on addiction and is a recovering alcoholic.

The philosopher/psychologist William James and his great work, *The Varieties of Religious Experience* (1902), had a profound influence on the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous. This talk introduces James's concepts of "surrender," "conversion," "habitual centers of personal energy," "misery thresholds," "world sickness," "higher and friendly power," "healthy-mindedness," and "practical fruits of the spiritual tree." In a time of increasing addiction rates, William James is a most welcome companion and guide to anyone struggling with addiction or living a life of recovery.

CRE Volunteer Planning Meeting

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Perkins Room

All Children's Religious Education volunteers are asked to meet and plan the curricula for the month of May.

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, May 7th ~ 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 donation that goes to the church. First class is free!

Women's Spirituality Group

Saturday, May 10th ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room

The Women's Spirituality group at Arlington Street is seeking new members. We meet once a month on Saturdays to explore various spiritual and humanist topics, in a format similar to that used in Arlington Street's Connections groups. All women are welcome, including, of course, transgender women. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Karen Sontag at office@ascboston.org.

SAVE THE DATE

The Wednesdays Literary Salon with Professor Alan Helms ~ Alice Munro

Wednesdays, May 14th, 21st, 28th ~ 6:00-8:00 PM, Frothingham Library

For my money, Alice Munro is the best living writer in English. She just won the Nobel Prize in Literature, the first time in its hundred years plus history that the prize has been given to a short story writer. Her style is graceful, deft, and clear; her psychological acuity brilliant; her story-telling prowess unequalled; and her humanity profound. To read an Alice Munro story is to enter a

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

This Week

Sunday, May 4, 2014

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins, Parish, Carol Smith
 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
 12:30 PM New Member Class: *Meet ASC* ~ Clarke Room
 12:30 PM Higher & Friendly Power ~ Hunnewell Chapel
 12:30 PM Coming of Age Group ~ Frothingham Library
 1:00 PM CRE Volunteer Planning Meeting ~ Perkins Room

Monday, May 5, 2014

6:30 PM Boston New Sanctuary Movement ~ Perkins Room
 *6:30 PM Multiculturalism/Anti-Racism Class ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Tuesday, May 6, 2014

*11:00 AM Intern Committee Meeting ~ Perkins Room
 6:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting ~ Perkins Room
 *7:30 PM Spiritual Practice for Professional Caregivers ~ Frothingham

Wednesday, May 7, 2014

*12:00 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
 6:00 PM New Member Class: *Spiritual Journeys* ~ Perkins Room
 7:30 PM Connections Facilitators ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, May 8, 2014

7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, May 9, 2014

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, May 10, 2014

7:00 AM Rice Sticks and Tea ~ Parish Hall
 10:00 AM Women's Spirituality Group ~ Perkins Room

Sunday, May 11, 2014

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
 9:30 AM Social Action Committee ~ Smith Room
 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins, Parish, Carol Smith
 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
 12:30 PM Coming of Age Group ~ Frothingham Library

* Denotes closed meetings. This calendar is accurate as of noon the Tuesday before publication and only includes events directly related to the congregation.

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world that is strange yet familiar, and then to leave it deeply moved, sometimes shaken, always enlightened with a larger sense of life. Please join Rev. Kim and me for three glorious encounters with this transcendent writer.

Our text is Munro's first collection of short stories: *Dance of the Happy Shades*. You'll find over 20 copies on Amazon for \$12-16, and most public libraries will have it. Readings:

- May 14th: "Walker Brothers Cowboy," "The Shining Houses," "Images"
- May 21st: "The Time of Death," "Day of the Butterfly," "Boys and Girls"
- May 28th: "Red Dress-1946," "Sunday Afternoon," "Dance of the Happy Shades"

Catie Scudera's Ordination!

Sunday, May 18th ~ 5:00 PM, (4:30 clergy robing), Sanctuary

The congregation at Arlington Street Church, along with the Winchester Unitarian Society, will be ordaining our intern, Catie Scudera, into the Unitarian Universalist ministry! All Arlington Street members and friends are invited to participate in this celebration of our family of faith. A reception of heavy appetizers and desserts will follow in the parish hall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Keep Immigrant Families Stay Together

Sunday, May 4th ~ 2:00 PM, 20 Bradston Street, Boston

Help stop the raids and deportations of immigrant families by attending a vigil for immigrant detainees at the Suffolk County House of Correction. This vigil is sponsored by the Boston New Sanctuary Movement. We will car pool from the church at 1:15. If you want a ride, please email socialaction@ascboston.org!

Unitarians, Universalists, and Slavery

Tuesday, May 6th ~ 7:00 PM, Sperry Room, Harvard Divinity School, 45 Francis Avenue, Cambridge

Dr. Christopher Cameron is an Assistant Professor of History at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte. He has been a Fellow with the Massachusetts Historical Society this academic year. His first book, entitled *To Plead Our Own Cause: African Americans in Massachusetts and the Making of the Antislavery Movement*, explores the relationship between Puritan theology and the rise of black abolitionism, and argues that African Americans were central to the development of the antislavery movement in America.

He is currently working on two monographs. The first of these, *Black Freethinkers*, explores African American humanism, agnosticism, and atheism from the late-18th century to the present. The second, *Liberal Religion and Slavery in Early America*, examines the rise and growth of liberal religious sects such as the Unitarians, Universalists, and Transcendentalists in 18th and 19th century America, and the ways in which adherents to these disparate traditions engaged with the institution of slavery.

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