

New Member Class

Sunday, October 14th ~ 12:30, Stage Right Room
Wednesday, October 17th ~ 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 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connections: Small Group Ministry

Registration is open!

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

Beginning in early October, 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 next Sunday at the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall during coffee hour. You can also sign up online at <http://ascboston.org/connections>.

Covenant Renewal 2012-2013

Your pledge of financial support to our beloved spiritual community is greatly appreciated! It's not too late to pledge and to put your donations to work as part of this year's operating budget! Please drop your pledge form into the collection plate, give it to Rev. Kim, or mail it into the church office. Thank You!

Just Coffee—Just for You!

Friends, we have a new supply of Just Coffee! Please come and get yours at the Social Action table after the service. Just \$12 per pound for great 100% organic coffee! Help support the grower cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico, www.justcoffee.org.

Love of Singing

Thursdays ~ 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Clarke Room

Do you love to sing? Would you consider sharing your voice as a gift of service to this community? Do you want to take just a couple of hours out of your week to create something beautiful? The Arlington Street Church Choir awaits you!

We rehearse on Thursdays in the Clarke Room on the second floor of the church. Musicians and non-musicians are welcome! If you have any questions, please always feel free to contact our Director of Music, Mark David Buckles, who is available at the front of the sanctuary following the service or via email at MBuckles@ASCBoston.org.

COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

July 2012 through June 2013

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 "2013 Pledge Payment".
- Checks should be made payable to Arlington Street Church with "2013 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 15, 2012
- 12 equal monthly installments on the 15th 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. Your message will be received by the Church's administrative assistant so it can find its way to the appropriate people. Please speak your "truths in love" and include your name and contact information so we can follow-up. Thanks! For emergencies, please see "Our Caring Community" to the right.

SCHEDULING EVENTS AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

All issues dealing with building usage, for both congregational usage 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 this email and will compile the announcements for publication. Materials must be legible, signed, and fully composed and may be edited, as space is limited. Please note that we only publish submissions related to Arlington Street events or the wider Unitarian Universalist community.

OUR CARING COMMUNITY

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, SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2012

TODAY

Coffee Hour and Lunch

Today ~ Immediately following worship, Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for coffee, soup, sandwiches, sweet apple New Year's treats, 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.

Building the World We Dream About

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Clarke Room

In June, a group of active members of Arlington Street Church met to explore the question of how we could work together to lead our congregation in becoming a more inclusive and multicultural community. We now propose an ongoing working group involving study and action called *Building the World We Dream About*, a newly-developed Unitarian Universalist (UU) curriculum. The program is designed to enable UU congregations to become more welcoming of racial, ethnic, and cultural diversity, and to dismantle racism in congregations and in the larger community. Curriculum goals are:

- To promote a multicultural welcome, inclusion, and affirmation in all facets of Unitarian Universalist congregational life
- To cultivate participants' knowledge and skills in addressing issues related to race, ethnicity, and cultural identity both individually and institutionally
- To identify ways congregations can build multiracial/multicultural communities of love and justice.

Through a series of interactive seminars, participants will explore topics that increase their understanding of race and ethnicity, as well as systemic racism, through spiritual reflection, journaling, visual arts, poetry, music, theater tools, simulations, guest speakers,

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and field trips. The curriculum culminates with worship and creation of action plans for anti-racist, multicultural congregational transformation. Please join us for this first meeting!

THIS WEEK

English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Monday, Sept. 17th and Wednesday Sept. 19th ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room

Learn or improve your English! The class meets twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Topics include general conversation, cooking, and holiday events, as well as grammar and pronunciation. Students are also welcome to suggest their own topic ideas. 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.

The Wednesdays Literary Salon: Richard Wilbur

Four consecutive Wednesday evenings: September 19th and 26th; October 3rd and 10th ~ 6:00-8:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Please join Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim for another delightful series at The Wednesdays, Arlington Street's literary salon! All are welcome!

Alan writes,

"For the past 60 years, Richard Wilbur has arguably been our best formal American poet. By "formal," I only mean a poet who uses meter and rhyme. A hundred years ago, 99% of all English language poetry published was metered (meaning you can count the beat by rapping it out on a tabletop) and rhymed, with the remaining 1% written in free verse. Today, the percentages are reversed: 99% free verse, 1% formal. Robert Frost was probably the last internationally famous American poet who wrote formal poetry. He famously said that in his view, writing free verse was like playing tennis without a net."

He had a point, which we'll discuss in our four evenings devoted to Richard Wilbur. You'll love the four weeks we'll spend with him! All welcome, all aboard!

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, September 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.

Citizens United Response Team

Wednesday, September 19th ~ 7:00 PM, Clarke Room

Government by the people is under attack by big money in politics. Our guest speaker, Attorney David Cobb, 2004 Green Party Candidate for President, national director of Democracy Unlimited and Move To Amend, will talk about how we can join forces to combat it! Refreshments will be served.

We invite you to cut out this calendar and clip it to your refrigerator or bulletin board!

This Week

Sunday, September 16, 2012

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
9:30 AM Children's Religious Education Committee ~ Perkins Room
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Light Lunch ~ Parish Hall
1:00 PM Building the World We Dream About ~ Clarke Room

Monday, September 17, 2012

10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

6:00 PM Prudential Committee ~ Perkins Room

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
*3:30 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
6:00 PM The Wednesdays ~ Frothingham Library
6:00 PM Citizens United ~ Clarke Room

Thursday, September 20, 2012

7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, September 21, 2012

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, September 22, 2012

No congregational events

Sunday, September 23, 2012

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
9:30 AM Social Action Committee ~ Smith Room
9:30 AM Teacher Training Breakfast ~ Perkins Room
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
12:00 PM Coffee Hour, Dessert Party, & Light 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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SAVE THE DATE

CRE Teacher Training Breakfast

Sunday, September 23rd ~ 9:30-10:30 AM, Perkins Room

For all interested in sharing your gifts with the children, come and learn how we "do" Children's Religious Education (CRE) at Arlington Street Church. Your participation in CRE could be a one time or ongoing project, or helping out with service trips around Boston. All are welcome, whether you have lots of experience with children or none at all. An RSVP to our Director of Religious Education, Laura Evonne Steinman at LES@ASCBoston.org, would be greatly appreciated.

Sacred Eros: Reproductive Justice

Wednesday, September 26th ~ 7:00 pm, Perkins Room

This month, we will kick off Sacred Eros with a discussion on the Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA's) Congregational Study/Action Issue: Reproductive Justice. Some of the questions to be discussed include:

- Why is focusing on individual choice inadequate?
- How do power structures limit access to reproductive justice?
- How do reproductive issues intersect with racism and classism?

Please join us on this important topic, and check out the UUA's webpage for more info, www.uua.org/reproductive/study-actionissue/209024.shtml

Sacred Eros is a monthly discussion group at Arlington Street Church, providing a safe and supportive space to explore questions about sexuality from a spiritual and ethical perspective.

We meet on the last Wednesday of each month. All people over 18 are welcome, and participants are expected to respect one another and keep personal matters discussed confidential.

Tea for Two, or Three, or More...

Sunday, September 30th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Break out your long gloves and your broad brimmed hats, and join together in fellowship to raise awareness and funds for our upcoming rebuilding trip to New Orleans!

Enjoy tea, finger sandwiches, sweet delights, engaging conversation, and be serenaded by lovely classical music. This event is sponsored by Jubilee to support Arlington Street Church's work in New Orleans and for our continued fellowship with the good people of First Unitarian Universalist Church of New Orleans.

Please RSVP to NewOrleans@ASCBoston.org or leave a message at the church office 617-536-7050.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 30th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Each year on a Sunday near the Feast Day of St. Francis, we celebrate the animal companions in our lives by welcoming them (crated, on a leash, in a bowl) to be blessed. Come join in this happy, hilarious, and love-filled worship service!

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