

you like. At 5:00, we'll celebrate by enjoying an early dinner together somewhere nearby. BYO\$.

The Wednesdays: Arlington Street's Literary Salon Robert Frost's Winter Poems

Wednesday, February 10th ~ 6:00-8:00 pm, Frothingham Library

Join Prof. Alan and Rev. Kim for a cozy evening of winter poems by Robert Frost. Here are a dozen that will warm your heart, money-back guarantee! Printed copies of the poems will be available, but if you'd like a head start, the poems are as follows (in chronological order). Climb in your sleigh and come join us! All are welcome!

Reluctance	The Onset
The Wood Pile	On a Tree Fallen Across the Road
An Old Man's Winter Night	Our Singing Strength
Birches	A Winter Eden
Dust of Snow	Desert Places
The Runaway	Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Islam 101

Sundays, February 21st (film discussion), March 13th (book discussion), and April 17th (speaker TBA) ~ 1:00-3:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Representatives of our Social Action Committee, Transformation Team for Racial Justice, and Rev. Kim are preparing a multi-faceted response to escalating violence toward the Muslim community. Toward the end of extending ourselves in friendship and sanctuary to our Islamic neighbors here in Boston, we'd like to begin with some opportunities to learn about Islam. On February 21st, we'll view Inside Mecca (2003), a one-hour National Geographic documentary that follows the spiritual journeys of three pilgrims to Mecca. For March 13th's book discussion, please read "*The Muslim Next Door: The Qur'an, the Media and That Veil Thing*" by Sumbul Ali-Karamali (available at the library as well as new and used from Amazon and ABE books). Please save the dates and plan to be part of this life-saving initiative! Chidcare will be provided by Allie Dagg.

Dining Out with Arlington Street Church Neighbors

The Membership Team is happy to announce that two more dinners with your Arlington Street neighbors are in the works! Lois Hartsough is planning an outing in Jamaica Plain, and Holly Hendricks and Tori Bell are gathering people who live in Wakefield, Medford, Melrose, Malden, etc. If you are interested in joining one of these dinners, please contact the organizers through the church office at office@ASCBoston.org or sign up at the Welcome Table in the parish hall after church today. More areas to follow!

Proposed Resolution on Palestine/Israel for General Assembly 2016

UUJME (Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East) has prepared a Business Resolution which we hope to get on the agenda for General Assembly (GA) next June. The Resolution would have the UUA divest from the securities of five corporations that enhance and profit from the conflict in the Middle East. In order to get this Business Resolution on the agenda, we need to collect at least 10 signatures of members of each of 25 congregations. Please sign the petition at the Social Action table in Parish Hall after the service to have this Resolution debated at the GA in June.

COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

July 2015 through June 2016

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/We commit an **TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE** of \$ _____ to support the work of Arlington Street Church for 2015-2016.

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, 2015
- 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 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.

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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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 2016

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.

Indulge 2016 Planning Meeting

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Smith Room

Join the planning as we finalize the save the date cards. Indulge 2016 is scheduled for April 23rd. This will be a very short meeting to allow us to participate in the Stop Hunger Now project.

Stop Hunger Now!

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Parish Hall

For the third year in a row, we're teaming up for a Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event as part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (Week!) of Service. This year, we are thrilled to welcome our neighbors from Emmanuel Church to join our all-ages assembly line. Emmanuel has committed to 10,000 meals; together, our two congregations can and will assemble 20,000 meals! Bring everyone you know! All are welcome! Let's Stop Hunger Now!

Tu BiShvat

Today ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Tu BiShvat is the Jewish new year of trees; a time to celebrate the earth and the cycle of seasons. Join Jewish Voice for Peace Boston for a ritual seder that celebrates our earth's resilience while drawing connections between the root causes of climate change, racism, and Islamophobia. Please bring a vegetarian dish or drink to share to this potluck meal. Co-sponsored by Boston Climate Action Network and Grassroots International. For more information, please email jvpboston@gmail.com, or visit FB: www.facebook.com/events/727714210662727/.

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THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, January 26th ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Buddha's Belly and 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. Join us as we conclude our discussion of Parvati Markus' newly-released *Love Everyone*, a collection of the stories of young spiritual seekers - most notably Ram Dass – who traveled to India in the 1970s to study with the acclaimed teacher, Neem Karoli Baba.

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

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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Arlington Street Church Corporation Meeting

Sunday, January 31st ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel *Vote required

*Membership Update Doc Kinne

* Election to replace one Prudential Committee member. Mary Marcel has resigned. The Nominating Committee has selected Art Nava to complete her term (until June, 2017) Doc Kinne

*Ordination Approval for Joanna Lubkin Rev. Kim

*Vote to join ten UU congregations to petition for a change to our first principle, from "The inherent worth and dignity of every **person**" to "The inherent worth and dignity of every **being**." For more information, please visit <http://firstprincipleproject.blogspot.com/> Rev. Kim

Anti-Racism Workshop and Uncomfortable Conversations

Transformation Team

Q&A on Written Reports

Treasurer's Report Susie Nacco

Prudential Committee Tina Rose

Other Business

Arlington Street's Literary Salon, The Wednesdays: Shakespeare's Plays

Wednesdays, February 3rd and 17th ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library

February 3rd: *Richard II*

February 17th: *Romeo and Juliet*

Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim welcome you to the second installment of the Wednesdays Shakespearathon! Reading all 38 of Shakespeare is admittedly a huge ambition and will take years to accomplish, but it's wholly appropriate, since Shakespeare is by universal consent not only the greatest writer in the English language, but one

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

This Week

Sunday, January 24, 2016

*9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins, Parish Hall, Smith Room
12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM Indulge 2016 Planning Meeting ~ Smith Room
1:00 PM Stop Hunger Now! Meal Packaging Event~ Parish Hall
6:00 PM Tu BiShvat ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, January 25, 2016

6:30 PM Membership Team Meeting ~ Perkins Room
6:30 PM Shambhala Meditation Class ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Tuesday, January 26, 2016

6:00 PM Buddha's Belly ~ Hunnewell Chapel
7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center ~ Sanctuary

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

*12:00 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
*3:30 PM Connections Meeting ~ Smith Room
6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
6:30 PM CRE Committee Meeting ~ Perkins Room

Thursday, January 28, 2016

7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, January 29, 2016

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, January 30, 2016

No congregational events are scheduled.

Sunday, January 31, 2016

*9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins, Parish Hall, Smith Room
12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
*12:30 PM OWL-Our Whole Lives ~ Perkins Room
12:30 PM Corporation Meeting ~ Hunnewell Chapel

* **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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of the immortals of world literature (his only peers in that lofty realm are Homer, Dante, and Cervantes). We'll need to practice a good deal of patience with archaic language, attending to a plethora of footnotes, since there's no doing without them (unless you live in a world where you cut your meat with a bodkin and teach your children to say their orizons at bedtime). In other words, these Shakespeare courses are not for the faint of heart. But since it's generally true that "as ye sow, so shall ye reap," the rewards will be enormous. For many of us this will be one of the great experiences/accomplishments of our lives!



Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Sundays, February 7th and 21st ~ 12:30 PM, Smith Room

Are you battling illness, caring for someone who is ill, struggling with isolation or in the process of losing someone you love? Or have you already lost someone, and are you trying to cope with the heartbreak and anger that accompany loss and grief? If you are currently struggling, or have experienced this or any other type of life crisis and would like to share how you made it through and be in a place of quiet listening and support, then please join the Caring Circle.

Maureen Peterson is an ASC member who has lost her parents and several close friends to cancer and her brother and close friends to AIDS. Her vision of the Circle of Caring is to create a safe space in which to share our stories, discuss what might help, and just be together in support, in healing, in peace and always in love. She is joined this year by two amazing co-facilitator's Art Judge, who is both a retired physician and hospital chaplain and Lisa Kirk, one of ASC's newest member's who has lead grief and small support groups for other congregations.



Spiritual Passions 2016! Arlington Street Zen Center

Don't just do something; sit there! And when you sit, just sit. Very simple directives ... simple, but not easy!

The Art of Sabbath

Sunday, February 7th ~ 1:00-3:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

"Sabbath requires surrender. If we only stop when we are finished with all our work, we will never stop, because our work is never completely done. With every accomplishment there arises a new responsibility... Sabbath dissolves the artificial urgency of our days, because it liberates us from the need to be finished." (Wayne Muller) Join our affiliated minister, Joanna Lubkin, as we explore ways to balance the rhythm of our lives, to engage in those practices which are nourishing, life-giving, and restful. All are welcome!

Meditation Retreat

Sunday, February 28th ~ 1:00-5:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Rev. Kim and members of the Arlington Street Zen Center invite you to an afternoon meditation retreat. We'll practice alternate sitting and walking meditations, interspersed with readings from the dharma (Buddhist teachings)-the same format as our twice-monthly gatherings, just a longer session.

Whether you are experienced in meditation or interested in a full immersion introduction, please join us! Wear loose, comfortable clothing, walking shoes, and appropriate outerwear (we will be walking in the Public Garden). Zafus and zabutons (pillows and cushions) as well as chairs are provided. Come for the beginning and stay as long as