



## Have You Made Your Pledge Yet?

If you have not yet made a financial pledge of support to Arlington Street for this church year, it's not too late! This church is a self-supporting community that relies on the generosity of members to fund everything from our transcendent worship to our mundane electric bill. Coordinating your values with where your money goes is a powerful spiritual practice! Plus, pledging helps the church plan responsibly for the year ahead. We are very close to reaching our goal of \$260,000, which will allow for a fully-funded budget. Covenant Renewal forms are available in the pews and at ASCBoston.org. Please submit your pledge today!

## 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



### Children's Religious Education Program

Children's Religious Education (CRE) Program CRE is for babies - High Schoolers. To register your child/ren or and or to volunteer or contribute, please contact Laura Evonne, Director of CRE at LES@ASCBoston.org or CRE Assistant Jaimie Dingus at JDingus@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 9:30 am. For more information, contact David McLain at SocialAction@ASCBoston.org. "The service begins when the service ends."



### 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 feedback or questions for The Team, please email Transformation@ASCBoston.org, attend our open meetings on the third Tuesday of every month from 7 - 8:30 p.m. or speak with a team member (Jonah Beukman, Sarah Cooleybeck, Margy Herley, Peter Lowber, Laura Pattison, Nancy Perna, and Barbara Seidl). Membership on the Team requires a one year commitment and anti-racism/anti oppression/multicultural training.

## COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

July 2016 through June 2017

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

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

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

I/We commit an **TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE** of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the work of Arlington Street Church for 2016-2017.

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](mailto: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](mailto:JBouchard@ASCBoston.org).

#### INSIDE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please email all Sunday "Inside" announcements **before Tuesday noon** to [publications@ascboston.org](mailto: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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# INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

## NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2016

### TODAY



### Coffee Hour and Lunch

Today ~ Immediately following worship, Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for coffee, soup, sandwiches, and community. Thank UU to the CRE program for cooking Stone Soup and making bread! If you're visiting Arlington Street Church or would like information about Unitarian Universalism, please visit the Welcome Table.

Additional volunteers are always welcome to help with food preparation and, especially, with clean-up. To learn more about joining our team, please stop by the kitchen.



### Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Today and Sundays, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Carol 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, then please join the Caring Circle. Maureen Peterson is an ASC member who has lost her parents and her best friend to cancer and her brother and close friends to AIDS. Lisa Kirk, who officially joined the ASC Community last year has lead grief and small support groups for other congregations and has lots of experience and insight to share with the group.

Their 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.



### Arlington Street Church Corporation Meeting

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Parish Hall

Membership Update\* (Doc Kinne)  
UUA President Election (ASC GA Delegates)  
Senior Minister's Report (Rev. Kim)  
Treasurer's Report (Art Nava)  
Accessibility Ramp Update (Tina Rose)

Q&A on Written Reports

- Children's Religious Education (Laura Evonne Steinman)

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- Prudential Committee (Tina Rose)

Other Business

\* Indicates vote required

## THIS WEEK

### Tiffany Window Guided Tours

Now that we have successfully restored our unique Tiffany stained glass windows, we have opened our doors to the public. Over the past six weeks, visitors from all over the world learned of our heritage and were enthralled by our landmark building and windows. We have now suspended our tours for the winter, but will return in the spring and look forward to expanding our programs for our congregation and the public.

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

Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 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.

*6:00 Buddha's Belly:* We will continue our discussion of Charlotte Joko Beck's *Everyday Zen: Love and Work*. Please read up to Section VII, Boundaries (through page 152).

*7:00 Arlington Street Zen Center:* Our gathering includes seated and walking meditations, a dharma talk, and conversation. If you'd like to join Rev. Kim and walk in the Public Garden (optional!), please dress for the weather. Beginners and experienced meditators from all traditions are warmly 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

### Refuge Recovery

Begins Sunday, November 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Refuge Recovery is a Buddhist path to recovering from addiction. All are welcome! For more information, please visit <https://m.facebook.com/refugebackbay/> or email [refugerecoverybackbay@gmail.com](mailto:refugerecoverybackbay@gmail.com).

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

Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library ~ Henry IV, part 2

Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim welcome you to the final meeting of the third installment of the Wednesdays Shakespearathon! Reading all 38 of Shakespeare's plays is admittedly a huge ambition, but Shakespeare is, by universal consent, not only the greatest writer in the

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

## This Week

### Sunday, November 20, 2016

*9:30 AM	Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
9:30 AM	New Member Breakfast ~ Hunnewell Chapel
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Children's Religious Education (CRE) ~ Nursery, Perkins and Carol Smith Rooms, Parish Hall
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
1:00 PM	Corporation Meeting ~ Parish Hall

### Monday, November 21, 2016

6:30 PM	Shambhala Boston ~ Hunnewell Chapel
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### Tuesday, November 22, 2016

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

### Wednesday, November 23, 2016

6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
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### Thanksgiving, November 24, 2016

No congregational events are scheduled.

### Friday, November 25, 2016

5:00 PM	Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall
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### Saturday, November 26, 2016

No congregational events are scheduled.

### Sunday, November 27, 2016

*9:30 AM	Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
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 additional listings, please visit [www.ASCBoston.org](http://www.ASCBoston.org)*



English language, but one of the immortals of world literature. We'll need patience with archaic language while attending to a plethora of footnotes (there's no doing without them unless you live in a world where you cut your meat with a bodkin and your children 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 of our lives! All are welcome!

### Indulge 2017 Planning Meeting

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Carol Smith Room

Join the planning as we continue planning decorations, menu, and auction details. Indulge 2017 is our spring time fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, April 1st. Come be a part of helping to make this fun night a reality!

### Stumbling into Infinity A Very Special Evening with Michael Fischman

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Michael Fischman, author of *Stumbling Into Infinity: An Ordinary Man in the Sphere of Enlightenment*, left a very successful career in business to pursue a spiritual life. Michael's memoir chronicles his life as the son of a Holocaust survivor and his life-changing encounter with Indian teacher Sri Sri Ravi Shankar. We are looking forward to welcoming Michael as our honored guest to read from his book and share his thoughts on living a spiritual life.

The list price of the book is \$14, but it will be available to us at the publisher's cost of \$8.50. Bring a friend! All are welcome!

### Hate Crimes Hotline

Attorney General Maura Healey has launched a new hotline to help protect the basic civil rights of residents and visitors to Massachusetts. To report an incident of a bias-motivated threat, harassment, or violence, call 800-994-3228. Learn more at [www.mass.gov/ago](http://www.mass.gov/ago).

### A Marriage Proposal

If you are LGBTQ and seeking to be legally married before the new presidential administration takes office, our affiliated minister, Rev. Joanna Lubkin, will officiate your wedding free of charge (location TBD). Jo says, "We love you. Your rights are important to us, and we will do what we can to protect them!" To find out more, email [office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org) or call the church office at 617-536-7050.

### Ushers Needed for Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve is special at Arlington Street, with three candlelit services: 5pm (a family-oriented service, with music provided our choir) and again at 7 and 9pm (with music provided by the Boston Gay Men's Chorus). We need ushers to help out 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 or phoning the church office ([office@ascboston.org](mailto:office@ascboston.org); 617-536-7050). 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!