



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 12:30 pm. For more information, please contact Margy Herley at SocialAction@ASCBoston.org. "The service begins when the service ends."



Environmental Justice & Climate Crisis Team

Compost is decayed organic material, like food and paper, that can end up as trash—or be put to many eco-friendly uses, such as fertilizer. Why compost? If we don't, food waste ends up in a landfill or an incinerator. As we work to mitigate climate change, one important strategy is to reduce trash. The EPA estimates more food (75 billion+ pounds per year) reaches landfills and incinerators than any other material in trash. Members of this team plan to tackle the task of finding creative uses for the compostable waste ASC generates. Stay tuned!

ágora events

Ágora is the Latinx cultural center nested here at Arlington Street. Elsa and Beba are featuring a host of celebrated artists and warmly welcome us to join in these ¡eventos fantásticos!

Unless otherwise noted, all Ágora events will be held in CROMA, the parish hall, with information and tickets available at [Facebook.com/culturalagora/events](https://www.facebook.com/culturalagora/events)

Fiestas de la calle San Sebastian

Saturday, January 18th ~ 2:00 – 10:00 PM, Bilingual

A fair celebrating San Juan's iconic festival with original merchandise and a musical performance at night.

Shades of Black: The Hip-Hopera

Saturday, January 25th ~ 7:00 PM, English

Presented by artist, activist, and scholar, Zakkiyah Sutton.

El CPI en Boston

Sunday, January 26th ~ 5:00 PM, Spanish

Puerto Rico's independent press organization, el Centro de Periodismo Investigativo (CPI), visits CROMA for a panel discussion about the importance of press funding and transparency in light of their experience in the past year.



#YouBelongHere

COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM through June 2020

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/We commit an **TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE** of \$ _____
to support the work of Arlington Street Church for 2019-2020.

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 12th 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. 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, Congregational Administrator 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.

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.

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.

FINDING EVENTS AT ARLINGTON STREET

Main level: Hunnewell Chapel is through the leather door to the right of the pulpit; **Nursery** is off the hallway outside the chapel; **Frothingham Library** is past the stairs and next to the Boylston Street entrance.

Upstairs: Clarke Room is up the stairs outside the nursery.

Downstairs: Parish Hall is the main room; **Carol Smith Room** is to the right of the stage; **Alan Helms Library** is to the left of the stage; **Perkins Room** (Family Ministry) is just past the kitchen; **Ágora office** is at the back of the Perkins Room.

SECURITY NOTE

Remember to be mindful of your belongings! Today and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.

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INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2019

If you are visiting Arlington Street Church or would like information about Unitarian Universalism, please visit the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall.

TODAY



Coffee Hour and Lunch

Today ~ Immediately following worship, Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for coffee, soup, sandwiches, and community! Please visit the Arlington Street Cares Table (on your right as you enter the Parish Hall) to sign cards for those who have shared candles of sorrow and joy with us.

We welcome additional volunteers to help with the Cares table, food preparation, and, clean-up. To volunteer, and for more information about joining our team, please stop by the kitchen.



Christmas Eve Prep Rally

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Calling all elves! Please drop by the chapel after lunch to stuff gift bags for children visiting on Christmas Eve and help prepare for the festivities! Thank you!



ASC Young Adults' Group

Today ~ 12:45 PM, Helms Library

The Service Begins when the Service Ends. What is your service? What impact do you want to make within ASC and in the community at large? What is your activism? How do you want to make a difference? Come join the ASC Young Adult Group after the service as we discuss what service looks like to each of us, and to all of us together as a group!



Children's Book Drive and Holiday Party

Today ~ 2:30 PM, 12 Bicknell Street, Dorchester

Rev. Kim and others will attend the Temple Bethel holiday party today and bring all the donated books and gifts for adults. Thank you for your generosity!

THIS WEEK



Christmas Eve!

Tuesday, December 24th ~ Services 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 family service, with special participation by the children. This service is perfect for children, but all are welcome at all three services. At 7:00

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and 9:00, the Boston Gay Men's Chorus stands in for the Heavenly Host! Candle lighting is a highlight of all three services. Please come and bring your loved ones to share in this magical evening!


SAVE THE DATE

 **Arlington Street Circle of Caring**
Sundays, January 5th & 26th ~ 12:30 PM, Carol Smith Room

Are you battling illness, struggling with isolation, caring for someone who is sick or dying, or coping with grief after a loss? Please visit the Circle of Caring and join our community of support, peace, healing, and love. Facilitator, Maureen Peterson calls on her significant personal experience to create a safe space for sharing our stories and supporting one another through the crises of life.


 **Taking Out the Greens**
Sunday, January 5th ~ 12:45 to 2:00 PM, Sanctuary

January 6th is the 12th Day of Christmas (and the Feast of the Epiphany, when the 3 Wise Men delivered gifts to the baby Jesus), so it's an appropriate time to "take out the greens!" Please join in helping to take down and pack away our holiday decor. Please contact Kevin Tyrrell at ushers@ascboston.org or via the church office at (617) 536-7050 to volunteer. *Thank you!*


 **Spiritual Passions 2019! Introduction to Meditation**
Sunday, January 5th ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

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

Join Rev. Kim and members of Arlington Street Meditation Center for Meditation 101, including answers to burning questions such as, "Where do I put my legs?" and "How do I quiet my mind without going to sleep?" This ancient spiritual practice will bring profound benefits not just to you, but to all whose life touches yours. Wear comfortable clothing (and yes, you can meditate in a chair). Aspiring meditators of all ages are welcome!

 **Kundalini Yoga Class**
Wednesday, January 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 charge that goes to the church. First class is free!

 **Intersectional Book Discussion**
Monday, January 13th ~ 5:30 PM, Frothingham Library

Join Rev. Kim for the fourteenth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. For this gathering, we'll be reading Tara Westover's *Educated*. All are welcome!

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

Tuesday, January 14th ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library
Buddha's Belly and Arlington Street Meditation Center (feel free to come to one or both) meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

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

This Week

Sunday, December 22, 2019
*9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM Sunday Worship ~ Sanctuary
12:00 PM Lunch with Family Ministry ~ Perkins Room
12:30 PM Christmas Eve Prep Rally ~ Hunnewell Chapel
12:45 PM Young Adults ~ Alan Helms Library

Monday, December 23, 2019
6:30 PM Membership Team Meeting ~ Perkins Room

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24, 2019
5:00 PM Family Holiday Service ~ Sanctuary
7:00 PM Holiday Service with BGMC ~ Sanctuary
9:00 PM Holiday Service with BGMC ~ Sanctuary

Christmas, Wednesday, December 25, 2019
Church office is closed for the holiday.

Thursday, December 26, 2019
No congregational events are scheduled

Friday, December 27, 2019
5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, December 28, 2019
No congregational events are scheduled

Sunday, December 29, 2019
*9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM Sunday Worship ~ Sanctuary
12:00 PM Lunch with Family Ministry ~ Perkins Room

* 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



6:00 *Buddha's Belly (Book Group)*: We will finish our discussion of Sharon Salzberg's *Faith: Trusting Your Own Deepest Experience*. All are welcome!

7:00 *Arlington Street Meditation Center*: Our gathering includes seated and walking meditations, a brief reading from Buddhist teachings, and conversation. If you'd like to walk in the Public Garden (optional!), please dress for the weather. Beginners and experienced meditators from all traditions (or none!) are warmly welcome.


 **Connections Fair**
Sunday, January 19th ~ 12:30 PM, Parish Hall

"Love is the spirit of this congregation, and service is our gift."

Let's get excited to:


- Deepen our connections to Arlington Street Church
- Discover how each of us can further engage in the great work of this spiritual community
- Join a group to honor our covenant of service to the church

Immediately following the service on Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday, you are invited to the Arlington Street Church Connections Fair! All of the committees, teams, groups, and other organizations that serve and support our congregation are invited to participate. It's not a meeting; it's a party to speed-match your passions to your service! *The service begins when the service ends!*

 **The Wednesdays: Walt Whitman**
Wednesdays, February 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th ~ 3:00 – 5:00 PM
The Vendome, 160 Commonwealth Ave. (tell the doorman you're there to see Professor Helms)

Join Professor Helms and Rev. Kim on wintry Wednesday afternoons for a deep exploration of four Whitman masterpieces: *Crossing Brooklyn Ferry*, *Out of the Cradle Endlessly Rocking*, *As I Ebbd with the Ocean of Life*, and the Lincoln elegy, *When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloomed*. These poems are often overlooked because of the universal focus on "Song of Myself," but in any accounting of Whitman's accomplishment all four are essential reading. You can find all these poems on the web; we'll discuss one per gathering. *All are welcome!*

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.