

will car pool from the church at 1:15. If you want a ride, please email socialaction@ascboston.org.

A Study Group Based on UU Principles: Palestine and Israel

February 2015

Perhaps no other issue challenges our UU principles—to support human rights and social justice—than the Israeli Palestinian question. In a talk given during General Assembly last June, Rabbi Brian Walt said: “At its root it is a struggle insuring that everyone gets equal rights.” For those of you who are interested, a study group based on the UUJME (UUs for Justice in the Middle East) curriculum on Justice in Israel-Palestine will start in February 2015. This curriculum will connect questions raised by this conflict with each UU principle. We will meet six times, and we will determine the best time for us to meet. If you want to be part of the group, please contact socialaction@ASCBoston.org.

Announcements

A Request from Parish Concerns

Parish Concerns is running very low on sympathy cards. If anyone has an extra sympathy card or two, Carol Fisher would be very grateful to receive them for her card ministry to the beloved community! Please give the cards to Fishey, or pass them along to her via an usher or the church office. Thanks in advance for your help!

A Weekend Intensive of Kirtan & Spiritual Teachings

with Krishna Das, Sharon Salzberg, and Lama Surya Das

Saturday, February 28th ~ 7:30 PM, Sanctuary, Arlington Street Church
Sunday March 1st ~ 1 PM, Newton South HS, 140 Brandeis Rd., Newton

We will come together to discover and celebrate the power of the heart by cultivating our natural capacity for faith, compassion, and love. To purchase tickets and learn more about this wonderful event visit ASCBoston.org and click on the link in the right-hand box!

What Happens at Indulge ... Depends on You!

Saturday, March 28th ~ 6:30 PM, Arlington Street Church

The success of Indulge—Arlington Street’s annual fundraising gala set for March 28th—always depends on dedicated volunteers who staff the event and those who donate auction items. So, if you haven’t already signed up to help, please consider stopping by the Indulge table in the Parish Hall to volunteer and help make the 6th annual Indulge the best ever!

Following on last year’s success, we’re bringing back a raffle with even more fantastic prizes. Cost is \$20 per ticket. The drawing will be at 10 pm at the end of Indulge festivities, and you do not have to be present to win.

- Grand Prize: iPad Mini 3 and Smart Cover
- 2nd Prize: Bose SoundLink Mini Bluetooth Speaker
- 3rd Prize: Two GoBoston passes

Tickets are available at the Indulge table during coffee hour and will be sold at the event.

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 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, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2015

TODAY

Coffee Hour and Lunch

Today ~ Immediately following worship, Parish Hall

On the way to lunch, you are invited to stop in the Hunnewell Chapel to congratulate our Coming of Age youth, and to celebrate with a piece of cake! And then, 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.

Valentine’s Day Opportunity from Only A Child

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Social Action Table

The Social Action Committee is sponsoring the sale of beautifully designed boxes made by the youngsters who live in the shelter and work in the carpentry shop of Only A Child. Only A Child, a program for Guatemalan street and poverty-stricken youth, was founded and is directed by ASC’s own George Leger. The heart-shaped boxes are offered to you in time for Valentine’s Day. The handsome boxes will be sold for the reduced price of \$25.00 and can be purchased at the Social Action table. Proceeds from the sale and any additional donations will go to the Only A Child carpentry shop. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Arlington Street Zen Center Meditation Retreat

with Rev. Kim and members of the Arlington Street Zen Center

Today ~ 1:00–5:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Don’t just do something; sit there! You are warmly invited 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.

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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 you like. At 5:00, we'll celebrate by walking down to Bangkok Blue to enjoy Thai food together! BYO\$.

THIS WEEK

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!

Forum on Immigrant Justice

Saturday, February 7th ~ 1:00–4:00 PM, Parish Hall

Our Forum sponsored by Boston New Sanctuary Movement was snowed out on January 24th. Our new date is February 7th. Patricia Montes, Executive Director of Centro Presente, and Gabriel Camacho, American Friends Service Committee Northeast Regional Office's Project Voice Coordinator, will speak about President Obama's recent action on immigration, what it means for immigrants, and what we can do. We will also talk about Sanctuary, Hosting Networks, and any ideas people have. Please RSVP by sending an email to socialaction@ascboston.org. Sponsored by Boston New Sanctuary Movement. All are welcome!

SAVE THE DATE

To Renewal House with Love

Sunday, February 8th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

It's time for our annual lovefest for Renewal House, (Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry), our shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence.

This year, please bring full-sized toiletries—shampoo, conditioner, soap, razors, deodorant, toothbrushes, toothpaste—and tampons and pads. All contributions will be gratefully received! Thank you!

End-of-Life Conversations

Sundays, February 8th & March 8th ~ 1:00–2:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

We all confront death. As family members and friends, do we know how to talk about it? The evidence suggests we don't: 70% of Americans have not communicated their end-of-life wishes. The Conversation Project Starter Kit is a tool to begin that conversation. Since 2012, it has been downloaded over 115,000 times and promoted by volunteers in over 29 states.

Now, Arlington Street Church has been invited, along with other congregations, to experience the Starter Kit, with the hope of sparking hundreds of conversations across Greater Boston.

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

This Week

Sunday, February 1, 2015

- *9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins, Parish Hall, Stage R.
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 12:00 PM CRE Reception ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- *12:30 PM COA CRE Party ~ Parish Hall
- 1:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center Meditation Retreat ~ Frothingham Library

Monday, February 2, 2015

No congregational events are scheduled.

Tuesday, February 3, 2015

- 6:00 PM Worship Committee Meeting ~ Perkins Room
- *7:30 PM Spiritual Practice for Professional Caregivers ~ Frothingham Library

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

- *11:30 AM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 7:00 PM Vets for Peace ~ Clarke Room

Thursday, February 5, 2015

- 7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, February 6, 2015

- 5:00 pm Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, February 7, 2015

- 1:00 pm Forum on Immigrant Justice ~ Parish Hall

Sunday, February 8, 2015

- *9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee Meeting ~ Smith Room
- 9:30 PM CRE Committee Meeting ~ Pret A Manger (restaurant), 507 Boylston Street
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins, Parish Hall, Stage R.
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM End-of-Life Conversations ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 12:30 PM Arlington Street Circle of Caring ~ 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.

For additional listings, please visit www.ASCBoston.org



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Unitarian Universalist

In a two-part workshop, Elizabeth Aeschlimann (Harvard MDiv '17) will introduce the Starter Kit and guide participants through conversations with loved ones about an experience that touches everyone. Please plan to attend both sessions of this two-part workshop. For additional information, please speak with Rev. Kim.

Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Sundays, February 8th and 22nd ~ 12:30 PM, Frothingham Library

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. 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.

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

Wednesdays, Feb. 11th and 18th ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim have come up with a scheme that we hope will excite you as much as it does us! The Wednesdays of January and February will be the first installment of a long series devoted to reading all 38 plays of Shakespeare. (Our plan is to alternate Shakespeare with other writers: Flannery O'Connor, Faulkner, Mary Oliver, et al. So we'll have a Shakespeare course, then another course, then the next Shakespeare course, then another course, etc.) This is 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 of the immortals of world literature. (His only peers in that lofty realm are Homer, Dante, and Cervantes.) Part of what this means is that, sometimes, we will read plays that are only apprentice-work, i.e., plays that are less than great (there are blessedly few of these), and we will 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!

Shakespeare I: February 11: The Comedy of Errors; February 18: Titus Andronicus

Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Detainees

Sunday, February 15th ~ 2:00 PM, 20 Bradston Street, Boston

Stop the detentions and deportations and help keep immigrant families together! Join the prayer vigil sponsored by the Boston New Sanctuary Movement at the Suffolk County House of Correction. We