

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 30 Days of Love: A Spiritual Journey for Social Justice

January 19<sup>th</sup> to February 17<sup>th</sup>

Standing on the Side of Love is a community of people compelled to speak out against oppression, united in the common belief that love is the ultimate guiding force of our world.

Thirty Days of Love is a period for intentional action, service, education, and reflection. Arlington Street is joining this spiritual journey for social justice.

#### Week three is about “Moving Beyond Borders.”

We live in a society of borders—geographical, sociological, and psychological. Migrants cross borders to build a better life for their families; same-gender couples navigate the boundaries of conventionally accepted love; and transgender individuals challenge the division of societally-defined gender. Some of us must reconcile our overlapping identities, and others must cross borders to embrace those we once considered “other.” Let us explore how we can break down these arbitrary barriers to achieve a more loving society.

More information can be found at [standingonthesideoflove.org](http://standingonthesideoflove.org), and Laura Evonne Steinman will be posting a daily question on [facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch](http://facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch) for folks to ponder for each of the Thirty Days of Love.

#### Just Coffee is Back!

Back by popular demand for only \$12 a pound! Choose from beans or ground, regular or dark roast at the Social Action table in the parish hall after today’s service.

#### Are You a SnapShot Subscriber?

If you would like the week’s news from Arlington Street Church to arrive in your inbox every week, please sign up for our e-newsletter, SnapShot. There’s no easier way to stay in touch with all the activities at Arlington Street Church. Register today on the home page of [www.ASCBoston.org](http://www.ASCBoston.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](mailto: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 15<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 [print@ascboston.org](mailto:print@ascboston.org). Phyllis Guiliano (Business Administrator) 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 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2013

## 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 or Sharon Pressly-Fiero through the church at [office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org).

### Spiritual Passions 2013!

#### The Spirituality of Decluttering

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Rev. Vera O’Brien, our Affiliated Community Minister, for an afternoon focused on the spirituality of decluttering. Is your “stuff” weighing on your spirit? In this practical session, we’ll look at topics like forgiving ourselves and letting go of the reminders of our mistakes. We’ll free up space and energy for new passions. You might decide to join Vera in her 365 in 365 and/or 2013 in 2013 decluttering challenges! If there are specific decluttering challenges you would like Vera to address, email her through the church office at [office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org)

### ASCares Start-Up

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Frothingham Library

Church is a place of inspiration and compassion. Sometimes it is the compassion we need most, and when that need arises, it is often urgent. ASCares is establishing a Lay Pastoral Care Team that will work to create a self-sustaining system of support to carry each of us through difficult times. We would like to know what your needs have been and how they have been met. Please come with your ideas and your hopes. Lisa Mobayed will lead the team through May.

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## THIS WEEK

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### English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Monday, Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday January 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room

Learn or improve your English! The class usually meets on Monday and Wednesday. Students practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Topics include general conversation, cooking, and holiday events, as well as grammar and pronunciation. 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.

### Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Parish Hall

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.

### The Wednesdays Literary Salon: Hemingway Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim

Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00-7:30<sup>ish</sup>, Frothingham Library

Like most celebrated writers, Hemingway suffered a decline in reputation immediately following his death. In our time, however, he's being rehabilitated, and now it's his short stories that are prized more than his novels. We'll discuss roughly seven short stories per meeting, many of them now considered classics of the genre: "A Clean, Well-Lighted Place," "Hills Like White Elephants," "The Snows of Kilimanjaro," and "Big Two-Hearted River." Our text is the collection *In Our Time*, which you can find for pennies at abebooks.com or at the library. We'll also read from a hand-out, which you can pick up on the chairs behind the pulpit.

Professor Alan strongly recommends that you read all the stories as soon as you can and then reread them for our meetings. Of all the literary genres, the short story is closest to the lyric poem, in that it's highly concentrated and aims for one main overall dramatic effect. As anyone familiar with poetry knows, it's impossible to "get" a poem on a single reading; ditto a short story. This is especially true of Hemingway, who said that a good story should be like an iceberg with only one tenth showing above the water. The powerful part of the story, in his theory, isn't visible, which means that Hemingway isn't an immediately accessible writer. He definitely bears rereading.

All are welcome; all aboard!

### Gatherings for Healing

Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Gatherings for Healing will be offered every first and third Thursdays of the month from 6:30-7:30 PM. We feel whole when we feel connected to God, the Earth, and each other. We experience healing as we move toward this sense of wholeness. So many life events such as death, illness, divorce, relocation, and the loss of a

*We invite you to cut out this calendar and clip it to your refrigerator or bulletin board or, view the full calendar at [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org)*

## This Week

### Sunday, February 3, 2013

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM New Member Breakfast ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 9:30 AM CRE Committee Meeting ~ Perkins Room
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM ASCares Start-Up ~ Frothingham Library
- 12:30 PM The Spirituality of Decluttering ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 1:00 PM Connections ~ Clarke Room
- 1:00 PM Ice Skating for All ~ Boston Common Frog Pond
- 1:30 PM OWL Class ~ First Parish Cambridge

### Monday, February 4, 2013

- 10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
- 10:30 AM Connections Group ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 6:30 PM Connections Group ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Tuesday, February 5, 2013

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

### Wednesday, February 6, 2013

- 10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
- \*3:30 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Parish Hall
- 6:00 PM The Wednesdays Literary Salon ~ Frothingham Library
- 6:30 PM Building the World We Dream Class ~ Perkins Room
- 7:30 PM Connections Facilitators Meeting ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Thursday, February 7, 2013

- 11:30 AM Leadership Council ~ Perkins Room
- 6:30 PM Gatherings for Healing ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room
- 8:00 PM Connections Group ~ Perkins Room

### Friday, February 8, 2013

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

### Saturday, February 9, 2013

No congregational events

### Sunday, February 10, 2013

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee ~ Smith Room
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Building the World We Dream Film/Discussion ~ Clarke
- 12:30 PM Membership Team ~ Stage Right 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](http://www.ASCBoston.org)*



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job can leave us feeling alienated, less than whole, and in need of healing. Our gatherings are designed as reminders that we are never really apart from life's wonder. Join us for inspirational readings, contemplative prayer, and chamomile communion. Join us so that you may feel connected again, and experience healing.

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### Spiritual Passions 2013!

### Building the World We Dream ~ Film and Discussion

Sunday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Clarke Room

The Building the World We Dream Working Group is proud to present a new film that asks America to talk about the causes and consequences of systemic inequity. *Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity* features moving stories from racial justice leaders including Amer Ahmed, Michael Benitez, Barbie-Danielle DeCarlo, Joy DeGruy, Ericka Huggins, Humaira Jackson, Yuko Kodama, Peggy McIntosh, Rinku Sen, Tilman Smith and Tim Wise.

The first half of the film will be shown on February 10<sup>th</sup>, exploring the impact of racism on our own spiritual and personal lives. The second half of the film to be shown on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, looks at how racism impacts the ways we live our lives in the wider world. All are welcome!

### Young Adult Game Night

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 PM, Parish Hall

The Arlington Street Young Adult Group (age 18 to 35<sup>ish</sup>) is having a game night. Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite board and party games to play. Those who wish to meet for dinner should arrive at 6 PM at the Boylston Street entrance. All are welcome, and we hope to see you there!

### The New Jim Crow ~ An Arlington Street Reading Group

Sundays, Feb. 24<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, & April 7<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30-2:30 PM, Clarke Room

Join a group to discuss Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow*, the Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA) common read of the year (meaning many congregations across the country will be reading this book together). The UU curriculum will provide the framework for the discussions. We will explore Alexander's call for building a spiritual movement to dismantle the new Jim Crow, and consider how we might begin the work. A quote from the author: "What has changed since the collapse of Jim Crow has less to do with the basic structure of our society than the language we use to justify it. In the era of colorblindness, it is no longer justifiable to use race. So we don't. Rather than rely on race, we use our criminal justice system to label people of color "criminals," and then engage in all the practices we supposedly left behind."

- Michelle Alexander, *The New Jim Crow*, 2010

If you would like to be in this reading group, please speak with David Cecere or Peter Lowber. Or contact them at [socialaction@ASCBoston.org](mailto:socialaction@ASCBoston.org).

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