

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

Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</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 (Book Group)*: We continue Pema Chödrön's, *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times*. Please read through Chapter 17. *All are welcome!*

7:00 *Arlington Street Zen Center*: Our gathering includes seated and walking meditations, a dharma talk, 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 are warmly welcome.

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

Wednesdays ~ 6:00 PM, The Vendome, 160 Commonwealth Ave.  
May 9<sup>th</sup> ~ King Lear; May 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Macbeth

Professor Alan Helms says, "Some heavy going there but it will be glorious!" Join him and Rev. Kim at the sixth 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 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!*

 **ASC Social Group Potluck**

Friday, May 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30 PM

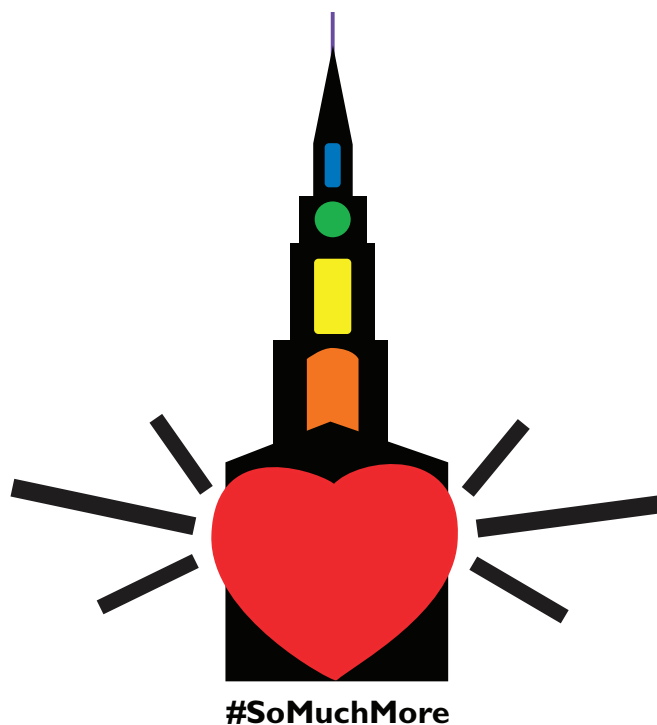
*Save the date for a potluck dinner.* If the weather is nice, we may cook out. Details on location and food signup coming soon!

 **The 22nd Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace: Dignity and Compassion for All**

Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:15 AM, meet at First Church in Roxbury

Once again, we'll be walking before worship on Mothers Day! Come out and support the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute! For the details and to register, go to <https://lbdpeace.z2systems.com/ASC>, click on the purple "register" button, and follow the prompts. Toward the bottom of the registration form, you'll see "Credit this event registration to this team or individual." Be sure to select Arlington Street Church from the dropdown menu!

On Mothers Day morning, we'll gather to march together at First Church in Roxbury (10 Putnam Street, Boston 02119), home of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, which will be open for coffee, bagels, and restrooms. We can park there and walk together to join the march, which will have left Town Field in Dorchester at 8:30 and plans to arrive at Madison Park High School at 9:45. Come walk for peace!



#SoMuchMore

**Arlington Street is #SoMuchMore!**

Covenant Renewal Sunday

As you consider what you will pledge for fiscal year 2019, please reflect on what Arlington Street Church means in your life. If this community has been transformative for you, consider taking a leap in your level of investment in the church. Coordinating your values with where your money goes is a powerful spiritual practice! The chart below is provided as a guideline to help you align your income amount, level of commitment, and monthly pledge. *Thank you for your generosity!*

Suggested Fair Share Contribution Guide						
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Annual Income	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge
\$12,000	3%	\$30	5%	\$50	10%	\$100
\$18,000	3%	\$45	5%	\$75	10%	\$150
\$25,000	3%	\$60	5%	\$100	10%	\$200
\$36,000	3%	\$90	5%	\$150	10%	\$300
\$50,000	4%	\$160	5%	\$200	10%	\$400
\$80,000	4%	\$260	6%	\$390	10%	\$650
\$100,000	5%	\$425	6%	\$510	10%	\$850
\$120,000	5%	\$500	6%	\$600	10%	\$1,000
\$150,000	5%	\$625	6%	\$750	10%	\$1,250
\$200,000	6%	\$1,020	7%	\$1,190	10%	\$1,700
\$300,000	6%	\$1,500	8%	\$2,000	10%	\$2,500
\$500,000	7%	\$2,800	9%	\$3,600	10%	\$4,000

Learn more at [www.StewardshipForUs.com](http://www.StewardshipForUs.com)

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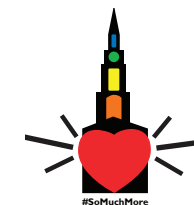
ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

**NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY**

SUNDAY, APRIL 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2018

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

**TODAY**



**Covenant Renewal Sunday: #SoMuchMore**

Today is the day members and friends pledge our financial support for the coming church year! Following worship, in celebration of Covenant Renewal, Friday Night Supper Program's Board of Directors will serve a homemade lunch to thank the congregation for 35 years of support in helping to feed our hungry and homeless neighbors. Thank you for supporting our spiritual home and community!



**Arlington Street Cares**

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.



**Uncomfortable Conversations about Race**

Today ~ 12:30-1:30 PM, Carol Smith Room

The Transformation Team for Racial Justice offers this time and space for facilitated discussion and continuing conversation about developing an antiracist worldview. We hold these conversations periodically at Arlington Street Church. All are welcome and no RSVP is needed. For more information, email [transformation@ascboston.org](mailto:transformation@ascboston.org).



**Art & Spirit ~ Writing Workshop led by Karen Hering**

Today ~ 12:45 PM, First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough Street

In guided writing sessions, retreats, and workshops, and now in her award winning book *Writing to Wake the Soul*, Karen Hering invites us to engage writing as a spiritual practice and a tool for social change. Drawing from the wisdom of world religions and folklore, history, science, and literature, Karen's reflections and writing prompts will guide you in exploring your own life and articulating the difficult and illuminating questions of our time. To sign up and for more information, please visit [www.firstchurchboston.org/event/5741](http://www.firstchurchboston.org/event/5741)



**The Immigrant Experience**

Today ~ 4:00 PM, First Unitarian Universalist Society in Newton, 1326 Washington St., Newton

You are invited to a service of words and music in tribute to *The Immigrant Experience*, a cantata by John Kramer, performed by a combined choir from several UU congregations. This concert is a

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benefit for the Interfaith Immigrant Legal Fund which connects families facing the threat of deportation with community resources and financial support to cover legal fees and bond costs.

## 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!



### Arlington Street Building Team

Do you love this building? We are gathering a team of people to evaluate and shepherd renovations and restorations! Do you have experiences in the trades? We'd love your perspective! Want to learn more about historic preservation? All are welcome! Please speak with Rev. Kim or write her at [Office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Office@ASCBoston.org).



### New Member Class

*Spiritual Journey*, Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Perkins Room  
Meet ASC, Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Clarke Room  
*New Member Breakfast/Joining*, Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30 AM, Hunnewell Chapel

All interested newcomers are warmly invited to our next two-session new member class. Rev. Kim joins us for the first session, where we share stories about our spiritual journeys and ask our burning questions. This class is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your relationship and knowledge of Arlington Street, and to discern whether you are ready to join. In our second session, we learn a little of Arlington Street's history, polity, and practices; and meet some of our illustrious leadership and staff. Please sign up at the Welcome Table in the parish hall after the service. *All are welcome!*



### Meadville Lombard on the Road: How Can We Save Our Democracy? Religion and Politics in an Uncertain World

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30 AM, First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Rd, Concord  
Join this free event which includes Dr. Mike Hogue speaking from his new book, *American Immanence: Democracy for an Uncertain World*. Rev. Dr. Pamela Lightsey and Rev. Dr. Bill Schulz will offer reflections and answer questions from the floor. Two afternoon workshops will be offered. For more information and to register, please visit <https://mlconcord.eventbrite.com>



### Come to the Table Gala

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 5:00 PM, Arlington Street Church

Join the Friday Night Supper Program for their fundraising gala. The event will include a three-course dinner, dancing, and live auction! Enjoy live music as you peruse silent auction items from a variety of local businesses! Enjoy a sumptuous meal prepared by our own chef Cameron! All proceeds will help support the Friday Night Supper Program's mission to provide a safe and nutritious meal to all those in need.

Proceeds from the gala will support the program's mission to feed the hungry and homeless of Boston. Tickets are \$40 per person. Purchase tickets at [FridayNightSupper.org](http://FridayNightSupper.org).

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

## This Week

### Covenant Renewal Sunday, April 29, 2018

\*9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Intergenerational Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary  
12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall  
12:30 PM Uncomfortable Conversations ~ Carol Smith Room  
\*1:45 PM OWL ~ Perkins Room

### Monday, April 30, 2018

No congregational events are scheduled.

### Tuesday, May 1, 2018

6:00 PM Worship Team ~ Perkins Room  
\*7:30 PM Spiritual Practice for Professional Caregivers  
Frothingham Library

### Wednesday, May 2, 2018

6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel  
6:00 PM New Members: Spiritual Journeys ~ Perkins Room

### Thursday, May 3, 2018

7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

### Friday, May 4, 2018

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program ~ Parish Hall

### Saturday, May 5, 2018

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program Annual Gala ~ Parish Hall

### Sunday, May 6, 2018

\*9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary  
9:30 AM Social Action Team ~ Carol Smith Room  
11:00 AM Intergenerational Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary  
12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall  
12:30 PM ASC Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith Room  
12:30 PM New Members: Meet ASC ~ Clarke Room  
12:45 PM Spiritual Passion: Reduce Home Energy Use ~ Hunnewell Chapel  
\*1:45 PM OWL ~ First Parish in Cambridge  
3:00 PM Beth Robbins Ordination ~ Sanctuary

\* 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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### Pru in Review ~ April

The Prudential Committee is our governing board, made up of leadership elected by and from Arlington Street members. The Pru reviewed and/or discussed reports on:

- Financial status and preliminary budgeting
- Director of Family Ministry Search
- Foundation projects and activities
- Accessibility Ramp project
- Final preparations for the Next Steps Weekend

The Pru initiated the work to create an ongoing Building and Maintenance Committee.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Sundays, May 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 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.



### Spiritual Passion: 10 Ways to Reduce Home Energy Use

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 - 2:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

As the federal government attempts to stifle climate change science and activism, we can continue to have an impact through individual action and practical family decision-making. Daria Mark, electrical engineer and leader of the Renewables and Energy Efficiency Task Force for Mothers Out Front, will present 10 concrete ways to cut energy use in your home. Join us to learn how we, as individual energy consumers, can lower our carbon impact and our utility bills. The presentation includes Daria's pointers learned from years of saving electricity in her own home and dozens of conversations with local families about efforts to reduce fossil fuels usage.

The congregation of Arlington Street Church invites you to celebrate

THE ORDINATION OF

**ELIZABETH LOVING ROBBINS**

SUNDAY, MAY 6, 2018 \* 3:00 PM  
351 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116

Reception to follow

Clergy, seminarians, and religious educators are invited to gather at 2:30 in the Hunnewell Chapel to robe.

RSVP to [Robbins.RSVPify.com](mailto:Robbins.RSVPify.com)