



New Member Class

Wednesday, May 24th ~ Spiritual Journey, 6:00 PM, Perkins Room

Sunday, May 28th ~ Meet ASC, 12:30 PM, Chapel

Sunday, June 4th ~ New Member Breakfast/Joining, 9:30 AM, 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!



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 mass.gov/ago.

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

Arlington Street's Children's Education Program serves babies through high school age youth. If you are interested in registering your child for CRE or volunteering in the program, please contact Laura Evonne at LES@ASCBoston.org.



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. Please email any feedback or questions to Transformation@ASCBoston.org, attend our open meetings on the third Tuesday of the month from 7 - 8:30 p.m. or speak with a team member (Jonah Beukman, Sarah Cooleybeck, Rita Falzarano, 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.



Let's Get #FiredUp4ASC!

As you consider your pledge on this Covenant Renewal Sunday, 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									
		Supporter		Sustainer		Visionary		Transformer	
Monthly Income	Annual Income	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge
\$1,000	\$12,000	2%	\$20	3%	\$30	5%	\$50	10%	\$100
\$1,500	\$18,000	2%	\$30	3%	\$45	5%	\$75	10%	\$150
\$2,000	\$25,000	2%	\$40	3%	\$60	5%	\$100	10%	\$200
\$3,000	\$36,000	2%	\$60	3%	\$90	5%	\$150	10%	\$300
\$4,000	\$50,000	3%	\$120	4%	\$160	5%	\$200	10%	\$400
\$6,500	\$80,000	3%	\$195	4%	\$260	6%	\$390	10%	\$650
\$8,500	\$100,000	3%	\$255	5%	\$425	6%	\$510	10%	\$850
\$10,000	\$120,000	3%	\$300	5%	\$500	6%	\$600	10%	\$1,000
\$12,500	\$150,000	4%	\$500	5%	\$625	6%	\$750	10%	\$1,250
\$17,000	\$200,000	4%	\$680	6%	\$1,020	7%	\$1,190	10%	\$1,700
\$25,000	\$300,000	5%	\$1,250	6%	\$1,500	8%	\$2,000	10%	\$2,500
\$40,000	\$500,000	6%	\$2,400	7%	\$2,800	9%	\$3,600	10%	\$4,000

Learn more at www.StewardshipForUs.com

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NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, MAY 7TH, 2017

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: #FiredUp4ASC

Today ~ Arlington Street Church

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 34 years of support in helping to feed our neighbors who are hungry and homeless.

THIS WEEK



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

Tuesday, May 9th ~ 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 *The Book of Joy* by His Holiness The Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu. Please read through page 262, up to Chapter 8, "Generosity."

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.



Arlington Street's Literary Salon, The Wednesdays: Shakespeare


Wednesdays ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library

May 10th ~ As You Like It

Prof. Alan Helms and Rev. Kim welcome you to the next 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

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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!

 **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!

 **Pru in Review**

Here are a few key highlights from the most recent meeting of the Prudential Committee, the governing board of Arlington Street Church:

- Kim suggested we have "co" officers to make leadership roles more manageable and to help preserve institutional knowledge.
- Covenant Renewal is going well. Some new practices were instituted this year to make the pledge payments more predictable.
- Art Nava reviewed our financial state and helped us understand the seasonal nature of our operating budget.
- Tina Rose reported that Pinck & Williams presented plans for the ramp and stairs to the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC). They will present a detailed plan for approval of the stairs at the BLC meeting on May 23rd.
- Ted Rudinsky reviewed the goals of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Foundation and our plans to move forward.
- Eve Lauria collated hundreds of ideas from the congregational retreat and Al Ingram will lead a working group to bring these ideas to the congregation.

Meeting minutes are available upon request.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

 **21st Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace**
Sunday, May 14th ~ 8:30 AM, from Towne Field, Dorchester or
9:45 AM (estimated) from Madison Park High School, Roxbury Crossing

The Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's Mother's Day Walk for Peace is a celebration of our potential to create more peaceful communities. Every year, families from across the state walk together to demand dignity and compassion for all families impacted by murder. Join our ASC family in walking toward peace by registering at www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/register.html and selecting "Arlington Street Church Boston" as your designated team.

 **Arlington Street Church Visitor Tours**
Starting May 15th

The guided tour program for our historic church and its unique Tiffany stained glass windows will begin again on May 15th. Tours will be offered 10:00 am - 3:00 pm on Tuesday through Saturday during May and Monday through Saturday from June to October. Volunteers are needed to warmly

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

This Week

May 7, 2017: Covenant Renewal Sunday

- *9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education (CRE) - Nursery, Chapel, Perkins, and Carol Smith Room
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 1:00 PM CoA ~ Perkins Room

Monday, May 8, 2017

- 6:00 PM Shambhala: Joy in Everyday Life ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- *6:30 AM Internship Committee ~ Carol Smith Room

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

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

Wednesday, May 10, 2017

- *12:30 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 7:00 PM The Wednesdays ~ Frothingham Library

Thursday, May 11, 2017

- 7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, May 12, 2017

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP) ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, May 13, 2017

No congregational events are scheduled.

Sunday, May 14, 2017


- 8:30 AM CRE at 21st Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace Towne Field, Dorchester
- *9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Social Action ~ Carol Smith Room
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM No formal Children's Religious Education (CRE) Childcare will be provided in the nursery
- 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



welcome our guests from all over the globe! If you are interested in serving as an ambassador or greeter in the visitor's center, please contact office@ASCBoston.org for further details and to sign up.

 **Intersectional Book Discussion**
Monday, May 15th ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Join Rev. Kim for the second in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. For this gathering, we'll be reading *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*. Former Marine and Yale Law School graduate J.D. Vance writes movingly about the Appalachian values of his upbringing in a poor Appalachian town, offering a probing look at the struggles of America's white working class. All are welcome!

 **Boston Art Song Society Concert**
Saturday, May 20th ~ 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Boston Art Song Society and Arlington Street Church will be co-sponsoring the concert "A Ménagerie of French Mélodie," a special evening of animal-themed French songs. All proceeds will go to the betterment of the Boston Art Song Society and Arlington Street Church, so bring your friends and family and spread the word!

Tickets are \$20 for the general public, \$15 for seniors and students, and can be bought in advance at www.bostonartsongsociety.org.

 **Volunteer Ushers Welcome**

Would you be willing to serve as a volunteer usher for the Boston Art Song Concert here at the church on May 20th? If you are available to help greet guests, distribute programs, and guide audience members to their seats, please contact preservation.ascboston@gmail.com. Thank you!

 **Arlington Street Circle of Caring**
Sunday, May 21st ~ 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. Facilitators Maureen Peterson and Lisa Kirk lend their significant personal and professional experience to create a safe space for sharing our stories and supporting one another through the crises of life.

 **ASCares Committee**
Sunday, May 21st ~ 12:30 PM, Stage Right Room

This newly-revived committee's goal is to foster congregational community by coordinating opportunities for congregants to support one another in times of hardship and celebration. We warmly invite one and all to become involved! What you might do to be of service to other congregants: Can you bring a meal to someone just home from the hospital? Can you give someone a ride to a doctor's visit? Can you make a caring phone call to see how someone is doing after a loss? Can you send a card to someone who has just had surgery? Can you bring a meal to the parents of a newborn?

ASCares is chaired by Rich Abreu. Be in touch via office@ASCBoston.org if you have interest or questions! We look forward to working together in love and service!