

We invite you to cut out this calendar and clip it to your refrigerator or bulletin board!

Coming Up

Sunday, January 1, 2012

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
 12:00 PM Coffee Hour ~ Parish Hall
 3:00 PM First Sunday Circle Celebration ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, January 2, 2012

Church office is closed for New Year's holiday

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

No congregational events

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
 *3:30 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
 5:30 PM Finance Committee Meeting ~ Perkins Room
 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, January 5, 2012

No congregational events

Friday, January 6, 2012

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall | Kitchen

Saturday, January 7, 2012

4:00 PM Membership Team Telephone Party ~ Clarke Room

Sunday, January 8, 2012

9:30 AM Music 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 ~ Parish Hall
 12:30 PM Corporation Meeting ~ Hunnewell Chapel
 5:00 PM Arabella Ensemble Concert ~ Hunnewell Chapel

NOTE: * Denotes closed meetings. This calendar is accurate as of noon the Tuesday before publication and only includes events directly related to the congregation. For complete, up-to-date calendar listings over the coming months, visit www.ASCBoston.org.



For more information, please visit www.ASCBoston.org

OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH

“Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life.”

This is the first source of Unitarian Universalism from which our living tradition draws. To read all six sources, as well as the seven principles of our free faith, please see the Our Faith brochure in the pew rack.

ALLELUIA!

At Arlington Street Church, we raise a hand and circle two fingers above our heads to signal joyous affirmation.

CONGREGATIONAL LEADERSHIP

The Prudential Committee is the elected governing board of Arlington Street Church.

THE MEMBERS ARE:

Art Nava & Deb Pontes (co-chairs) / Carmen Griggs
 Richard Marshall / Shane McBride / Karl Paulnack
 Ellen Payzant / Harlow Robinson / Bob Sessions

OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION ARE:

Dan Moon (council chair) / Samuel Gloyd &
 Diana Miller (co-moderators) / David McClain
 (clerk) / Susie Nacco (treasurer)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING

Children's Religious Education begins every Sunday in the sanctuary. Children are sung out near the beginning of the service and gather downstairs in the Perkins Room for CRE. There is an adjacent toddler room for parents with children ages 1-5. Fussy babies and their parents are invited to the Nursery just off the Hunnewell Chapel, where a rocker, changing table and supplies are available. Children rejoin their families in the sanctuary to end the service. For information about our CRE program, please contact the church office or see our religious educator.

SPECIAL CONSIDERATIONS FOR SPECIAL NEEDS

FM amplification headsets are available from the ushers. Please do not remove them from the sanctuary. Accessible entry is via the ramp on the Arlington Street alley at the right-hand side of the front doors to the Church. Braille hymnals are available! Please ask an usher for assistance.

PARKING AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Parking on Sundays is available at the Back Bay Garage for a discount. Discount coupons are available at the Welcome Table after worship. Additional parking may be available on Arlington Street past "The Castle."

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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

Unitarian Universalist

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 2011

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

PRELUDE

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming *Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)*
 Mark David Buckles, piano

CHALICE LIGHTING

WELCOME, PARISH HIGHLIGHTS, AND GREETINGS

*CAROL 236

O, Thou Joyful Day

COMMUNITY CANDLES OF SORROW & JOY

You are invited to share your sorrows and joys with the congregation by filling out a Candle Card in the back pew on the right-hand side of the sanctuary. Candle Cards are collected until the beginning of the first hymn. After the service, Candle Cards are posted downstairs during coffee hour. You may also submit a candle by Saturday night at the church website, ASCBoston.org, by clicking on "Worship."

AFFIRMATION AND COVENANT

*Love is the spirit
 of this congregation,
 And service is our gift.
 This is our great covenant:
 To dwell together in peace,
 To speak our truths in love,
 And to help one another.*

*El amor es el espíritu
 de nuestra congregación
 Y el servicio es nuestro regalo.
 Esto es a lo que nos comprometemos:
 Convivir en paz,
 Hablar nuestras verdades con amor,
 Y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.*

*CAROL 241

In the Bleak Mid-Winter

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Abridged from Charles Dickens Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

I. Stave One: Marley's Ghost

*CAROL 246

O Little Town of Bethlehem

II. Staves Two, Three, Four: The Three Spirits

*CAROL 231

Angels We Have Heard on High

III. Stave Five: The End of It

*CAROL 240

I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day

Laura Evonne Steinman and the choir are away this morning. Today, we give special thanks to Mark David Buckles and Rodger Clinton Vine for their beautiful music!

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REFLECTION AND MEDITATION

Keeping Christmas

OUR SHARED RESPONSIBILITY

Over 300 pledging members and friends support the work of Arlington Street Church with commitments averaging \$20 a week plus volunteer service. Whatever you give is greatly appreciated. Please consider a generous donation today! Contributions placed in an envelope will be credited toward your pledge or gift.

OFFERTORY

Prelude on *Joy to the World* *Raymond Haan* (b. 1938)
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

*CAROL

Joy to the World!

Joy to the world! The Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room
and heaven and nature sing...

Joy to the earth! The savior reigns!
Let hearts their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy...

He rules the world with truth and grace,
and make the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
and wonders of his love...

*BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE

POSTLUDE

A Joyous Christmas *John Leavitt* (b. 1956)
Rodger Clinton Vine, organ

**You are invited to stand as you are willing and able.*

PLEASE SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE. THANK YOU!

Service is Our Gift

Arthur Judge, *Worship Coordinator*
Nancy Perna and Dave Erbe, *Assistant Treasurers*
Charles Dimino, *Candles Coordinator*
Queen Cheryl, *Lead Greeter*
Dave Erbe, *Lead Usher*

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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH, 2011

All Are Welcome

**WE ARE GLAD YOU HAVE JOINED US THIS MORNING FOR WORSHIP!
THE FIRST PRINCIPLE OF OUR UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FAITH
AFFIRMS THE INHERENT WORTH AND DIGNITY OF EVERY PERSON.
WE CELEBRATE UNITY IN DIVERSITY.**

This morning, we invite you to:

1. Fill in the Welcome Card and place it in the collection plate;
2. Join us for coffee hour in the Parish Hall following the service;
3. Introduce yourself to the service leaders, and;
4. Please come back again soon!

Church Office ~ Christmas Week

The church office will be closed
Monday, December 26th through Monday, January 2nd
The phones will be staffed for pastoral emergencies.

First Sunday Circle Celebration

Sunday, January 1st ~ 3:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

This monthly worship service by and for people of color and their families (including children) is sponsored by Diverse, Revolutionary, Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM). This month we will be meeting at 3:00 instead of 5:00. Please bring food for the potluck, and then join us for worship.

English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Wednesday, January 4th ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room

Learn or improve your English! The class meets twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Topics include general conversation, cooking, and holiday events, as well as grammar and pronunciation. Students are also welcome to suggest their own topic ideas. 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, January 4th ~ 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.

Membership Team Telephone Party

Saturday, January 7th ~ 4:00-6:00 PM, Clarke Room

Join the greeters and membership team for an evening of fun and friendly chatter as we wish a happy new year to all Arlington Street Church members and friends. Whether we see them every Sunday or just once in a while, we'll be reaching out and wishing a great 2012 to one and all! Please bring your charged mobile phone and a caring spirit! Join us for dinner afterward at the Bangkok Blue on Boylston Street. Sign up at the Welcome Table.

Arlington Street Church Corporation Meeting

Sunday, January 8th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel *Vote required

*Membership Update David McClain
*Ordination Approval for Rebecca Froom Elizabeth Lindholm
Treasurer's Report Susie Nacco
Indulge 2012 Dan Fournier/Sharon Pressly Fiero
Membership Committee Report Bob Sessions/Greg Haig
Other Business

Written Reports

Church Administrator Phyllis Guiliano
Prudential Committee Report Deb Pontes/Art Nava
Social Action Committee Report Ed Wright

Arabella Ensemble Concert

Epiphany: Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

Sunday, January 8th ~ 5:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

The Arabella Ensemble will present an evening of vocal and chamber music exploring the theme of snow and the journey of the Wise Men to seek the Christ Child. Music of the season includes works by Bach, Elgar, Brahms, Rutter, Spirituals and more. Tickets are available at the door: \$15 Adults and \$10 Students/Seniors. More information regarding the program is available at www.arabellensemble.com, belcantobach@hotmail.com, or emilymurphy2@gmail.com.

Spiritual Passions 2012!

Arlington Street Zen Center: Introduction to Meditation

Sunday, January 15th ~ 1:00-3:00 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 Zen 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!).