

This is an opportunity to join the existing groups when they reconvene in early February. Groups of 6-10 people will meet twice a month for 90 minutes, with a goal of deepening their relationships with one another and the congregation. We will explore and engage around shared Unitarian Universalist principles; and be included and heard in a safe and nurturing environment.

Registration is open today and every Sunday at the Welcome Table in the parish hall during coffee hour through January 27th. You can also sign up online at ascboston.org/connections.

The New Jim Crow ~ An Arlington Street Reading Group

Sunday, Feb. 24th, March 17th, & April 7th ~ 12:30-2:30 PM, Clarke Room

Join a group to discuss Michelle Alexander's book, *The New Jim Crow*. The Unitarian Universalist curriculum will provide the framework for the discussions. We will explore Alexander's call for undertaking the spiritual work of building a 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.

Super Soccer Stars at Arlington Street Church!

At Super Soccer Stars, it is our goal to teach soccer skills for ages 2 and older in a fun, non-competitive, educational environment. Our philosophy is to use soccer to nurture, to build self-confidence, and to develop teamwork. Our specially designed curricula uses positive reinforcement and a low child-to-coach ratio to ensure that each child improves at his or her own rate while having fun. For more information about all classes and schedules or to enroll, please go to supersoccerstars.com or call 781-777-7171.

Tiffany Windows Watercolor Show

Through January 20th ~ Museum of Biblical Art, New York City

A show at the Museum of Biblical Art (MOBIA), entitled "The Devotional Art of Louis C. Tiffany" includes two of Arlington Street Church's original watercolors, and another from one of our upstairs windows will be featured in the show. MOBIA is a new, small, modern, and non-denominational museum that concentrates on art derived from the Bible and all religious traditions. The museum is located at 1865 Broadway, just a few blocks from Lincoln Center.

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.

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 15th 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. 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 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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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13TH, 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.

Arlington Street Church Corporation Meeting

Sunday, January 13th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel *Vote required

*Membership Update David McClain

Social Action Committee Update Peter Lowber

Intern Committee Updates .. George Whitehouse & Cheryl Thieret

Q&A on Written Reports

Other Business

Written Reports:

- Treasurer
- Prudential Committee
- Business Administrator
- Children's Religious Education
- Indulge

THIS WEEK

English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Monday, Jan. 14th and Wed. January 16th ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room

Learn or improve your English! The class 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,

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who has been certified to teach ESL by the Boston Academy of English.

Gay Men's Spirituality Group

Monday, January 14th ~ 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Robert Vargas has chosen the topic for this month's gathering ... and service is our gift. The Gay Men's Spirituality Group will be discussing "service" from a spiritual context.

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, January 16th ~ 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.

When Cancer Strikes a Friend: What to Say, What to Do, and How to Help

Wednesday, January 16th ~ 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

When friends or family members are facing cancer, we are often at a loss as to how to best respond. What should I say? What should I do? How can I help?

Rev. Bonnie Draeger, a cancer survivor and the executive director of Friends & Cancer, has spent a decade researching these questions. Her new book, *When Cancer Strikes a Friend: What to Say, What to Do, and How to Help*, includes the advice and expertise of over forty professionals, as well as the experiences and wisdom of hundreds of survivors/family/friends.

Bonnie will share her insights along with information and anecdotes in a presentation that will inspire and prepare friends, family and colleagues to offer their best help and support during another's cancer experience. A period of Q & A will follow Bonnie's remarks and she will be available for conversation and book signing afterwards. A book will be given to any attendee who makes a donation to Friends & Cancer (the book's sponsoring nonprofit).

Bonnie has appeared on the Bob Edwards Show (SiriusXM), CBS Radio News, NPR and other national media, and has been guest author at Barnes & Noble, Books a Million, Barbara's Books and other venues in Boston, Washington, DC, New York, Arizona, Chicago, Philadelphia, and on Cape Cod.

Gatherings for Healing

Thursday, January 17th ~ 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 invite those struggling with illness and disability, and those who are touched by that struggle. Suffering is often isolating. It can leave us feeling overwhelmed and entirely emptied. These gatherings are intended to move us toward a sense of wholeness, and toward feeling more connected with the flow of life. Please come as you are for inspirational readings, contemplative prayer, and chamomile communion.

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

This Week

Sunday, January 13, 2013

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 9:30 PM Social Action Committee ~ Smith Room
- 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 Corporation Meeting ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, January 14, 2013

- 10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Gay Men's Spirituality Group ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee ~ Perkins Room

Wednesday, January 16, 2013

- 10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
- *3:30 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Parish Hall
- 7:00 PM Rev. Bonnie Draeger Book Signing ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, January 17, 2013

- 6:30 PM Healing Gatherings ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, January 18, 2013

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, January 19, 2013

- No congregational events

Sunday, January 20, 2013

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 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
- 1:30 PM Inside Out Concert ~ Hunnewell Chapel

* **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 the website.

For more information, please visit www.ASCBoston.org



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We are also looking for help to make these gatherings beautiful and meaningful (with music, for example). If you would like to be part of the Healing Team, please contact Lisa Mobayed, our student minister, at LMobayed@ASCBoston.org.

Inside Out Concert: Mozart

Sunday, January 20th ~ 1:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Today, Inside Out performs Brahms Horn Trio, *Op. 40* with Kristopher Tong of the Borromeo String Quartet on violin, Hannah Shields on piano, and Eli Epstein on horn and acting as our musical tour guide.

Inside Out builds bridges to audiences through an active listening approach that connects concert goers with universal emotional themes such as joy, loss, caring, strength, struggle, gratitude and grace.

SAVE THE DATE

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

Four Wednesdays in February ~ 6:00-7:30^{ish}, 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 will be ready for you before Christmas.

Professor Alan strongly recommends that you read all the stories over the holidays (you can think of your reading as a Christmas gift to yourself) 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Connections: Small Group Ministry

Registration has re-opened through January 27th!

Connections is the name of Arlington Street's small group ministry: facilitated experiences of deep sharing and listening around selected topics, such as what we love, our gifts, taking a stand, living, & dying.

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