

## Participate in a Connections Group

Connections continues, and registration is open. Connections is Arlington Street's small group ministry—facilitated experiences of deep sharing and listening around selected topics such as belonging, aging, fear, disappointment, living, and dying. These small groups of 6–10 people will deepen their relationships with one another and the congregation; explore and engage with shared Unitarian Universalist principles; and participants will be included and heard in a safe, nurturing environment. Connections groups meet twice a month for about 90 minutes.

To participate or learn more, e-mail [connections@ascboston.org](mailto:connections@ascboston.org), speak with Thomas Simers, or look for the registration form at the Welcome Table in the parish hall during coffee hour.

## Volunteer at Friday Night Supper

Every Friday ~ Served at 5:00 PM, Parish Hall

Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP) would like to remind Arlington Street folks that you are most welcome to help prep or serve the meal. If you would like to inquire about volunteer opportunities, please email Amber, the FNSP Director ([info@fridaynightsupper.org](mailto:info@fridaynightsupper.org)).

## Do You Love To Sing?

Thursdays ~ 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Clarke Room

The Arlington Street Choir is a great place to connect and find spiritual community. Consider taking just a couple of hours out of your week to create something beautiful, while offering service and ministry to those around 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).

## Do you 'like' us on facebook?

If you are on facebook, be sure to 'like' our page. You can view photos, post comments, ask questions, or RSVP to upcoming special events and concerts. It's an easy way to help our outreach efforts by showing your facebook friends that you support ASC. Simply go to [www.facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch](http://www.facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch), or go to our home page for a convenient link ([www.ascboston.org](http://www.ascboston.org)).

## COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

July 2013 through June 2014

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 *"2014 Pledge Payment"*.
- Checks should be made payable to Arlington Street Church with *"2014 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
- Equal monthly installments on the 10<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, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2013

## TODAY

### Coffee Hour

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 at [office@ascboston.org](mailto:office@ascboston.org).

## THIS WEEK

### Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 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!

## SAVE THE DATE

### Anti-Racism, Multicultural Workshop

Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30-2:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

This workshop will offer some tools to explore issues relating to race, ethnicity, and cultural identity, both individually and institutionally. There will be a short video excerpt, exercises, and small group discussions. There will also be an opportunity to explore the "continuum" (distributed at the last Corporation Meeting) on becoming an anti-racist, multicultural institution. This endeavor is supported by the Prudential Committee (our governing board), and involves the whole congregation; all are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The workshop is sponsored by Arlington Street's "Building the World We Dream" team.

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## The Mitten Tree

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Please bring new, unwrapped gloves, hats, scarves, and socks for the gentlemen guests of our Friday Night Supper Program. Let's decorate the Mitten Tree!

## Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street's Artist-in-Residence, Rodger Clinton Vine, presents a brief concert of Christmas music for the piano, followed immediately by our annual Carol Sing!

## 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Carol Sing!

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our seventh annual old-fashioned Christmas carol sing! Mark David Buckles, Director of Music, and the Arlington Street Choir will lead us in seasonal favorites, from *Jingle Bells* to *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear*. Hot chocolate, tea, cookies, and fruit to follow!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## Chanukah Concert—A Light Through the Ages

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> ~ 4:00 PM, Central Reform Temple, 15 Newbury St.

Celebrate the meaning of Chanukah in story and song, and with a dramatic candle lighting ceremony! The Zamir Chorale of Boston will perform traditional and contemporary holiday classics. Free!

## Want To Showcase Your Crafts at the Holiday Bazaar?

Sundays, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ 10:30-10:45 AM & 12-1:00 PM, Parish Hall

Dear Arlington Street members and friends!

December is around the corner, and it was wonderful to have your beautiful goods at last year's Holiday Bazaar in the parish hall!

Let me know if you would be interested in participating this year at [les@ascboston.org](mailto:les@ascboston.org), and I will send you a sign-up form, or you can go to [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org) and link to the online form. Each craft table is asked to make a free-will donation to the church from their proceeds. Whether we hold the bazaar for all three dates will depend on the number of tables.

~ Laura Evonne Steinman

## The Spiritual Journey from Fundamentalism to Unitarian Universalism

Are you a former fundamentalist or evangelical? What happened to bring you through the great doors of Arlington Street Church and into the big tent of Unitarian Universalism? What did you love? Why did you leave? What are you still trying to understand? What do you need now? If you are interested in an evening of sharing your story and reflecting on these questions with those who have made similar spiritual journeys, please speak with Rev. Kim or email her at [office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org).

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

## This Week

### Sunday, December 1, 2013

9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary  
11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins Room  
12:00 PM Coffee & Lunch Hour ~ Parish Hall  
12:00 PM Baby Dedication Reception ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Monday, December 2, 2013

\*10:00 AM Connections Group~ Perkins Room

### Tuesday, December 3, 2013

6:00 PM Worship Committee ~ Perkins Room  
\*6:30 PM Connections Group~ Hunnewell Chapel  
\*7:30 PM Spiritual Practice for Professional Caregivers ~ Frothingham

### Wednesday, December 4, 2013

\*12:00 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room  
6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel  
\*6:30 PM Building the World We Dream ~ Perkins Room

### Thursday, December 5, 2013

7:00 PM Choir Practice  
\*8:00 PM Connections Group~ Perkins Room

### Friday, December 6, 2013

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

### Saturday, December 7, 2013

No congregational events

### Sunday, December 8, 2013

9:00 AM New Member Breakfast ~ Hunnewell Chapel  
9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary  
9:30 AM Social Action Committee ~ Smith Room  
10:00 AM Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall  
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary  
11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins Room  
12:00 PM Coffee & Lunch Hour ~ Parish Hall  
12:30 PM Anti-Racism, Multicultural Workshop ~ 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 additional listings, please visit [www.ASCBoston.org](http://www.ASCBoston.org)**



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## Boston Gay Men's Chorus "Hauls Out the Holly!"

Sunday, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM & 3 PM, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8 PM ~ Jordan Hall

The Boston Gay Men's Chorus celebrates the holidays with traditional favorites and new classics. *Twelve Gays of Christmas* will delight you, and our *Little Drummer Boy* is unlike anything you've ever seen before! And if you're very good, Santa might just stop by! Join us for the KidSized version of *Haul Out the Holly!* At one hour, it's perfect for the whole family.

Full price tickets are available at [www.bgmc.org](http://www.bgmc.org) for \$20-\$60 and \$25 for the family show on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. The chorus is offering Arlington Street a 10% discount on the \$40 or \$60 seats only for the Friday 12/20 and Sunday 12/22 performances. The discount code is **ASC10** and is good for advance online purchases through December 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Christmas Eve Ushers Needed!

Ushers are needed for all three services on Saturday, Christmas Eve: 5 PM (family service), 7 PM, and 9 PM. Sign up sheets will be circulated during today's service. You can also sign up by e-mailing Ellen Spencer through the church office: [Office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Office@ASCBoston.org). Please specify which service you are volunteering for, and be sure to include a telephone number where we can reach you.

## GA 2014: Seeking Young Adult Staff

June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2014 ~ Providence, Rhode Island

The Young Adults at General Assembly (YA@GA) are looking for three volunteer staff for the conference. They need a worship coordinator, a community engagement coordinator, and a program coordinator. Each staff person will have their travel, lodging, and food expenses fully paid by the conference.

GA is in our backyard this year, and it is an exciting time to be a part of the young adult community as GA shifts from the caucus format into a more dynamic and inclusive model.

The deadline for applying is December 6, 2013. Job descriptions and the application can be found at [uua.org/documents/yaya/ga\\_ya\\_staff.pdf](http://uua.org/documents/yaya/ga_ya_staff.pdf).

## Guest at Your Table

Through January 5<sup>th</sup>

Guest at Your Table is an annual Unitarian Universalist tradition in which congregation members learn about, and contribute to, selected human rights initiatives ("guests") supported by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). You can read about this year's guests at [www.uusc.org/guest/2013-2014/myguests](http://www.uusc.org/guest/2013-2014/myguests).

Pick up your donation box in the Parish Hall. At mealtimes, please insert coins or bills into the box, sharing your blessings with your guests and supporting a shared mission. Return your box to Arlington Street by January 5<sup>th</sup>, when we will gather all the boxes and deliver our Arlington Street donations to UUSC!

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