

## Help Buy Beds for Children!

The Social Action Committee is sponsoring a holiday bake sale to support the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless. The cakes and cookies are donated by the Dancing Deer Baking Company, so every dollar will go to the Coalition to buy beds for children who have none.

There are three kinds of cakes for \$12 each and two different boxes of cookies for \$19 each. We will be taking orders at the Social Action table on Sundays Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> through December 11<sup>th</sup>. The goodies can be picked up on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Social Action Heroes

*Unitarian Universalists Who Are Changing the World*, by Michelle Deakin, has been published just in time to give as gifts or as a way to treat yourself. As you read about the courageous and caring men and women profiled in this book, your spirits will be lifted. It is no surprise that Arlington Street Church folks are included; Reverend Kim and Susie Nacco are highlighted in the book's first chapter about work in New Orleans after Katrina, and a whole chapter is devoted to George Leger and Only A Child. The book(s) can be purchased after church at the Social Action table for \$12.00 each and will be available on December 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>.

## Friday Night Supper Program, Inc.

Help your homeless and hungry neighbors!

The Friday Night Supper Program has been serving hot, nutritious, meals to over 150 homeless and low-income people every Friday evening since 1984. This year's Christmas supper will be on December 16<sup>th</sup>.

There are many ways in which you can support the program:

- Tax deductible cash donations
- A donation of clothing and toiletries. Our clothing closet is in great need of men's pants (sizes 36-40).
- Support our annual Holiday Bags campaign during which we distribute warm clothing, toiletries, socks, and holiday candy to our guests.

Secure donations can be made via [www.fridaynightsupper.org](http://www.fridaynightsupper.org), where you will also find information about our history, programs, and services. To volunteer or for more information, contact Executive Director Caroline Carwood, 617-536-7050 x22 or [info@fridaynightsupper.org](mailto:info@fridaynightsupper.org).

## Just Coffee for the Holidays!

Come to the Social Action table after the service to purchase one pound bags of fresh-roasted Justo Coffee for \$12! Justo Coffee is organic, fair trade, and run by a grower's cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico that owns the roasting process, the distribution, and hence, the profits! Check out: [www.justcoffee.org](http://www.justcoffee.org).

## COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

July 2011 through June 2012

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

For the church year, July 2011 - June 2012, I/We commit a TOTAL of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to support the work of Arlington Street Church.

I/We will make payments on our pledge during the church year, and I/We will complete the pledge by June 30, 2012:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge payments may be made by cash, check, or credit card.

If you are paying with cash via the Sunday collection, be sure to clearly mark the envelope with your name(s) and indicate "*Pledge Payment*".

Checks should be made payable to Arlington Street Church with "2012 pledge payment" written on the check memo line.

If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete the information below:

Accepted:  Mastercard  Visa

Credit Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

One Time Charge  Equal Monthly Contributions

### 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). Your message will be received by the Church's administrative assistant so it can find its way to the appropriate people. Please speak your "truths in love" and include your name and contact information so we can follow-up. Thanks! For emergencies, please see "[Our Caring Community](#)" to the right.

### SCHEDULING EVENTS AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

All issues dealing with building usage, for both congregational usage and rentals, must be coordinated by Jeffrey Bouchard, Assistant to the Administrator. 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 (church administrator) will receive this email and will compile all of the announcements for publication. Materials must be legible, signed, and fully composed and may be edited, as space is limited. Please note that we only publish submissions related to Arlington Street events or the wider Unitarian Universalist community.

### OUR CARING COMMUNITY

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 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

## 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, stop by the kitchen today, or contact Jon Ellertson or Sharon Pressly-Fiero through the church at [office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org).

### Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Today, December 11<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!

### 5th Annual Carol Sing!

Today, December 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our fifth 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!

### Boston Gay Men's Chorus presents, *This Shining Night*

Today, December 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 3:00 PM & December 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM  
All performances at New England Conservatory's Jordan Hall

The Chorus celebrates the tradition, magic, and fun of holiday nights, including "Jingle Bells", "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," music representing the Hebrew and African traditions, plus three ancient British carols adapted by rock icon Sting!

Announcing a 10% discount for Arlington Street members and friends for the December 16<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> performances, only available online at [www.bgmc.org](http://www.bgmc.org) with coupon code ASC10 at checkout. If you have any questions or need a little more help to buy a ticket, please speak with Rev. Kim! All are welcome!

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## THIS WEEK

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### English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room  
Learn or improve your English! Twice a week, students practice speaking, listening, reading, writing, grammar, and pronunciation. You can reach Ann Troise, certified teacher and member of the church at [Office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Office@ASCBoston.org).

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

Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Buddha's Belly and the Arlington Street Zen Center (feel free to come to one or both) meet every second and fourth Tuesday throughout the church year. **Please note there won't be any meetings on Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>.**

Buddha's Belly meets from 6 PM to 7 PM. This fall we are reading *In the Face of Fear: Buddhist Wisdom for Challenging Times*. For this meeting, please finish section five.

Arlington Street Zen Center meets at 7 PM and includes seated and walking meditations, a dharma talk, and conversation. Beginners and experienced meditators from all traditions are welcome!

### Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, December 14<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. The \$10 fee is a donation to the church. Victoria Goodhart will teach the class, while Jean Ko Stewart is recovering from a hip replacement.

### Adult Religious Exploration Meeting

Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30 PM, Perkins Room

At our December meeting, the Adult Religious Exploration team will be discussing ideas for classes, workshops, and programs to offer in Winter-Spring 2012 as well as ideas for renewing our "Connections" Small Group Ministry Program. All are welcome to attend, bring your ideas! If you have any questions, or if you are interested in volunteering as a Connections facilitator, please contact our Intern Minister, Rebecca Froom, at [RFroom@ASCBoston.org](mailto:RFroom@ASCBoston.org).

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## SAVE THE DATE

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### Lessons and Carols: Waiting for the Light A Service for All Ages

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

'Twas the Week Before Christmas! Come celebrate solstice, Chanukah, and Christmas with some new stories of the season, some old favorites, and lots of carol singing!

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

## This Week

### Sunday, December 11, 2011

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary  
9:30 AM Social Action Committee ~ Smith Room  
10:00 AM CoA Mitten Tree Prep ~ Perkins 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 Rodger Clinton Vine Christmas Concert ~ Hunnewell Chapel  
1:00 PM 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Carol Sing ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Monday, December 12, 2011

10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room  
6:30 PM Membership Team Meeting ~ Perkins Room  
7:00 PM Gay Men's Spirituality Group ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Tuesday, December 13, 2011

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

### Wednesday, December 14, 2011

10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room  
\*3:30 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room  
6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel  
6:30 PM Adult Religious Exploration Meeting ~ Perkins Room

### Thursday, December 15, 2011

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ Clarke Room  
7:00 PM New Sanctuary Movement ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Friday, December 16, 2011

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

### Saturday, December 17, 2011

No congregational events

### Sunday, December 18, 2011

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship--Lessons & Carols ~ Sanctuary  
12:00 PM Coffee Hour & Special Treat: Latkes! ~ Parish Hall  
12:30 PM Sewful Sunday ~ Perkins Room  
1:00 PM Dan Cheever Memorial Service ~ Sanctuary  
2:00 PM Dan Cheever Memorial Reception ~ Hunnewell Chapel  
4:00 PM International Migrants Day ~ Parish Hall

**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](http://www.ASCBoston.org).



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### Sewful Sunday - Spiritual Passions for all ages!

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Perkins Room

Come with your sewing, quilting, knitting projects and more! We will share our time together making quilts for the homeless (beloved quilts), and working on our own creative projects that soothe our souls. Please bring your own supplies. Contact [LES@ASCBoston.org](mailto:LES@ASCBoston.org).

### International Migrants Day

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 4:00 PM, Parish Hall

Boston New Sanctuary Movement, Centro Presente, Occupy Boston Immigrant Rights Working Group, and many other organizations unite for local and global immigrant rights. Listen to some stories from our immigrant friends, and help us plan the next steps!

### Sacred Eros

Monday, December 19<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 PM, Perkins Room

Sacred Eros addresses the intersection of spirituality and sexuality. This month, we welcome Mycroft Masada Holmes, chair of the Interfaith Coalition for Transgender Equality. He will lead our discussion on transgender issues, including the recent civil rights bill passed on Beacon Hill. Join us, and bring some snacks and beverages!

### Arlington Street Zen Center Winter Solstice Vespers and Waking Up the Trees!

Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 8:00 PM, Chapel and Boston Public Garden  
Join the Arlington Street Zen Center Sangha for a Winter Solstice Vespers, with beautiful readings, silent meditation by candlelight, songs, and walking meditation in the Public Garden, complete with Wassailing the Trees!

### Christmas Eve!

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> ~ Sanctuary

Services are at 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 9:00 PM

O, Come All Ye Faithful! Our choir sings in the holiday at the 5:00 PM family service, with participation by all the children (this service is perfect for children, but all are welcome at all three services!). At 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM, the Boston Gay Men's Chorus stands in for the Heavenly Host! Candle lighting is a highlight of all three services (candles are provided). Please come and bring your loved ones to share in this magical evening!

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### 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.

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