

January 21st Karlene Griffiths Sekou/Black Lives Matter
Boston ~ Imagine!

February 4th Meditation Retreat

February 11th Chinese New Year Parade & Dim Sum Outing

March 10th Concert by Boston Chamber Music Society

March 24th Indulge Auction & Celebration
Arlington Street Annual Fundraiser

March 31st Cris Williamson in Concert

April 1st Easter Sunday Worship

April 8th Rise Against Hunger Service Event

April 29th Covenant Renewal Sunday

May 6th Ordination of Beth Robbins

May 12th Sakyong Mipham (son of Chögyam Trungpa;
head of Shambhala)

June 9th Pride!
And an evening Kirtan with Krishna Das

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 Wants You!

Would you enjoy assisting behind the scenes, sharing a story or your spiritual practice, going on a field trip, leading a sex ed class, holding babies, building with legos, or digging in the dirt? If the answer is yes, please contact Beth Robbins at BRobbins@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, Laura Pattison, Nancy Perna, and Barbara Seidl). Membership on the Team requires a one year commitment and anti-racism/anti oppression/multicultural training.

Staff Directory

Parish Ministers

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, *Senior Minister*

Rev. George G. Whitehouse, *Minister at Large*

Beth Robbins,
Interim Director of Family Ministry

Erica Rose Long
Interim Assistant Director of Family Ministry
Chaplain, Massachusetts General Hospital

Community Ministers

Dr. Arthur Judge
Hospital Chaplain, retired

Rev. Clyde Grubbs
Spiritual Director

Rev. Fred Small
Minister for Climate Justice

Rev. Joanna Lubkin
Chaplain, Wellesley College

Rev. Vera O'Brien
Chaplain, Brigham and Women's Hospital

All staff members may be reached
through the church office

Intern Ministers

Ali Jablonsky
Massachusetts General Hospital

Karlene Griffiths Sekou
Black Lives Matter, Boston

Liz Weber
UU Church of Reading, Massachusetts

Music

Mark David Buckles, *Director of Music*

Xuan He, *Organist and Pianist*

Rodger Clinton Vine, *Artist in Residence*

Choir Section Leaders

Katie Elledge, *Soprano*

Katherine Maysek, *Alto*

Daniel Rosensweig, *Tenor*

Administration

Jeffrey Bouchard, *Congregational Administrator*

Adam Berman, *Bookkeeper*

Brad Nobles, *Sexton*

Laurinda O'Connor, *Publications*

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 publications@ascboston.org. Laurinda O'Connor 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 17TH, 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



Coffee Hour and Lunch

Today ~ Immediately following worship, Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for coffee, soup, sandwiches, and community! Please visit the Arlington Street Cares Table (on your right as you enter the Parish Hall) to sign cards for those who have shared candles of sorrow and joy with us.

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.



Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

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



11th Annual Carol Sing!

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our 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!



Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Today ~ 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. Facilitator, Maureen Peterson calls on her significant personal experience to create a safe space for sharing our stories and supporting one another through the crises of life.

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Uncomfortable Conversations about Race

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Program Room (inside Perkins Room)

The Transformation Team for Racial Justice offers this time and space for facilitated discussion and continuing conversation about developing anti-racist worldview. We hold these conversations periodically at Arlington Street Church. All are welcome and no RSVP is needed. For more information, email transformation@ascboston.org.



Arlington Street Fun and Friends!

Today ~ Flour Bakery (131 Clarendon Street) ~ After the Carol Sing (2:00 PM)

Do you want to meet more people and make friends at ASC? So do we! We're in the process of planning a monthly social outing. We will get together for dinner, theater, bowling, walks, movies, and anything else that gives us a chance to get to know each other and have fun! Join us at Flour after the Carol Sing (around 2:00) to share ideas and start planning! Questions or ideas? Please contact Gaby Whitehouse or Sharon Gentges at office@ascboston.org, or speak with Rev. Kim. Here's to Fun and Friends!



Annual Bethel Holiday Party

Today ~ 2:30 PM, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, Dorchester

Each year, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church provides an awesome holiday party for neighborhood parents and kids. We are invited to participate and help with whatever is needed (blow up balloons, paint faces, serve food, hand out gifts, etc.). Sign up to participate at the Social Action table in the Parish Hall.

THIS WEEK



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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Big Thanks to Tiffany Visitors Center Volunteers!

At the end of October, our Tiffany Visitors Center wrapped up a second successful season. We welcomed thousands of visitors from around the world and raised over \$20,000 for the preservation of our historic building and magnificent Tiffany windows. None of this would have been possible without the service of our incredible team of volunteers. Big thanks to all who served as weekly greeters, including Joe Alen, Alma Antoniotti, Bill Briggs, George O'Keefe, Keith Perron, Mickey Randazza, and Gaby Whitehouse.

Thanks too to the many members of our community who supported the regular team of greeters and were wonderful at filling in as needed, including Ivan Bath, Judy Chambliss, Linda Evans, Rita Falzarano, Margy Herley, Helen Kobek, Stacey Sacks, Connie Scanlon, and Lili Wang.

Finally, special thanks to Queen Cheryl for her tireless work in cleaning the windows to sparkling perfection; Rodger Clinton Vine for his masterful

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

This Week

Sunday, December 17, 2017

*9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Intergenerational Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM	ASC Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith Room
12:30 PM	Uncomfortable Conversations ~ Program Room
12:30 PM	Christmas Music on Piano ~ Hunnewell Chapel
1:00 PM	11th Annual Carol Sing ~ Hunnewell Chapel
2:00 PM	Arlington Street Fun and Friends! ~ 131 Clarendon Street

Monday, December 18, 2017

No congregational events are scheduled.

Tuesday, December 19, 2017

6:00 PM	Prudential Committee ~ Perkins Room
7:00 PM	Transformation Team ~ Frothingham Library

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
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Thursday, December 21, 2017

7:00 PM	Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room
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Friday, December 22, 2017

5:00 PM	Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP) ~ Parish Hall
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Saturday, December 23, 2017

No congregational events are scheduled.

Sunday, December 24, 2017

5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service ~ Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service ~ Sanctuary
9:00 PM	Christmas Eve Service ~ Sanctuary

Please note that the church will be closed for all regular activities between Christmas Day and December 30, 2017.

* 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



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coordination of the Visitors Center; and to Polly Latham for her visionary leadership in creating this program as part of the Arlington Street Foundation.



A Candle Lit Christmas Eve!

Sunday, December 24th ~ Services 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 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 and 9:00, the Boston Gay Men's Chorus stands in for the Heavenly Host! Candle lighting is a highlight of all three services. Please come and bring your loved ones to share in this magical evening!



Intersectional Book Group

Monday, January 8th ~ 5:30 - 7:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Join Rev. Kim for the fourth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. For this gathering, we'll be reading Lindy West's *Shrill: Notes from a Loud Woman*, a series of essays dealing with issues of body image, popular culture, feminism, and social justice. All are welcome!



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

Tuesday, January 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'll continue our discussion of *All the Rage: Buddhist Wisdom on Anger and Acceptance* (Andrea Miller, editor). Please read through page 91, "When the Tornado Touches Down."

7:00 Arlington Street Zen Center: Our gathering includes seated and walking meditations, a dharma talk, and conversation. If you'd like to walk in the Public Garden (optional!), please dress for the weather. Beginners and experienced meditators from all traditions are warmly welcome.



A Sustainable Environment

From time to time, members of the Social Action Committee and Arlington Street members of Mothers Out Front will be passing along tips about how to take care of the environment. Today's tip comes from Unitarian minister Everett Edward Hale (1822-1909), whose statue graces the Charles Street entrance to the Public Garden. He said, "I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. I will not let what I cannot do stop what I can do." Think about ways you can support the environment. We must stand up now for future generations!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

There are many great Arlington Street Church events in the works for the new year. As you begin planning for 2018, be sure to save the dates for:

January 7th Meditation 101 - You know you've been meaning to learn to meditate ... or to kick-start your practice!

January 8th Intersectional Book Group: *Shrill*

January 14th Ice Skating & Hot Chocolate at Frog Pond