

## Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

'Twas the Week Before Christmas! Come join us for some new stories of the season, some old favorites, and lots of carol singing!

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## 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.

### Guest at Your Table

Through January 6<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/2012-2013/myguests](http://www.uusc.org/guest/2012-2013/myguests).

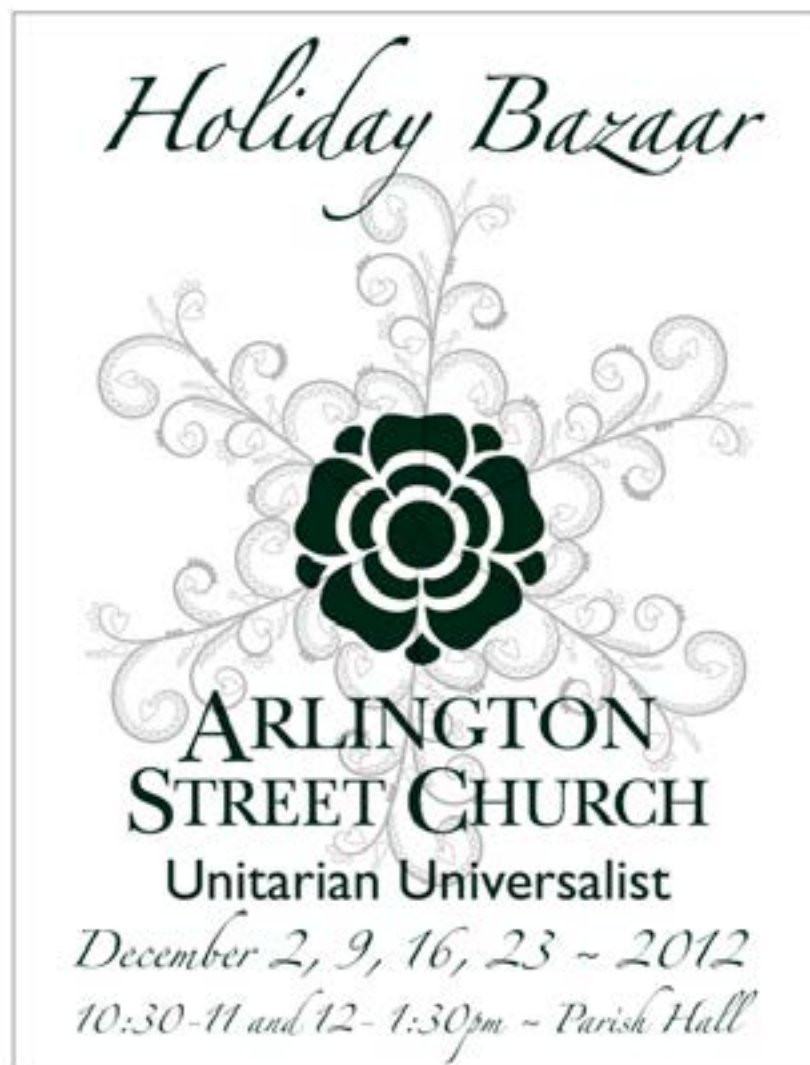
Pick up your donation box in the Parish Hall. At mealtimes, please insert coins or bills into the box, sharing your blessings with your guests and supporting a shared mission. Return your box to Arlington Street by January 6<sup>th</sup>, when we will gather all the boxes and deliver our Arlington Street donations to UUSC!

### Just Coffee—Just for You!

Friends, we have a new supply of Just Coffee, just in time for the holidays! Please come and get yours at the Social Action table after the service. Just \$12 per pound for great 100% organic coffee! Help support the grower cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico, [www.justcoffee.org](http://www.justcoffee.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)).



#### 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 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2012

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## TODAY

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### 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](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org).

### Shop at the Holiday Bazaar

Today and the next 3 Sundays~ 10:30-11 AM & 12-1:30 PM, Parish Hall

It's the first day of our holiday bazaar! Stop by the Parish Hall and shop for beautiful, original gifts made by local artisans.

### Parenting for the Spirit, in the Spirit

Today ~ 12:00-1:00 PM, Stage Right Room

When we are offered a window into our children's spiritual lives, we often end up peering into our own, and learning something about both our children and ourselves. We discover what we value, how we find meaning, and the importance of faith—and we convey that to our children in words and actions.

Please join Lisa Mobayed, one of our student ministers, for lunch and conversation inspired by the book, *The Gift of Faith: Tending the Spiritual Lives of Children*, by Jeanne Harrison Nieuwejaar. The book can be purchased from Laura Evonne Steinman in the Perkins room. Childcare will be available. We warmly welcome all who care for children!

### Indulge Planning Meeting

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Come join our energetic team as we continue preparing for this important gala dinner and auction scheduled for Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>! It's not too late to get involved, meet new people, and make a difference at our spiritual home!

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## THIS WEEK

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

Monday, Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wed. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room

Learn or improve your English! The class meets twice a week. 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, who has been certified to teach ESL by the Boston Academy of English.

### Adult Religious Exploration Team Meeting

Tuesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

We will begin discussing programming for the spring, review the progress of Connections, and determine a date and place for a January retreat dedicated to planning the next phase of Connections. Please join us, as we would love to have your energy and ideas. All are heartily welcome.

### Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, December 5<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.

### Gatherings for Healing

Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 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 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](mailto:LMobayed@ASCBoston.org).

### Young Adult Game Night

Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 or 7:00 PM, Parish Hall

Come to the next Young Adult night for those 18 to 35<sup>ish</sup>. We'll meet up at the church at 6PM for dinner, or join us at 7PM for games. Please bring board or party games for us to play!

### Holiday Craft-Making Party

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> ~ Noon to 1:30 PM, Parish Hall

Come create bird feeders, cards, scented oranges, and more! All ages are welcome!

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](http://ASCBoston.org)

## This Week

### Sunday, December 2, 2012

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM CRE Committee Meeting ~ Perkins Room
- 9:30 AM New Member Breakfast ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 10:30 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 Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 12:00 PM Parenting for the Spirit ~ Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Connections ~ Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Indulge 2013 Planning Meeting ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Monday, December 3, 2012

- 10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
- 10:30 AM Connections ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 6:30 PM Connections ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Tuesday, December 4, 2012

- 6:00 PM Worship Committee ~ Perkins Room
- 6:30 PM Adult Religious Exploration Team ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- \*7:30 PM Spiritual Practice for Professional Caregivers ~ Frothingham

### Wednesday, December 5, 2012

- 10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
- \*3:30 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 7:30 PM Connections Facilitators Meeting ~ Hunnewell Chapel

### Thursday, December 6, 2012

- 11:30 AM Leadership Council ~ Perkins Room
- 6:30 PM Healing Gatherings ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room
- 8:00 PM Connections ~ Perkins Room

### Friday, December 7, 2012

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

### Saturday, December 8, 2012

- 6:00 PM Young Adult Game Night ~ Parish Hall

### Sunday, December 9, 2012

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee Meeting ~ Smith Room
- 10:30 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 Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Membership Intensive ~ Stage Right Room

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



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## SAVE THE DATE

### Membership Intensive: Sharing Our UU Faith

Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Stage Right Room

How do we talk to our friends, neighbors, and coworkers about our Unitarian Universalist faith, and this place we love? Let's come together for a focused discussion of how we can share the good news of our spiritual community with confidence, passion, and persuasion.

### Hallelujah! Boston Gay Men's Chorus Holiday Concert

Sunday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM ~ Jordan Hall

Bring your family, friends and neighbors to the Boston Gay Men's Chorus's (BGMC) joyful celebration of diverse holiday traditions. Hear music honoring Chanukah, the Native American solstice, and traditional Christmas carols, along with some favorite pop tunes (Mariah?) of the season. The hilarious Freres de St. Francis de la Sissies return ... with a BGMC twist! Tickets are available at [www.bgmc.org](http://www.bgmc.org) or 617-542-SING for \$16-\$46.

### Gay Men's Spirituality Group

Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

For this month's meeting, we're having a movie night. Bring a friend and a snack to share as we enjoy the lighthearted romantic comedy "Love and Other Disasters." Here's the storyline:

Emily Jackson is always on the go, talks around the clock, has a sensitive soul, and loves playing matchmaker for her friends. Emily's newest mission is to bring together her gay roommate and the handsome new assistant photographer who just arrived at Vogue, where Emily works. Unfortunately, Emily is so busy arranging a love connection that she remains completely blind to her own suitor!

### The Mitten Tree

Sunday, December 16<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 16<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!

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

Sunday, December 16<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our sixth 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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