

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

Sunday, Dec. 15th at 1 PM & 3 PM, Dec. 20th, 21st, 22nd 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 for \$20-\$60 and \$25 for the family show on Sunday, December 15th 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 19th.

Just Coffee—Just for You!

Friends, we have a new supply of Just Coffee! 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, at www.justcoffee.org.

Friday Night Supper Program

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 20th.

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

- We welcome Arlington Street volunteers to help with the Christmas meal—either during the daytime prep shift (1-4 PM), or in the evening to help serve the meal (5-7:45 PM)
- Make a tax deductible cash donation
- Donate clothing and toiletries. At this time of year, we need winter hats, gloves, and scarves for our holiday gift bags.

Secure monetary donations can be made by following the DONATE link on our website, www.fridaynightsupper.org. To volunteer or for more information, contact the Executive Director, Amber Pittenger at, 617-536-7050 x22 or email Amber at info@fridaynightsupper.org.

Guest at Your Table

Through January 5th

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.

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 5th, when we will gather all the boxes and deliver our Arlington Street donations to UUSC!

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 **10th 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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INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 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.

Shop at the Arlington Street Holiday Bazaar!

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

Get a jump on your holiday shopping right here in the parish hall before and after the worship service! There are several tables offering beautiful hand-made crafts by local artisans. Your purchases help support the artists and Arlington Street Church.

Anti-Racism, Multicultural Workshop

Today ~ 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.

THIS WEEK

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

Tuesday, December 10th ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Buddha's Belly and the Arlington Street Zen Center (feel free to come to one or both) meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

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Buddha's Belly meets at 6 PM. Please read Parts 1-3 of *The Heart of the Revolution: The Buddha's Radical Teachings on Forgiveness, Compassion, and Kindness* by Noah Levine, for tonight's discussion.

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 11th ~ 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!

Talking Your Walk

Wednesday, December 11th ~ 6:30 PM, Smith Room

Talking Your Walk meets every second Wednesday. This is a non-clinical support group in solidarity with those who are dealing with the challenge of depression. Our own John Sacco, LICSW, is the facilitator. Please see Rev. Kim or John with questions, or to let us know that you will be joining the group.

SAVE THE DATE

The Mitten Tree

Sunday, December 15th ~ 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 15th ~ 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!

7th Annual Carol Sing!

Sunday, December 15th ~ 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!

Christmas Eve!

Tuesday, December 24th ~ 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!

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

This Week

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
10:30 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 & Lunch Hour ~ Parish Hall
12:00 PM Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM Anti-Racism, Multicultural Workshop ~ Hunnewell Chapel
12:30 PM Indulge Planning Meeting ~ Stage Right Room

Monday, December 9, 2013

No congregational events

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

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

Wednesday, December 11, 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
6:30 PM Talking Your Walk ~ Smith Room

Thursday, December 12, 2013

7:00 PM Choir Practice

Friday, December 13, 2013

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, December 14, 2013

No congregational events

Sunday, December 15, 2013

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
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 & Lunch Hour ~ Parish Hall
12:00 PM Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM Rodger Clinton Vine's Holiday Concert ~ Hunnewell Chapel
1:00 PM Annual Carol Sing ~ 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



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The Wednesdays: Arlington Street's Literary Salon Robert Frost's Winter Poems

Wednesday, January 15th ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library

"Have yourself a merry little Christmas," and when it's over, join Prof. Alan and Rev. Kim for a cozy evening of winter poems by Robert Frost. Here are a dozen that will warm your heart, money-back guarantee! Printed copies of the poems will be available, but if you'd like a head start, the poems are as follows (in chronological order):

Reluctance	The Wood Pile
An Old Man's Winter Night	Birches
Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening	Dust of Snow
On a Tree Fallen Across the Road	The Runaway
Our Singing Strength	The Onset
A Winter Eden	Desert Places

Climb in your sleigh and come join us! All are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. Please specify which service you are volunteering for, and be sure to include a telephone number where we can reach you.

Healing Thoughts for Herb

Long-time Arlington Street member Herb Gleason was in the hospital this past week with a serious illness. He's home now, on the flats of Beacon Hill, and he would certainly enjoy our well wishes. Please send cards and greetings to Herb by the church office, and Rev. Kim will deliver them.

Put Arlington Street on Your Holiday Shopping List

As you're shopping for the holidays, ask merchants to donate something fabulous for the silent auction that's a highlight of Indulge, Arlington Street's annual fundraiser on March 1st, 2014.

Just remember that proceeds from Indulge go to support the good works of Arlington Street Church. The gift should be new and have a value of \$75 or more. Unsure of what makes a great auction item? A gift card always takes the guesswork out of giving!

Solstice Kirtan with Prajna

Saturday, December 14th ~ 7:30 PM, Lincoln MA

Laura Evonne Steinman invites you to join her at the Solstice Kirtan at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, 147 Concord Road, Lincoln. The suggested donation is \$15.

Candlelight Holiday Vigil for Immigrant Detainees

Sunday, December 15th ~ 4:30 PM, 20 Bradston Street, Boston

Join the holiday vigil at the Suffolk County House of Correction, and help keep immigrant families together by stopping the raids and deportations. There will also be a candlelight vigil at the same time at the Plymouth Correction Facility.

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