
SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Pru in Review ~ March

Some highlights from the monthly meeting of the Prudential Committee, governing board of Arlington Street Church.

- Danny Fournier and Sharon Presley-Fiero provided a summary of the very successful Indulge fundraiser. This year's event had a net profit 25% greater than last year. They also provided a guidebook for next year's event. Several leadership positions are available. Please see any member of the Pru, Rev. Kim, or call the church office, if you are interested in applying.
- The Pru voted to continue masonry repairs around the Hunnewell Chapel and also approved refurbishment of the second chandelier. The masonry work approved last month outside the 351 Boylston Street entrance has been completed.
- The Pru voted to submit a grant proposal to the Mass Historical Commission to restore the exterior covers over the stained glass windows, masonry repairs, and installation of a lift in place of the wooden ramp in the alley to improve accessibility to the Sanctuary.

Facilitators Needed for "Connections" Groups

In fall 2012, congregants will be invited to join a Connections small group ministry group. The purpose of Connections groups are to establish an intentional listening and sharing practice. This will help us better realize our mission as a religious community – to deepen the spiritual, intellectual, caring, and service aspects of our Unitarian Universalist movement and our own congregation. If you are interested in being a Connections facilitator, please contact our Intern Minister, Rebecca Froom at RFroom@ascboston.org. A facilitator's training will be held on Saturday, April 21st.

Pastoral Care and Counseling Available

Our Intern Minister, Rebecca Froom, is available for short-term pastoral care and counseling to help you reflect on personal or spiritual challenges in your life. Please contact Rebecca at RFroom@ASCBoston.org to schedule an appointment.

General Assembly

June 20-24, Phoenix, AZ

General Assembly (GA) is more than the annual business meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association. The myriad of programs, worship events, witness and service opportunities, plus the exhibits, provide a rich experience to the thousands of Unitarian Universalists who attend each year. GA also gives participants a renewed sense of energy, up-to-date information, inspiration, and innovative ideas to take back to their congregations and communities. Register before May 1, 2012 at uua.org/ga

Are You a SnapShot Subscriber?

Please sign up for our weekly e-newsletter, SnapShot and stay in touch with all the activities at Arlington Street Church. Register today at www.ASCBoston.org.



It's Spring! Photo taken by Laurinda O'Connor

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. 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.

INSIDE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please email all Sunday "Inside" announcements before Tuesday noon to 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, APRIL 1ST, 2012

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.

Freedom Seder

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

All are welcome to join Joanna Lubkin, Laura Evonne Steinman, Rev. Kim, and Mark David Buckles for this wonderful celebration of worldwide liberation movements that have drawn their inspiration from the exodus of the Israelites from Egypt. Please enjoy your lunch downstairs, and then come enjoy the symbolic, ritual foods of the Seder. Come celebrate the quest for freedom!

First Sunday Circle Celebration

Today ~ 5:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

This monthly worship service by and for people of color and their families (including children) is sponsored by Diverse, Revolutionary, Unitarian Universalist Multicultural Ministries (DRUUMM). Please bring food for the potluck, and then join us for worship.

Social Action Committee Book Sale

Today ~ Noon, Parish Hall & April 15th and 25th

Today is the first day of our book and DVD sale. Proceeds will be used for social action projects that are supported by the committee. Please enjoy browsing and buying! We are still collecting books and DVD's if you have any you would like to donate.

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THIS WEEK

English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Monday, April 2nd and Thursday April 5th ~ 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. Students are also welcome to suggest their own topic ideas. 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.

It's Time to Plan PRIDE!

Tuesday, April 3rd ~ 5:00 PM, Perkins Room

On Saturday, June 9th, Boston will turn out for its annual Pride parade and festivities. The day always begins with an 11:00 AM service of celebration here at Arlington Street. Please join Rev. Kim in this first planning meeting as we dream up everything from sanctuary decorations to music for the parting sashay down the aisle and into the streets! Everyone of every persuasion is invited and encouraged to be part of creating this joyous affirmation of our faith that affirms the inherent worth and dignity of every being. All welcome; all in!

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, April 4th ~ 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.

SAVE THE DATE

Arvo Pärt's Berliner Messe

Sunday, April 8th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Arlington Street Church celebrates Easter with the Berliner Messe, a breathtakingly beautiful modern masterpiece for choir and string orchestra written by one of today's most revered composers of sacred choral music, Arvo Pärt. His style, often dubbed "spiritual minimalism," evokes medieval and early Renaissance cathedral chant with its simplicity and sublimity. We offer this performance in the spirit of praise, celebration, and peace.

Blessing of the Seeds

Sunday, April 8th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

If you would like the seeds for your garden blessed on Easter Sunday morning, please bring them to church! Our children will be planting the seeds in small pots for you to bring home.

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

This Week

Sunday, April 1, 2012

- 9:00 AM New Member Joining Ceremony ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee Meeting ~ Smith Room
- 9:30 AM CRE Committee Meeting ~ Perkins Room
- 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 Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 1:00 PM Freedom Seder ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 5:00 PM First Sunday Circle Celebration ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, April 2, 2012

- 10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

- 5:00 PM Pride Planning Meeting ~ Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Worship Committee ~ Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ Clarke Room
- 7:00 PM Occupy Boston (OB) General Assembly ~ Parish Hall

Wednesday, April 4, 2012

- *3:30 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
- 5:30 PM Finance Committee ~ Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, April 5, 2012

- 10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room

Friday, April 6, 2012

- No congregational events

Saturday, April 7, 2012

- No congregational events

Sunday, April 8, 2012

- 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
- 12:00 PM Tell Me More ~ Hunnewell Chapel
- 12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Nominating Committee Meeting ~ Smith 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



Gay Men's Spirituality Group

Monday, April 9th ~ 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Our gathering features John Sacco, LICSW. John will lead an experiential session of simple energy, breathing and attention exercises culminating in a demonstration of Tong Ren Energy Healing. John is a certified practitioner. A question and answer session and list of the techniques will be provided to conclude the evening.

Buddha's Belly (Book Group) Begins New Book

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

This is the perfect time to join Buddha's Belly! Matteo Pistono's *In the Shadow of the Buddha: Secret Journeys, Sacred Histories, and Spiritual Discovery in Tibet* is an adventure story of a Buddhist pilgrim turned advocate for social justice in Tibet. Amazon.com says, "It's about how Tibetans live today, and the tenacity of their faith in the future in spite of dire repression and abuse. It's also about Pistono's own journey from being a frustrated political activist to becoming a practicing Buddhist mystic, a man who traveled thousands of miles and risked his own life to pursue freedom and peace." For this opening discussion, please read section one (chapters 1-3). All are welcome!

Villages without Walls Documentary

Sunday, April 15th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Talia Rivera, founder of Villages Without Walls a non-profit organization working to prevent violence among at-youth risk, will show the documentary titled "Why We Bang." The documentary was made in the summer of 2011, with the support of Jubilee, Arlington Street Church's work in the world. We hope to have some of the young men who participated in the making of the film present to speak after the documentary showing.

Covenant Renewal

Sunday, April 29th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Each year, we renew our covenant with financial pledges to this beloved community of memory and hope. This is a very special worship service! All are welcome!

Ordination of Rebecca Froom

Sunday, May 13th ~ 2:30 PM, Sanctuary

Arlington Street Church, Unitarian Universalist and Unitarian Society of Germantown in Philadelphia, invite you to join us in welcoming our Intern Minister, Rebecca Froom into the Unitarian Universalist ministry. A light reception will follow the ordination.

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