

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Updated Bulletin Board Policies and Procedures

Below are the changes recently made to the policies for the Arlington Street bulletin board postings.

- Candle cards will be posted after the service on Sunday. All cards will remain on the board for two weeks, at which time old cards will be taken down.
- Events will be posted for a month or until the date of the event. Please do not post items more than 6 weeks in advance of the event. If you wish the item you posted returned to you, please put your name on the back of the posting.

Requests for Jubilee Support

Our Jubilee initiative supports Arlington Street Church's "work in the world." Church members are welcome to submit requests for support (financial and other) that promote the Jubilee initiative and its guiding principles. Applications will be considered on an ongoing basis. Requests for Jubilee projects to begin this summer should be submitted by May 15th. Project ideas for the coming church year should be submitted by October 1st. For more information, please email jubilee@ascBoston.org.

Request for Card Donations

The Parish Concerns Committee is running low on cards and would appreciate donations from anyone who can help! All card types, such as get well cards, thinking of you cards, congratulations, birthday, and sympathy cards are needed. Blank cards as well as cards with verse are welcome. Please bring all card donations to church and give them to the committee chair, Carol "Fishey" Fisher during coffee hour or leave them at the Welcome Table. Thank you!

Help Keep Immigrant Families Together

Sunday, May 4th ~ 2:00 PM, 20 Bradston Street, Boston

Help stop the raids and deportations of immigrant families by attending a vigil for immigrant detainees at the Suffolk County House of Correction. This vigil is sponsored by the Boston New Sanctuary Movement. We will car pool from the church at 1:15. If you want a ride, please email socialaction@ascboston.org!

Mother's Day Walk for Peace

Sunday, May 11th ~ 7:00 AM, Assemble at Town Field in Dorchester

This is the 18th Annual Walk to honor the mothers and families who have lost children to homicide in the city of Boston. Come walk with the Arlington Street contingent! We will gather at Town Field in Dorchester. The walk takes a couple of hours, getting us back in time for Sunday service. Take the Red Line to Field's Corner and walk to Town Field. If you drive, you can find parking on the side streets.

This is also the annual fund-raiser for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, which organizes the Walk. The Institute is staffed almost entirely by survivors of violence. It supports other survivors while sponsoring anti-violence services and workshops in local schools. If you can, please contribute your financial support with the Arlington Street Team at goo.gl/5zhdrk. If you have any questions, please email socialaction@ASCBoston.org.

CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF MARRIAGE EQUALITY Advocacy Day!

Tuesday, May 13th ~ 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM, Parish Hall and Hunnewell Chapel

Ten years ago, Massachusetts helped set off a revolution of equality. A group of courageous couples, including several Unitarian Universalist couples, filed a lawsuit making the simple case that the love they had for each other was equal to the love of any other couple. They won that case, which set off a battle on Beacon Hill that ended with Massachusetts being the first state to recognize full Marriage Equality. UU Mass Action is sponsoring three anniversary events. For more information, to register, purchase tickets, or donate, visit uumassaction.org/uuma/advocacyday.

- Attend the Acts of Faith Breakfast with speaker David Wilson, one of the plaintiffs in the case. Tickets are \$30.
- Participate in Advocacy Day from 10:30–3:00 PM. Advocacy Day begins with a worship service followed by speakers, a celebration at the State House, and visits to legislators. When you register, we will contact your legislators and set up appointments for you to meet with them or their representatives and deliver wedding cupcakes! Tickets are \$15 each.
- Contribute to the Wedding Cake Cupcake Fund! Your contribution of any amount towards the purchase of these cupcakes would be most appreciated!

Worship and Celebration!

Sunday, May 18th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary, Hunnewell Chapel, & Parish Hall

The Boston Gay Men's Chorus and plaintiffs, Dave Wilson and Rob Compton, join us for a celebration of this great day! Following a very special worship service, there will be anniversary photos taken and wedding cake for all to enjoy! At 12:45 PM, everyone is invited to an interfaith wedding vow renewal in the sanctuary!

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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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, APRIL 27TH, 2014

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 at office@ascboston.org.

Share the Plate with Only A Child

Today ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

We continue our new spiritual practice of generosity at Arlington Street. For April, *Share the Plate* donations will go to Only A Child.

Only A Child, founded by our own George Leger, turns 20 this year! The organization maintains a group home and carpentry shop for street youth in Guatemala City, offering them something to belong to; a place where they are respected and cared for; a place where they can grow and develop an identity complete with confidence and self-esteem.

Half of this morning's offering will sustain Arlington Street, and half will go to Only A Child. You may donate with cash, a check, or a credit card. You may also split a donation between your pledge to Arlington Street and *Share the Plate* with a notation specifying how much money goes toward each. Thank You!

Problems and Promises of Unearned Privilege

Today ~ 12:30–2:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

In this workshop, we explore the privileges and advantages we experience as people of white or European ancestry, and the disadvantages and lack of opportunities we experience as people of color. We also look at how white privilege manifests in congregational life. Through these exercises, we have an opportunity to generate ways to become more intentional and inclusive in our practice. This workshop is offered by Building the World We Dream About (BTWWDA). Everyone is Welcome!

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Are You a Highly Sensitive Person?

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Stage Right Room

Have you ever been told “You’re too sensitive”? Do you wonder why you sometimes get overwhelmed by everything going on around you? Do you “sense” other people’s feelings before they express them? Then you might be one of the 20% of the population that is wired as a Highly Sensitive Person. Join our facilitator, Michael Parise, Life & Spirit Coach, and explore this wonderful and challenging gift with like-minded people. Receive the support you deserve! We will be meeting on the last Sunday of every month for 45 minutes.

Arlington Street Humanists

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Clarke Room

Please come to today’s discussion of an eventful trip made by a couple of our members to the local Ethical Society and the Sunday Assembly groups. How do these groups compare with our own Humanist corner of Unitarian Universalism, how are they different from each other, and what might we be able to learn from them?

On deck: Getting ready for the National Day of Reason on May 1st. All are welcome!

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, April 30th ~ 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 donation that goes to the church. First class is free!

SAVE THE DATE

Covenant Renewal Sunday

Sunday, May 4th ~ 11:00 am, Sanctuary

Sunday, May 4th is a very special worship service! During Covenant Renewal, members and friends pledge their financial support for the coming church year, which provides almost half of the annual income for our spiritual community and our work in the world. Thank you for your part in renewing our spiritual home and community!

New Member Class

Sunday, May 4th, Meet ASC ~ 12:30 PM, Clarke Room

Wednesday, May 7th, Spiritual Journeys ~ 6:00 PM, Perkins Room

All interested newcomers are warmly invited to our next two-session new member class. In our first session, we learn a little of Arlington Street’s history, polity, and practices; and meet some of our illustrious leadership and staff. Rev. Kim joins us for the second session, where we share stories about our spiritual journeys and ask our burning questions. This class is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your relationship and knowledge of Arlington Street, and to discern whether you are ready to join. Please sign up at the Welcome Table in the parish hall after the service. All are welcome!

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

This Week

Sunday, April 27, 2014

9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM	Workshop on Unearned Privilege ~ Hunnewell Chapel
1:00 PM	Highly Sensitive People Support Group ~ Stage Right Room
1:00 PM	Arlington Street Humanists ~ Clarke Room

Monday, April 28, 2014

*10:30 am	Connections Group ~ Perkins Room
6:30 PM	Membership Team Meeting ~ Perkins Room
*6:30 PM	Multiculturalism/Anti-Racism Class ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Tuesday, April 29, 2014

No Congregational Events

Wednesday, April 30, 2014

*12:00 PM	Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, May 1, 2014

7:00 PM	Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room
*8:00 PM	Connections Group ~ Perkins Room

Friday, May 2, 2014

5:00 PM	Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall
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Saturday, May 3, 2014

No Congregational Events

Sunday, May 4, 2014

9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Children’s Religious Education ~ Perkins, Parish, Carol Smith
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM	New Member Class: Meet ASC ~ Clarke Room
12:30 PM	Higher & Friendly Power ~ 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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Spiritual Passions

Higher & Friendly Power: William James and Addiction

Sunday, May 4th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Please attend this *Spiritual Passion* led by Peg O’Connor, professor of philosophy at Gustavus Adolphus College and the author of the *Psychology Today* blog, “Philosophy Stirred, Not Shaken: Philosophy and Addiction.” Peg has written several pieces for *The New York Times* on addiction and is a recovering alcoholic.

The philosopher/psychologist William James and his great work, *The Varieties of Religious Experience* (1902), had a profound influence on the founding of Alcoholics Anonymous. This talk introduces James’s concepts of “surrender,” “conversion,” “habitual centers of personal energy,” “misery thresholds,” “world sickness,” “higher and friendly power,” “healthy-mindedness,” and “practical fruits of the spiritual tree.” In a time of increasing addiction rates, William James is a most welcome companion and guide to anyone struggling with addiction or living a life of recovery.

The Wednesdays Literary Salon with Professor Alan Helms ~ Alice Munro

Wednesdays, May 14th, 21st, 28th ~ 6:00-8:00 PM, Frothingham Library

For my money, Alice Munro is the best living writer in English. She just won the Nobel Prize in Literature, the first time in its hundred years plus history that the prize has been given to a short story writer. Her style is graceful, deft, and clear; her psychological acuity brilliant; her story-telling prowess unequalled; and her humanity profound. To read an Alice Munro story is to enter a world that is strange yet familiar, and then to leave it deeply moved, sometimes shaken, always enlightened with a larger sense of life. Please join Rev. Kim and me for three glorious encounters with this transcendent writer.

Our text is Munro’s first collection of short stories: *Dance of the Happy Shades*. You’ll find over 20 copies on Amazon for \$12-16, and most public libraries will have it.

Readings:

- May 14th: “Walker Brothers Cowboy,” “The Shining Houses,” “Images”
- May 21st: “The Time of Death,” “Day of the Butterfly,” “Boys and Girls”
- May 28th: “Red Dress–1946,” “Sunday Afternoon,” “Dance of the Happy Shades”

Catie Scudera’s Ordination!

Sunday, May 18th ~ 5:00 PM, (4:30 clergy robing), Sanctuary

The congregation at Arlington Street Church, along with the Winchester Unitarian Society, will be ordaining our intern, Catie Scudera, into the Unitarian Universalist ministry! All Arlington Street members and friends are invited to participate in this celebration of our family of faith. A reception of heavy appetizers and desserts will follow in the parish hall.

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