# ágora events

Ágora is the Latinx cultural center nested here at Arlington Street. Elsa and Beba are featuring a host of celebrated artists and warmly welcome us to join in these jeventos fantasticos!

Unless otherwise noted, all Ágora events will be held in CROMA, the parish hall, with tickets available at agora.eventbrite.com.

# Fair Saturday Celebration with Celebrity Series and Fabiola Méndez

Saturday, November 30th ~ 7:00 PM

Fabiola makes her Celebrity Series debut in this Puerto Rican folk and jazz concert. Fabiola has collaborated with artists such as Puerto Rican Symphony Orchestra, Eddie Palmieri, Victoria Sanabria, and El Gran Combo de Puerto Rico, among many others. She has also had the privilege of receiving acknowledgments such as the Quincy Jones Award, ambassador at the National Puerto Rican Day Parade in New York City, and a commendation from the Puerto Rican House of Representatives. Visit celebrityseries.org/live-performances/neighborhood-arts/fabiolamendez-trio-at-arlington-church/

## Vamos4PR: Cómo colaborar con el futuro de Puerto Rico

Tuesday, December  $10^{th} \sim 6:30 - 8:30$  PM

Alianza por Puerto Rico y Ágora Cultural Architects organizan este conversatorio sobre las situaciones de Puerto Rico y cómo se conecta su diáspora. Javier S. Cuebas, Shirley Aldebol y Mayrim Ramos-Salinas discutirán cómo los grupos y organizaciones sociales puertorriqueñas trabajan en la crisis. ¿Hay país? ¿Qué hacemos? ¿Qué están haciendo los puertorriqueños en otros estados? La audiencia está invitada a participar de la conversación con los panelistas. Event is in Spanish. facebook.com/events/552639398635264/

## East of the Sun, West of the Moon

Friday, December 13th ~ 7:30 PM

Join us for a special evening of music from the Ottoman Empire and Europe in the 17th Century. Works from both traditions will be performed collectively on eastern and western instruments to bring out the delicate interconnections these two musical traditions carry. The performance will begin with a pre-concert talk on the musical traditions and will be followed by a reception where the performers will meet the audience.

eventbrite.com/e/east-of-the-sun-west-of-the-moon-tickets-80208256053

# Navidad Latina: Holiday Fundraiser

Saturday, December 14th ~ 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Show your support for two local charity organizations and ring in the Holiday Season with Unitas and NEACOL. This year, we have partnered with NEACOL in support of the wonderful charity work they have done for children and families in need. Buy your tickets today, and support two organizations at the same time!

Your ticket includes: special performance by award-winning Unitas musicians, light hor d'oeuvres, one free drink at our cash bar, exclusive front-row reserved seating after the fundraiser for our Navidad Latina Concert, wine raffle tickets available (All proceeds directly support NEACOL), and silent auction. Two children under 18 per ticket may enter at no charge.

# **Navidad Latina Free Concert**

Saturday, December 14th ~ 7:30 PM

Celebrate the holiday season with Unitas Ensemble, featuring traditional Vilancicos from across Latin America alongside traditional holiday favorites, sung in both English and Spanish! The evening will feature our 23-piece chamber orchestra and guest vocalist/MC Christian Figueroa. New this year, we are presenting this concert FREE and open to all! Reservations are required. Generously sponsored by the Boston Cultural Council, the Colombian Consulate in Boston, and the Musician's Performance Trust Fund. facebook.com/events/619507291915520/



#### 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, Congregational Administrator 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.

# 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.

#### 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.

#### FINDING EVENTS AT ARLINGTON STREET

Main level: Hunnewell Chapel is through the leather door to the right of the pulpit; Nursery is off the hallway outside the chapel; Frothingham **Library** is past the stairs and next to the Boylston Street entrance.

Upstairs: Clarke Room is up the stairs outside the nursery.

Downstairs: Parish Hall is the main room; Carol Smith Room is to the right of the stage; Alan Helms Library is to the left of the stage: Perkins **Room** (Family Ministry) is just past the kitchen; **Program Room** is at the back of the Perkins Room.

# SECURITY NOTE

Remember to be mindful of your belongings! Today and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.

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# NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2019

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.



# Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Today and December 15th ~ 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.



# Convo + Cocoa with Kim

Today ~ 12:30 PM, Perkins Room

The Family Ministry program continues its series of Sunday afternoon talks with Rev. Kim. Children, youth, families, and friends are invited to join us for conversation, community, and cocoa!



# Bringing in the Greens: Let's Deck the Hall!

Today ~ 12:45 - 2:30 PM, Sanctuary

Thanks to Robert Holley, we have exquisite decorations; let's bring in the greens (an old New England tradition) and deck the hall! After lunch, please come on up to the sanctuary and lend a hand to transform our beautiful spiritual home. We can use many hands to complete the task and have some fun in the process! All are welcome! Questions? Please see Kevin Tyrrell or contact him through the church office at office@ASCBoston.org. Thank you! continued on next page...

# 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!



# The Wednesdays: Mary Oliver ~ Autumn Poems

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 − 8:00 PM, The Vendome

160 Commonwealth Ave. (tell the doorman you're there to see Professor Helms) All are welcome to join Prof. Alan and Rev. Kim as we complete our seasonal cycle of Mary Oliver poems with some of our autumn favorites. Poem packets will be available today. For now, the close of In Blackwater Woods:

To live in this world you must be able to do three things: to love what is mortal; to hold it against your bones knowing your own life depends on it; and, when the time comes to let it go, to let it go.



# **Inside Out Concert:** Sharan Leventhal Performs Bach's Chaconne on Violin

Sunday, December 8th ~ 4:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

The award-winning Inside Out concert series returns to Arlington Street Church. The Inside Out approach helps concertgoers access their memories and activate their imaginations so that they can have more moving, meaningful, and personal experiences with classical music. To learn more about Inside Out Concerts, read "Classical Music Brought to Life in Intimate Experience of Epstein's Inside Out Concert," by Johnathan D. Kindall, The Daily Free Press at eliepstein.com/press.html.

### **SAVE THE DATE**



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

Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library

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 (Book Group): We will begin our discussion of Sharon Salzberg's Faith: Trusting Your Own Deepest Experience. Please read through Chapter 2, Falling in Love. All are welcome!

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.

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

# This Week

### Mitten Tree Sunday, December 1, 2019

\*9:30 ам Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary Sunday Worship ~ Sanctuary 11:00 ам 12:00 рм Lunch with Family Ministry ~ Perkins Room 12:30 рм Arlington Street Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith Room 12:30 рм Convo + Cocoa with Rev. Kim ~ Perkins Room Deck the Hall! ~ Sanctuary 12:45 рм

### Monday, December 2, 2019

No congregational events are scheduled

#### Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Worship Committee ~ Clarke Room

#### Wednesday, December 4, 2019

Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel

The Wednesdays ~ The Vendome, 160 Commonwealth Avenue

Family Ministry ~ Clarke Room

### Thursday, December 5, 2019

Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

### Friday, December 6, 2019

5:00 рм Friday Night Supper Program ~ Parish Hall

#### Saturday, December 7, 2019

No congregational events are scheduled

#### Sunday, December 8, 2019

\*9:30 ам Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary Sunday Worship ~ Sanctuary 11:00 ам

Lunch with Family Ministry ~ Perkins Room

OWL ~ Clarke Room

Inside Out Concert ~ Hunnewell Chapel

For additional listings, please visit www.ASCBoston.org



# **Ushers Needed for Christmas Eve**

Tuesday, December 24th ~ 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 PM, Sanctuary Christmas Eve is special at Arlington Street, with three candlelit services: 5 pm (a family-oriented service, with music provided our choir) and again at 7 and 9 pm (with music provided by the Boston Gay Men's Chorus). We need ushers to help with all three services. You can volunteer by signing up at the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall after today's service; or by emailing Philip Roberts or Kevin Tyrrell at ushers@ ascboston.org. Please be sure to let us know which service or services you are volunteering to usher and provide an email address and phone number where we can reach you. Thank you!



# **Intersectional Book Discussion**

Monday, Janaury 13th ~ 5:30 PM, Frothingham Library

Join Rev. Kim for the fourteenth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. For this gathering, we'll be reading Tara Westover's *Educated*. All are welcome!

# **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.

# Join the 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. If you have suggestions, questions, comments, or concerns for the Team, please email transformation@ascboston.org, attend our open meetings on the third Tuesday of every month from 7 - 8:30 pm, or speak with a team member (Jonah Beukman, Chris Cobb, Sarah Cooleybeck, Rita Falzarano, Margy Herley, Laura Pattison, Barbara Seidl, and Julia Simon). Membership on the Team requires a one year commitment and anti-racism/anti oppression/multicultural training.

# Join the Social Action Committee

Join our team and get support on the social action topic you are passionate about: voting rights, climate change, economic inequality, gun violence, Citizens United, homelessness, and more. We meet on the second Sunday of each month at 9:30 am. For more information, please contact Margy Herley at SocialAction@ASCBoston.org.

"The service begins when the service ends."

<sup>\*</sup> Denotes closed meetings. This calendar is accurate as of noon the Tuesday before publication and only includes events directly related to the congregation.