



Arlington Street Fun and Friends!

Sunday, December 17th ~ Flour Bakery (131 Clarendon Street) ~ After the Carol Sing (2:00 PM)

Do you want to meet more people and make friends at ASC? So do we! We're in the process of planning a monthly social outing. We will get together for dinner, theater, bowling, walks, movies, and anything else that gives us a chance to get to know each other and have fun!

Join us at Flour after the Carol Sing (around 2:00) to share ideas and start planning! Questions or ideas? Please contact Gaby Whitehouse or Sharon Gentges at office@ASCBoston.org, or speak with Rev. Kim. Here's to Fun and Friends!



Annual Bethel Holiday Party

Sunday, December 17th ~ 2:30 PM, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, Dorchester

Each year, Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church provides an awesome holiday party for neighborhood parents and kids. We are invited to participate and help with whatever is needed (blow up balloons, paint faces, serve food, hand out gifts, etc.). Sign up to participate at the Social Action table in the Parish Hall.



Christmas Eve!

Saturday, December 24th ~ Services 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 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 and 9:00, the Boston Gay Men's Chorus stands in for the Heavenly Host! Candle lighting is a highlight of all three services. Please come and bring your loved ones to share in this magical evening!



Oh Come, All Ye Ushers!

Sunday, December 24th ~ Services at 5:00 PM, 7:00 PM, and 9:00 PM

Christmas Eve is special at Arlington Street, and ushers are needed 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 contacting the church office (office@ascboston.org; 617-536-7050). 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 Group

Monday, January 8th ~ 5:30 - 7:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Join Rev. Kim for the fourth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. For this gathering, we'll be reading Lindy West's *Shrill: Notes from a Loud Woman*, a series of essays dealing with issues of body image, popular culture, feminism, and social justice. All are welcome!



COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM December 2017 through June 2018

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/We commit an **TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE** of \$ _____ to support the work of Arlington Street Church for 2017-2018.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Pledge contributions may be made by cash, check, or credit card.

Mastercard Visa

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: mm _____ yy _____

Please charge my credit card in either:

One payment for my entire pledge.

Equal monthly installments on the 12th 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 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.

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 10TH, 2017

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.



General Assembly Delegate Question and Answer Session

Today ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

The Nominating Committee invites you to a question and answer session on what happens at the UUA General Assembly meetings and what being an official delegate of the church involves. If you are interested, we'd love you see you!



Share Your Vision for Family Ministry at Arlington Street!

Today ~ 1:00 - 2:00 PM, Pekins Room

Please join Rev. Kim, Beth, and members of the search committee for a visioning session to share our hopes and dreams for family ministry here at Arlington Street.



Chanukah Concert—A Light Through the Ages

Today ~ 4:00 PM, Central Reform Temple, 15 Newbury St.

Come celebrate the meaning of Chanukah in story and song, with a dramatic candle lighting ceremony! This holiday offering is a unique opportunity for the greater Boston community to experience the inspiration and broader significance of Chanukah, the eight day Festival of lights. The Zamir Chorale of Boston will perform traditional and contemporary holiday classics. *Free!*

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THIS WEEK



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

Tuesday, December 12th ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

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*: We'll begin our discussion of *All the Rage: Buddhist Wisdom on Anger and Acceptance* (Andrea Miller, editor). Please read through page 32, "Five Habits of Mind."

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.

Please note that this is the final gathering of Buddha's Belly and The Zen Center in 2017. We'll be together again on Tuesday, January 9, 2018.



Arlington Street's Literary Salon, The Wednesdays: Shakespeare's All's Well That Ends Well

Wednesday, December 13th ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim welcome you to the final session of the fifth installment of the Wednesdays Shakespearathon! Reading all 38 of Shakespeare's plays is admittedly a huge ambition, but Shakespeare is, by universal consent, not only the greatest writer in the English language, but one of the immortals of world literature. We'll need patience with archaic language while attending to a plethora of footnotes (there's no doing without them unless you live in a world where you cut your meat with a bodkin and your children say their orizons at bedtime). In other words, these Shakespeare courses are not for the faint of heart. But since it's generally true that "as ye sow, so shall ye reap," the rewards will be enormous. For many of us, this will be one of the great experiences of our lives! All are welcome!



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!



Vigil to End Gun Violence

Thursday, December 14th ~ 6:15 PM, First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough Street

Join in this service of remembrance of the 500,000 victims of gun violence in the United States – those who have died and those who survived – since the December 2012 Sandy Hook shootings. This vigil will spotlight this tragic toll, and the determination to move forward. There will be reflections by Bishop Alan Gates, author Greg Gibson, State Senator Sonia Chang-Diez, and Rev. Stephen Kendrick. *Sponsored by the Massachusetts Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, and part of a nationwide tribute in partnership with the Newtown Foundation, Faiths United to Prevent Gun Violence, Everytown Survivors Network, and B-Peace for Jorge.*

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

This Week

Mitten Tree Sunday, December 10, 2017

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| *9:30 AM | Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary |
| 9:30 AM | Social Action Committee ~ Carol Smith Room |
| 11:00 AM | Intergenerational Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary |
| 12:00 PM | Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall |
| 1:00 PM | Nominating Committee ~ Hunnewell Chapel |
| 1:00 PM | CRE Visioning Meeting ~ Perkins Room |

Monday, December 11, 2017

No congregational events are scheduled.

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

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

Wednesday, December 13, 2017

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| 6:00 PM | Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel |
| 6:00 PM | The Wednesday's ~ Frothingham Library |
| *7:00 PM | Internship Committee ~ Carol Smith Room |

Thursday, December 14, 2017

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| 7:00 PM | Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room |
| 6:30 PM | Finance Committee ~ Carol Smith Room |

Friday, December 15, 2017

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| 5:00 PM | Friday Night Supper Program (FNSP) ~ Parish Hall |
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Saturday, December 16, 2017

No congregational events are scheduled.

Sunday, December 17, 2017

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| *9:30 AM | Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary |
| 9:30 AM | Social Action Committee ~ Carol Smith Room |
| 11:00 AM | Intergenerational Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary |
| 12:00 PM | Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall |
| 12:30 PM | ASC Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith Room |
| 12:30 PM | Uncomfortable Conversations ~ Program Room |
| 12:30 PM | Christmas Music on Piano ~ Hunnewell Chapel |
| 1:00 PM | 11th Annual Carol Sing ~ Hunnewell Chapel |

Please note that the church will be closed for all regular activities between Christmas Day and December 30, 2017.

* 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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ANNOUNCEMENTS



Big Thanks to Tiffany Visitors Center Volunteers!

At the end of October, our Tiffany Visitors Center wrapped up a second successful season. We welcomed thousands of visitors from around the world and raised over \$20,000 for the preservation of our historic building and magnificent Tiffany windows. None of this would have been possible without the service of our incredible team of volunteers. Big thanks to all who served as weekly greeters, including Joe Alen, Alma Antoniotti, Bill Briggs, George O'Keefe, Keith Perron, Mickey Randazza, and Gaby Whitehouse.

Thanks too to the many members of our community who supported the regular team of greeters and were wonderful at filling in as needed, including Ivan Bath, Judy Chambliss, Linda Evans, Rita Falzarano, Margy Herley, Helen Kobek, Stacey Sacks, Connie Scanlon, and Lili Wang.

Finally, special thanks to Queen Cheryl for her tireless work in cleaning the windows to sparkling perfection; Rodger Clinton Vine for his masterful coordination of the Visitors Center; and to Polly Latham for her visionary leadership in creating this program as part of the Arlington Street Foundation.



Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Sunday, December 17th ~ 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.



Uncomfortable Conversations about Race

Sunday, December 17th ~ 12:30 PM, Program Room (inside Perkins Room)

The Transformation Team for Racial Justice offers this time and space for facilitated discussion and continuing conversation about developing anti-racist worldview. We hold these conversations periodically at Arlington Street Church. All are welcome and no RSVP is needed. For more information, email transformation@ascboston.org.



Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Sunday, December 17th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street's Artist in Residence, Rodger Clinton Vine, presents a brief program of Christmas music for the piano, followed immediately by our annual Carol Sing!



11th Annual Carol Sing!

Sunday, December 17th ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our tenth 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!