

New Member Class

Monday, January 10th ~ 6:00 PM, Perkins Room

All interested newcomers are warmly invited to our next new member class, which meets on two Monday evenings. The date for the second meeting is still to be determined. Please sign up at the Welcome Table downstairs in the Parish Hall after the service. All are welcome!

ESL for Adults

Tuesday and Thursday, January 11th & 13th ~ 9:30 AM, Perkins Room

Learn English! Improve your English! This class meets twice a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 AM. In every class students will practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Topics include general conversation, cooking, and holiday events, as well as grammar and pronunciation. Students are welcome to suggest their own ideas for topics.

Helen Bhardwaj, the instructor, has taught ESL in the U.S. as well as in China and Thailand.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Ushers

Calling all people interested in ushering at any of the three Christmas Eve services here at Arlington Street Church! Please speak to one of the Lead Ushers: Ellen Spencer, Dan Moon, Phillip Roberts, David Erbe, Peter Lowber, or Rob Cuddi. You may also sign up at the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall during coffee hour.

Information on Tiffany Window Watercolors

Please see www.cwebdev.com/Watercolors/index.htm to learn about the Tiffany Windows watercolors and the proposal Holly Hendricks made at the June Corporation meeting about placing the watercolors at the Andover Harvard Divinity School library for preservation and research.

COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM 2010 thru. 2011

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/We Commit an Annual Total Of \$ _____ to Support the Work of the Arlington Street Church for 2010-2011.

My/Our Pledge for the Year Will Be Paid:

Weekly Monthly Quarterly

Semi-annually One payment Or As Follows: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Contributions may be made via cash, check, or credit card. If you are paying your pledge with cash via the Sunday collection, be sure to clearly mark the envelope with your name(s) and indicate "**Pledge Payment**". Checks should be made payable to Arlington Street Church and also please include "2011 pledge payment" on memo line. If you wish to use a credit card, please complete the information below:

Mastercard Visa Zip Code: _____

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____

One Time Charge Monthly Contribution

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, DECEMBER 12TH, 2010

MITTEN TREE SUNDAY

TODAY

Coffee Hour

Parish Hall, immediately following the worship service

Let's all gather downstairs for coffee, comestibles, and community! If you're visiting Arlington Street Church, or would like information about Unitarian Universalism, please visit the Welcome Table.

Our kitchen team is friendly and has a wonderful time! Join the fun and serve! To officially join the team, please contact Jon Ellertson or Sharon Pressly-Fiero at office@ASCBoston.org.

Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Sunday, December 12th ~ 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!

4th Annual Carol Sing!

Sunday, December 12th ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our fourth 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!

A Holiday Gift for Friday Night Supper Program

Help Arlington Street Church give a generous gift to Friday Night Supper this holiday season. A donor is offering to match our gifts up to \$1,000! During today's service, please place your donations in the gift box below the Mitten Tree. This matching gift fundraiser will run throughout the month of December. Checks can be made to "Friday Night Supper" with "matching gift" in the memo line. For more information about the FNSP please visit their website at <http://www.fridaynightsupper.org/>

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Second Sunday Circle Celebration

Sunday, December 12th ~ 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 pot-luck, and then join us for worship.

THIS WEEK

Gay Men's Spirituality Group

Monday, December 13th ~ 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

All gay men are welcome to join us for this monthly meeting.

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

Tuesday, December 14th ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Buddha's Belly meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesday throughout the church year. We are currently discussing Chogyam Trungpa's *Smile at Fear*; through chapter 12. Buddha's Belly is followed by a gathering of the Arlington Street Zen Center at 7:00 PM, with seated and walking meditations, a dharma talk, and conversation. All are welcome!

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, December 15th ~ 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 will be a \$10 charge that will go to the church.

UU Affairs Committee Meeting

Wednesday, December 15th ~ 7:00 PM, Perkins Room

The UU Affairs Committee is our link to other UU Communities outside our congregation. Topics this month will include collaborating on the GA topic: Immigration as a Moral Issue; further development of ASC policies for safe congregations and sexuality; and partnering with outside groups such as the UU Service Committee and Urban Ministries. Come and join us!

The Wednesdays: Death in Five Wednesdays

December 15th ~ 6:00-8:00 PM, Frothingham Library

You're welcome to join Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim for the final Wednesday of this Arlington Street literary salon series about the world's most perennially fascinating, most mysterious, most frightening to many, most cataclysmic to all, most profoundly important subject in the whole of literature: DEATH. There's not a great writer in world literature who hasn't written about it, and we've read some of the best. We end our exploration on December 15th with Sherwin Nuland's How We Die. *All are welcome!*

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

This Week

Sunday, December 12, 2010

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	Coffee Hour ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM	Christmas Music on Piano with Rodger Vine ~ Chapel
1:00 PM	4th Annual Carol Sing ~ Hunnewell Chapel
5:00 PM	Second Sunday Circle Celebration ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, December 13, 2010

7:00 PM	Gay Men's Spirituality Group ~ Hunnewell Chapel
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Tuesday, December 14, 2010

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

Wednesday, December 15, 2010

*3:30 PM	Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga ~ Chapel
6:00 PM	The Wednesdays Literary Salon ~ Frothingham Library
7:00 PM	UUA Affairs Committee ~ Perkins Room
6:30 PM	Membership Team Meeting ~ Clarke Room

Thursday, December 16, 2010

7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Clarke Room
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Friday, December 17, 2010

5:00 PM	Friday Night Supper Program ~ Parish Hall Kitchen
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Saturday, December 18, 2010

No congregational events

Sunday, December 19, 2010

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	Coffee Hour ~ Parish Hall

NOTE: 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 www.ASCBoston.org.

* Denotes closed meetings

For more information, please visit www.ASCBoston.org



SAVE THE DATE

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 19th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

'Twas the Week Before Christmas! Come join us for some new stories of the season, some old favorites, and lots of carol singing!

Arlington Street Zen Center Winter Solstice Vespers and Waking Up the Trees!

Tuesday, December 21st ~ 8:00 PM, Chapel and Boston Public Garden

Join the Arlington Street Sangha for a Winter Solstice Vespers, with beautiful readings, silent meditation by candlelight, songs, and walking meditation in the Public Garden complete with Wassailing the Trees!

Christmas Eve!

Friday, 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.

'Twas the Morning After Christmas

Come Worship with Rev. Kim!

Sunday, December 26th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Let's send off the old year and welcome the new! Please join Rev. Kim for worship and a welcome back to our many Christmas Eve guests.

Sacred Eros Holiday Party!

Monday, December 27th ~ 7:00 PM, Perkins Room

Come join us at Sacred Eros for informal fun and fellowship. This month's topic is wide open, and we encourage everyone to bring yummy treats to share. Any questions? Contact Desmond Ravenstone via the church office.

Corporation Meeting

Sunday, January 9th ~ 12:30 PM

Mark your calendar for the next Corporation Meeting. The agenda for the meeting will be coming soon.

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