

- Support our annual Holiday Bags campaign during which we distribute warm clothing, toiletries, socks, and holiday candy to our guests.

Secure donations can be made via www.fridaynightsupper.org, where you will also find information about our history, programs, and services. To volunteer or for more information, contact Executive Director Caroline Carwood, 617-536-7050 x22 or info@fridaynightsupper.org.

Just Coffee for the Holidays!

Come to the Social Action table after the service to purchase one pound bags of fresh-roasted Justo Coffee for \$12! Justo Coffee is organic, fair trade, and run by a grower's cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico that owns the roasting process, the distribution, and hence, the profits! Check out: www.justcoffee.org.

Do you 'like' us on facebook?

If you are on facebook, be sure to 'like' our page. You can view photos, post comments, ask questions, or RSVP to upcoming special events and concerts. It's an easy way to help our outreach efforts by showing your facebook friends that you support ASC. Simply go to www.facebook.com/ArlingtonStreetChurch, or go to our home page for a convenient link (www.ascboston.org).

Love of Singing

Thursdays ~ 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Clarke Room

Do you love to sing? Would you consider sharing your voice as a gift of service to this community? Do you want to take just a couple of hours out of your week to create something beautiful? The Arlington Street Church Choir awaits you!

We rehearse on Thursdays in the Clarke Room on the second floor of the church. Musicians and non-musicians are welcome! If you have any questions, please always feel free to contact our Director of Music, Mark David Buckles, who is available at the front of the sanctuary following the service or via email at MBuckles@ASCBoston.org.

Church Office ~ Christmas Week

The church office will be closed Monday, December 26th through Friday, December 30th. Please note, the phones will be staffed for pastoral emergencies.

COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

July 2011 through June 2012

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

For the church year, July 2011 - June 2012, I/We commit a TOTAL of \$ _____ to support the work of Arlington Street Church.

I/We will make payments on our pledge during the church year, and I/We will complete the pledge by June 30, 2012:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

If you are paying 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 with "2012 pledge payment" written on the check memo line.

If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete the information below:

Accepted: Mastercard Visa

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Zip Code: _____

One Time Charge Equal Monthly Contributions

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 18TH, 2011

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.

Sewful Sunday - Spiritual Passions for all ages!

Today, December 18th ~ 12:30 PM, Perkins Room

Come with your sewing, quilting, knitting projects and more! We will share our time together making quilts for the homeless (beloved quilts), and working on our own creative projects that soothe our souls. Please bring your own supplies. Contact LES@ASCBoston.org.

International Migrants Day

Today, December 18th ~ 4:00 PM, Parish Hall

Boston New Sanctuary Movement, Centro Presente, Occupy Boston Immigrant Rights Working Group, and many other organizations unite for local and global immigrant rights. Listen to some stories from our immigrant friends, and help us plan the next steps!

THIS WEEK

Sacred Eros

Monday, December 19th ~ 7:00 PM, Perkins Room

Sacred Eros addresses the intersection of spirituality and sexuality. This month, we welcome Mycroft Masada Holmes, chair of the Interfaith Coalition for Transgender Equality. He will lead our discussion on transgender issues, including the recent civil rights bill passed on Beacon Hill. Join us, and please bring some snacks and beverages!

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Boston Gay Men's Chorus presents, *This Shining Night*

Monday, December 19th ~ 8:00 PM, NE Conservatory's Jordan Hall

The Chorus celebrates the tradition, magic, and fun of holiday nights, including "Jingle Bells", "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas," music representing the Hebrew and African traditions, plus three ancient British carols adapted by rock icon Sting!

Announcing a 10% discount for Arlington Street members and friends for the December 19th performance, only available online at www.bgmc.org with coupon code ASC10 at checkout. If you have any questions or need a little more help to buy a ticket, please speak with Rev. Kim! All are welcome!

English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Monday, Dec. 19th & Wednesday Dec. 21st ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room

Learn or improve your English! The class meets twice a week on Mondays and Wednesdays. 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.

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

Tuesday, December 20th ~ 8:00 PM, Chapel and Boston Public Garden

Join Rev. Kim, Rebecca Froom, Laura Evonne Steinman, and the Arlington Street Zen Center 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!

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, December 21st ~ 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. The \$10 fee is a donation to the church. Victoria Goodhart will teach the class, while Jean Ko Stewart is recovering from a hip replacement.

Talking Your Walk Group

Wednesday, December 21st ~ 6:00 PM, Smith Room

"Talking Your Walk" group meets every 3rd Wednesday. This is a non-clinical support group in solidarity with those who are dealing with the challenge of depression. Our own John Sacco, LICSW, is the facilitator. Please see Rev. Kim or John with questions, or to let us know that you will be joining the group.

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

This Week

Sunday, December 18, 2011

9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship--Lessons & Carols ~ Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour & Special Treat: Latkes! ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM	Sewful Sunday ~ Perkins Room
1:00 PM	Dan Cheever Memorial Service ~ Sanctuary
2:00 PM	Dan Cheever Memorial Reception ~ Hunnewell Chapel
4:00 PM	International Migrants Day ~ Parish Hall

Monday, December 19, 2011

10:00 AM	Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
7:00 PM	Sacred Eros ~ Perkins Room

Tuesday, December 20, 2011

6:00 PM	Prudential Committee~ Perkins Room
8:00 PM	Zen Center Winter Solstice Vespers ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

10:00 AM	Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
*3:30 PM	Staff Meeting ~ off site
6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
6:00 PM	Talking Our Walk ~ Smith Room

Thursday, December 22, 2011

7:00 PM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Clarke Room
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Friday, December 23, 2011

5:00 PM	Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall Kitchen
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Saturday, December 24, 2011

5:00 PM	Christmas Eve Family & Children Service ~ Sanctuary
7:00 PM	Christmas Eve Community Service ~ Sanctuary
9:00 PM	Christmas Eve Community Service ~ Sanctuary

Sunday, December 25, 2011

9:30 AM	Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour ~ Parish Hall

NOTE: * 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 www.ASCBoston.org.



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SAVE THE DATE

Christmas Eve!

Saturday, 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!

Arlington Street Church Corporation Meeting

Sunday, January 8th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

The full meeting agenda will be published next week.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Unitarian Universalist History Book - A great gift!

For those who attended Holly Hendricks' recent history talk (and others interested in Unitarian Universalist history), Holly highly recommends John Buehrens' entertaining and readable new book, *Universalists and Unitarians in America: A People's History*, Skinner Press, 2011. Holly indexed the book and served as John's research assistant. The book is available at the UUA bookstore (25 Beacon Street), and through Amazon and other venues, or online at <http://www.uuabookstore.org/productdetails.cfm?PC=1420>.

Social Action Heroes

Unitarian Universalists Who Are Changing the World, by Michelle Deakin, has been published just in time to give as gifts or as a way to treat yourself. As you read about the courageous and caring men and women profiled in this book, your spirits will be lifted. It is no surprise that Arlington Street Church folks are included; Reverend Kim and Susie Nacco are highlighted in the book's first chapter about work in New Orleans after Katrina, and a whole chapter is devoted to George Leger and Only A Child. The book(s) can be purchased after church at the Social Action table for \$12.00.

Friday Night Supper Program, Inc.

Help your homeless and hungry neighbors!

The Friday Night Supper Program has been serving hot, nutritious, meals to over 150 homeless and low-income people every Friday evening since 1984.

There are many ways in which you can support the program:

- Tax deductible cash donations
- A donation of clothing and toiletries. Our clothing closet is in great need of men's pants (sizes 36-40).

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