

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/accomplishments of our lives!

Shakespeare I: January 21: Henry VI, Part One; January 28: Henry VI, Part Two; February 11: Henry VI, Part Three; February 18: Richard III

Save the Date for Indulge 2015!

Saturday, March 28th ~ 6:30 PM, Arlington Street Church

Be there when Las Vegas comes to Arlington Street! It's our 6th annual fundraising gala to benefit our spiritual community. Guests will be treated to a stellar evening of live music, wonderful food, and silent and live auctions. We'd love you to be there, so save the date!

Announcements

A Study Group Based on UU Principles: Palestine and Israel

February 2015

Perhaps no other issue challenges our UU principles—to support human rights and social justice—than the Israeli Palestinian question. In a talk given during General Assembly last June, Rabbi Brian Walt said: "At its root it is a struggle insuring that everyone gets equal rights." For those of you who are interested, a study group based on the UUJME (UUs for Justice in the Middle East) curriculum on Justice in Israel-Palestine will start in February 2015. This curriculum will connect questions raised by this conflict with each UU principle. We will meet six times, and we will determine the best time for us to meet. If you want to be part of the group, please contact socialaction@ASCBoston.org

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. Our first rehearsal of the new year is Thursday, January 8th. If you have any questions, please always feel free to contact our Director of Music, Mark David Buckles at MBuckles@ASCBoston.org.

Children's Religious Education Wants You!

Would you enjoy assisting behind the scenes, sharing a story or your spiritual practice, going on a field trip, leading a sex ed class, holding babies, building with legos, or digging in the dirt! If the answer is yes, please contact Laura or Erica for more information at CRE@ASCBoston.org.

COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

July 2014 through June 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/We commit an **TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE** of \$ _____
to support the work of Arlington Street Church for 2014-2015.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

- If you are paying with cash via the Sunday collection, please mark the envelope with your name(s) and "2015 Pledge Payment".
- Checks should be made payable to Arlington Street Church with "2015 Pledge Payment" written on the check memo line.
- If you wish to pay by credit card, please complete the following:

Accepted: Mastercard Visa

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: mm _____ yy _____ Zip Code: _____

Please charge my credit card in either:

- One payment for my entire pledge on July 10, 2014
- Equal monthly installments on the **10th of each month**
- I'm adding a pledge of SERVICE! Here's how I'd like to serve:***

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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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28TH, 2014

TODAY

Happy New Year from the Staff!

Most of the staff is taking a long winter's nap after the big holiday season at Arlington Street. We will be back and excited to be with you in the New Year! Enjoy this morning's wonderful service with Vera, Chris, Yevgenia, and Daniel! Happy New Year!

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, please stop by the kitchen today, or contact Jon Ellertson.

Rev. Vera O'Brien preaches "A Year to Live"

Today ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

We are thrilled to welcome to our high pulpit Rev. Vera, our Affiliated Community Minister, who was ordained here at Arlington Street eight years ago. As a Staff Chaplain at Brigham and Women's Hospital, Rev. Vera's ministry extends our work and faith into our local community. Rev. Vera works with the Palliative Care, Hospice, and Oncology Teams and co-leads the Pastoral Visitor program, a group of volunteers who meet regularly for ongoing training while serving patients as volunteer chaplains. In addition to preaching today, on February 8th, as part of our Sunday afternoon Spiritual Passions series, she will be hosting a Death Cafe—an opportunity to speak about death and dying in a casual, comfortable setting.

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THIS WEEK

First Night at Arlington Street

Wednesday, December 31st ~ 10:00 PM, Sanctuary

The American Guild of Organists' First Night concert will take place again this year at Arlington Street Church! Three outstanding organists will each perform 20-minute segments of an hour-long program at 10:00 p.m. on New Year's Eve. The three featured artists are our own Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan, Bryan Ashley (Organist at the Christian Science "Mother Church"), and Heinrich Christensen (Organist at King's Chapel). Admission is granted with the purchase of a First Night Button for only \$10, which is good for admittance to all First Night events in Boston on December 31. Rodger Clinton Vine has been coordinating these annual A.G.O. concerts for the past 32 years!

Kundalini Yoga Class

Friday, January 2nd (because of the Wednesday holiday) ~ 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!

SAVE THE DATE

Spiritual Passion: People of Faith United for Racial Justice

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

Thousands of people across the country have responded to recent police killings of unarmed black men and boys. Arlington Street's Social Action Committee, Children's Religious Education (CRE), and the the Transformation Team for Racial Justice invite you to discuss how, as people of faith, we can actively engage in the struggle for racial justice in the Boston area. Child care will be provided.

Arlington Street Church Corporation Meeting

Sunday, January 11th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel *Vote required

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Building and Grounds Update Susie Nacco and B & G Team
Non-Discrimination/Inclusion: Comment Period
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Congregational Conversations and Planning Planning Team
Q&A on Written Reports:
Treasurer's Report (Susie Nacco)
Prudential Committee (Alex Frost)
Other Business

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

This Week

Sunday, December 28, 2014

*9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins, Parish Hall, Stage R.
12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall

Monday, December 29, 2014

No congregational events are scheduled.

Tuesday, December 30, 2014

No congregational events are scheduled.

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

10:00 PM First Night ~ Sanctuary

Thursday, January 1, 2015

7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, January 2, 2015

5:00 pm Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall
6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga

Saturday, January 3, 2015

No congregational events are scheduled.

Sunday, January 4, 2015

*9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins, Parish Hall, Stage R.
12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM Indulge Planning Meeting ~ Clarke Room
12:30 PM Spiritual Passion: People of Faith United for Racial Justice

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

Tuesday, January 13th ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Buddha's Belly and the Arlington Street Zen Center (feel free to come to one or both) meet every 2nd and 4th Tuesday.

Buddha's Belly meets at 6 PM. Tonight, we begin our discussion of Pema Chödrön's *The Wisdom of No Escape and the Path of Lovingkindness*. Please read chapters 10-12.

Arlington Street Zen Center meets at 7 PM and includes seated and walking meditations, a dharma talk, and conversation. Beginners and experienced meditators from all traditions are welcome!

Ebola Crisis Response: Arlington Street Teams Up with Stop Hunger Now!

Sunday, January 18th ~ 1:00 PM, Parish Hall

Once again, we're teaming up for a Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event as part of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service. Last year, we raised \$2,500 for Stop Hunger Now. We created an all-ages assembly line, and, in one afternoon, packaged an astonishing 10,000 meals! Those meals and others, totaling 285,120, were shipped to Cambodia, where they were distributed by a partner organization to orphans and widows in 24 provinces there.

This year, Stop Hunger Now has mounted an Ebola crisis response, and are shipping meals to West Africa. The first shipment arrived in Sierra Leone in September, where markets had been shut down for 3 months and nearly half of the country had come to a standstill. Future meal shipments as well as other critical supplies will go to Liberia and Ghana. For more information, please visit <http://events.stophungernow.org/ArlingtonStreetChurch>. Bring everyone you know! All are welcome! Stop Hunger Now!

Arlington Street's Literary Salon, The Wednesdays, presents The Wednesdays: Shakespeare's Plays

Wednesdays, Jan. 21st and 28th, and Feb. 11th and 18th ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim have come up with a scheme that we hope will excite you as much as it does us! The Wednesdays of January and February will be the first installment of a long series devoted to reading all 38 plays of Shakespeare. (Our plan is to alternate Shakespeare with other writers: Flannery O'Connor, Faulkner, Mary Oliver, et al. So we'll have a Shakespeare course, then another course, then the next Shakespeare course, then another course, etc.) This is a huge ambition and will take years to accomplish, but it's wholly appropriate, since Shakespeare is by universal consent not only the greatest writer in the English language, but one of the immortals of world literature. (His only peers in that lofty realm are Homer, Dante, and Cervantes.) Part of what this means is that, sometimes, we will read plays that are only apprentice-work, i.e., plays that are less than great (there are blessedly few of these), and we will need to practice a good deal of patience with archaic language, attending to a plethora of footnotes, since there's no doing without them (unless you live in a world where you cut your meat with a bodkin and teach your children to say their