

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!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 Friday Night Supper Program:

- Tax deductible cash donations
- A donation of clothing and toiletries
- Supporting our annual Holiday Bags campaign during which we distribute warm clothing, toiletries, socks, and holiday candy to our guests
- Our primary clothing closet needs this winter are men's winter coats, men's pants of all sizes, and men's shoes sized 10 or larger.

Secure donations can be made via www.fridaynightsupper.org.

More information about our history, programs, and services can also be found there.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Executive Director Caroline Carwood, 617-536-7050 x22 or info@fridaynightsupper.org.

Christmas Eve Ushers

Anyone 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 Members Table in the Parish Hall during coffee hour.

'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.

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.

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.

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.

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. 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 5TH, 2010

HAPPY CHANUKAH! ADVENT 2 ~ PEACE

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.

God, Gender, and Justice: Power Begins with the Body

Today, December 5th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Please join Rev. Kim in welcoming Jay Michaelson! Jay is a writer, scholar, and activist whose work addresses the intersections of Judaism, sexuality, spirituality, and law (see jaymichaelson.net). Jay is also engaged to be married to our own Paul Dakin!

Jay says, "Many people dismiss the so-called 'Christian Right' as a bunch of crazy fanatics, especially when it comes to homosexuality. But what if the Right is more right than it knows? What if liberated sexuality does indeed look like 'the end of civilization' for those of a mythic, fundamentalist bent? On this Sunday afternoon, we'll look at Biblical text, anthropology, and some truly wild Christian Right quotes, to see how ancient and contemporary fears of homosexuality are similar (and different), and how they point to the fundamental Western obsession with imposing order on chaos." We're very excited to engage with Jay in a conversational romp through his passions and ours. All are welcome.

Carol Sing at Brighton House

Today, December 5th ~ 1:30 pm, 170 Corey Road, Brighton MA

Want to enjoy the true spirit of Christmas? Join members of our choir and community in a carol sing at Brighton House with our beloved Mary Ann Hardenbergh and other residents. Located next

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to Whole Foods, Brighton House is very close to the Washington Street T stop on the Green Line E train. For more information, contact Sarah Richards via office@ascboston.org. All are welcome!

A Light Through the Ages

Today, December 5th ~ 4:00 pm, Emmanuel Church
15 Newbury Street, Boston

Boston Jewish Spirit presents a cantata, featuring a professional chamber orchestra and choir, that recounts the meaning of Chanukah throughout Jewish history in story and song. Free to the public.

THIS WEEK

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, December 8th ~ 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.

The Wednesdays: Death in Five Wednesdays

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

You're welcome to join Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim for as little or as much as you're able for our next Wednesdays, Arlington Street's literary salon, in which we will explore 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're reading some of the best.

On December 8th, we tackle William Faulkner's As I Lay Dying. Told by 15 narrators in 59 short chapters, the novel is the story of the death of Addie Bundren and her family's shocking journey through Mississippi as it travels with her corpse to her family's cemetery. Please read the Vintage edition (the "corrected text"). We end our journey on December 15th with Sherwin Nuland's How We Die. *Come one, come all; come for one, come for all! All are welcome!*

Soul Sisters

Saturday, December 11th ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room

Soul Sisters is a women's spirituality group that meets on the second Saturday of each month. Our small group format, coupled with topics chosen to facilitate sharing and reflection, provides opportunities for deepening relationships and building community. The time together is spent sharing, listening, laughing, and enjoying a meal. If you are interested in joining the group, please ask for information at the welcome table during coffee hour or contact the church office.

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

This Week

Sunday, December 5, 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 An Afternoon with Jay Michaelson ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, December 6, 2010

No congregational events

Tuesday, December 7, 2010

No congregational events

Wednesday, December 8, 2010

*3:30 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Chapel
6:00 PM The Wednesdays Literary Salon ~ Frothingham Library

Thursday, December 9, 2010

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ Clarke Room

Friday, December 10, 2010

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program ~ Parish Hall | Kitchen

Saturday, December 11, 2010

10:00 AM Soul Sisters ~ Perkins Room

Sunday, December 12, 2010

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
9:30 AM Social Action Committee ~ Smith Room
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 Roger Vine ~ Chapel
1:00 PM 4th Annual Carol Sing ~ Hunnewell Chapel
5:00 PM Second Sunday Circle Celebration ~ Hunnewell Chapel

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

The Mitten Tree

Sunday, December 12th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Come decorate the Mitten Tree with new, unwrapped gloves, hats, scarves, and socks for the gentlemen guests of our Friday Night Supper Program.

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!

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.

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.

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