

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

Tuesday, December 23rd, 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel and Boston Public Garden

Come to the Arlington Street Zen Center 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! Refreshments to follow. All are welcome!

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

Wednesdays, Jan 21st and 28th, and Feb 11th and 18th ~ 6:00-7:30 PM, Frothingham Library

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

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. Please visit ASCBoston.org for more information.

Announcements

Pru in Review

The Prudential Committee met on October 18th. Some highlights from the meeting are below. Feel free to contact us anytime with questions at prudential@ascboston.org.

- **Staffing changes:** Jeffrey Bouchard was promoted to Congregational Administrator. Jeffrey's new title reflects a shift in responsibilities after the departure of our Business Administrator. With Jeffrey's increased role and the assistance of our publication specialist (Laurinda O'Connor) and accountant/bookkeeper (Adam Berman), church operations are proceeding relatively well, and there are no immediate plans to hire a replacement Business Administrator. The Finance Committee is investigating potential savings from the staffing changes.
- **Buildings and Grounds:** The Pru heard a presentation on the windows conservation project, and voted to approve the purchase of LED light bulbs to replace incandescent lamps in the church. Progress on construction of the Boylston St. accessibility ramp has been stalled by red tape.
- **Bylaws:** Non-discrimination language for the bylaws was discussed. It is anticipated that an amendment to the bylaws will be proposed at the next corporation meeting.

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. If you have any questions, please always feel free to contact our Director of Music, Mark David Buckles at MBuckles@ASCBoston.org.

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 7TH, 2014

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

Holiday Bazaar!

Today and Sundays, December 14th and 21st ~ 10:30 -10:45 AM & 12:00-1:00 PM, Parish Hall

Support our local craftspeople and artists by shopping local! And it doesn't get much more local than our own Parish Hall! Come check out the beautiful handcrafted gifts for purchase before and after the service today and the following two weeks.

And, if you are a craftsperson and would like to participate on the 14th or 21st, please contact Laura Evonne Steinman at les@ascboston.org. Each craft table is asked to make a free-will donation to the church from their proceeds.

Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Today, and December 21st ~ 12:30 PM, Frothingham Library

Are you battling illness, caring for someone who is ill, or in the process of losing someone you love? Or have you already lost them, and are you trying to cope with the heartbreak and anger that accompany loss and grief? If you are currently struggling, or have experienced this type of life crisis and would like to share how you made it through, then please join the Caring Circle.

Maureen Peterson is an ASC member who has lost her parents and her best friend to cancer and her brother to AIDS. Her vision of the Circle of Caring is to create a safe space in which to share our stories, discuss what might help, and just be together in support, in healing, in peace and always in love.

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South African Choir Visits Arlington Street Church

Today ~ 1:30 PM, Sanctuary

Today, we welcome our honored guests, the Berg River Choir from Piketberg, South Africa! They will perform a concert in the Sanctuary at 1:30 this afternoon. A donation of \$15 is requested; \$12 for seniors and students. All are welcome!

Masterpieces of European and American Music

Today ~ 7:00 PM, Sanctuary

Internationally renowned violinist and teacher Vera Rubin (violin) and Arlington Street's own Yevgenia Semeina-Maroyan (piano, organ) will present a concert of beloved masterpieces of European and American music. The program includes Robert Schumann's Sonata for violin and piano; virtuoso violin pieces by Charles de Beriot, Henry Vieuxtemps, and Aaron Copland; the Introduction and Passacaglia for organ by Max Reger; and their own transcription of Fritz Kreisler's Praeludium and Allegro for violin and organ. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students. All are welcome!

Christmas Eve Ushers Needed!

Christmas Eve is coming and we will be needing ushers for all three services: 5pm, 7pm and 9pm. You can volunteer by emailing Ellen Spencer at espenceruu@comcast.net or calling her at 617-566-9821 (leave a message if her voice mail picks up). Please specify the service you're volunteering for - and also leave an email address and/or telephone number where we can reach you. There will also be a sign up sheet at the membership table in the Parish Hall after the service.

THIS WEEK

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!

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

Tuesday, December 9th ~ 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.

Buddha's Belly meets at 6 PM. We continue our discussion of Pema Chödrön's *Start Where You Are*. Please read chapters 4-6.

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!

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

This Week

Sunday, December 7, 2014

9:00 AM CRE Committee ~ Pret, 507 Boylston Street
*9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
10:30 AM Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall
12:00 PM Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM CRE Volunteers ~ Perkins Room
12:30 PM Nominating Committee ~ Smith Room
12:30 PM Circle of Caring ~ Frothingham Library
*12:30 PM Coming of Age ~ Program Office
1:30 PM South African Chorus ~ Sanctuary
7:00 PM Concert Masterpieces of European and American Music ~ Sanctuary

Monday, December 8, 2014

6:00 PM Intern Committee ~ Chapel

Tuesday, December 9, 2014

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

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

*11:30 AM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins
6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, December 11, 2014

7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, December 12, 2014

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, December 13, 2014

No congregational events are scheduled.

Sunday, December 14, 2014

*9:30 AM Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
10:30 AM Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall
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
12:00 PM Holiday Bazaar ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM Indulge 2015 Planning Meeting ~ Clarke Room
12:30 PM Rodger Clinton Vine Christmas Music on Piano ~ Hunnewell Chapel
1:00 PM 8th Annual Carol Sing ~ Hunnewell Chapel

* 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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SAVE THE DATE

The Mitten Tree

Sunday, December 14th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Please bring new, unwrapped gloves, hats, scarves, and socks for the gentlemen guests of our Friday Night Supper Program. Let's decorate the Mitten Tree!

Indulge 2015 Planning Meeting

Sunday, December 14th ~ 12:30 PM, Clarke Room

Join the planning as we finalize design for the "save the date" cards and discuss next steps for pulling together the live and silent auctions. Indulge 2015 is scheduled for March 28th, 2015, and it will doubtless be as much fun and as successful as all the previous Indulgences! Come be a part of helping to make this fun night a reality!

Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Sunday, December 14th ~ 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!

8th Annual Carol Sing!

Sunday, December 14th ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our eighth 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!

Chanukah Concert—A Light Through the Ages

Sunday, December 14th ~ 4:00 PM, Central Reform Temple, 15 Newbury St.

Celebrate the meaning of Chanukah in story and song, and with a dramatic candle lighting ceremony! The Zamir Chorale of Boston will perform traditional and contemporary holiday classics. Free!

Boston Gay Men's Chorus puts the Merry into Christmas!

Sunday, December 14th at 3 PM; Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 19th - 21st at 8 PM ~ Jordan Hall

Come Deck Jordan Hall with the Boston Gay Men's Chorus this holiday season. Traditional favorites Deck the Hall, Ding Dong Merrily on High, The First Noel, and more are combined with fun new classics like Sparklejollytwinklejingle to make this the most wonderful time of the year. Don't miss Boston's other holiday tradition. Full price tickets are available at www.bgmc.org for \$25-75