

Ágora is the Latinx cultural center nested here at Arlington Street. Elsa and Beba are featuring a host of celebrated artists and warmly welcome us to join in these *¡eventos fantásticos!*

Unless otherwise noted, all Ágora events will be held in CROMA, the parish hall, with tickets available at agora.eventbrite.com.

Vamos4PR: Cómo colaborar con el futuro de Puerto Rico

Tuesday, December 10th ~ 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Alianza por Puerto Rico y Ágora Cultural Architects organizan este conversatorio sobre las situaciones de Puerto Rico y cómo se conecta su diáspora. Javier S. Cuebas, Shirley Aldebol y Mayrim Ramos-Salinas discutirán cómo los grupos y organizaciones sociales puertorriqueñas trabajan en la crisis. ¿Hay país? ¿Qué hacemos? ¿Qué están haciendo los puertorriqueños en otros estados? La audiencia está invitada a participar de la conversación con los panelistas. Event is in Spanish. facebook.com/events/552639398635264/

East of the Sun, West of the Moon

Friday, December 13th ~ 7:30 pm, Hunnewell Chapel

Join us for a special evening of music from the Ottoman Empire and Europe in the 17th Century. Works from both traditions will be performed collectively on eastern and western instruments to bring out the delicate interconnections these two musical traditions carry. The performance will begin with a pre-concert talk on the musical traditions and will be followed by a reception where the performers will meet the audience.

eventbrite.com/e/east-of-the-sun-west-of-the-moon-tickets-80208256053

Navidad Latina: Holiday Fundraiser

Saturday, December 14th ~ 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Show your support for two local charity organizations and ring in the Holiday Season with Unitas and NEACOL. This year, we have partnered with NEACOL in support of the wonderful charity work they have done for children and families in need. Buy your tickets today, and support two organizations at the same time! Your ticket includes: special performance by award-winning Unitas musicians, light hor d'oeuvres, one free drink at our cash bar, exclusive front-row reserved seating after the fundraiser for our Navidad Latina Concert, wine raffle tickets available (All proceeds directly support NEACOL), and silent auction. Two children under 18 per ticket may enter at no charge.

Navidad Latina Free Concert

Saturday, December 14th ~ 7:30 PM

Celebrate the holiday season with Unitas Ensemble, featuring traditional Vilancicos from across Latin America alongside traditional holiday favorites, sung in both English and Spanish! The evening will feature our 23-piece chamber orchestra and guest vocalist/MC Christian Figueroa. New this year, we are presenting this concert FREE and open to all! Reservations are required. Generously sponsored by the Boston Cultural Council, the Colombian Consulate in Boston, and the Musician's Performance Trust Fund. facebook.com/events/619507291915520/



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COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM through June 2020

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/We commit an **TOTAL ANNUAL PLEDGE** of \$ _____ to support the work of Arlington Street Church for 2019-2020.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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

Mastercard Visa

Credit Card #: _____

Expiration Date: mm_____ yy_____

Please charge my credit card in either:

One payment for my entire pledge.

Equal monthly installments on the 12th of each month.

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, Congregational Administrator 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.

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.

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.

FINDING EVENTS AT ARLINGTON STREET

Main level: Hunnewell Chapel is through the leather door to the right of the pulpit; **Nursery** is off the hallway outside the chapel; **Frothingham Library** is past the stairs and next to the Boylston Street entrance.

Upstairs: Clarke Room is up the stairs outside the nursery.

Downstairs: Parish Hall is the main room; **Carol Smith Room** is to the right of the stage; **Alan Helms Library** is to the left of the stage; **Perkins Room** (Family Ministry) is just past the kitchen; **Ágora office** is at the back of the Perkins Room.

SECURITY NOTE

Remember to be mindful of your belongings! Today and throughout the week, please help to keep the outside doors to the church secure.

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INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8TH, 2019

If you are visiting Arlington Street Church or would like information about Unitarian Universalism, please visit the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall.

TODAY



Coffee Hour and Lunch

Today ~ Immediately following worship, Parish Hall

Let's all gather downstairs for coffee, soup, sandwiches, and community! Please visit the Arlington Street Cares Table (on your right as you enter the Parish Hall) to sign cards for those who have shared candles of sorrow and joy with us.

We welcome additional volunteers to help with the Cares table, food preparation, and, clean-up. To volunteer, and for more information about joining our team, please stop by the kitchen.



Inside Out Concert:

Sharan Leventhal Performs Bach's Chaconne on Violin

Today ~ 4:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

The award-winning Inside Out concert series returns to Arlington Street Church! The Inside Out approach helps concertgoers access their memories and activate their imaginations so that they can have more moving, meaningful, and personal experiences with classical music. To learn more about Inside Out Concerts, read "Classical Music Brought to Life in Intimate Experience of Epstein's Inside Out Concert," by Johnathan D. Kindall, *The Daily Free Press* at eliepstein.com/press.html.



Children's Book Drive and Holiday Party

The Social Action Committee and Transformation Team for Racial Justice are pleased to announce the return of our wonderfully successful children's book drive! Please bring new books centering people of color for us to deliver to the holiday party at Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church. For many years, we have contributed to gifts for children and have brought gifts for adults. Now we're bringing books for children! The holiday party will be held in Dorchester on the afternoon of December 22. If you want to attend the party, have books to donate, or have any questions, please stop by the Social Action table after church.



Thank You for Your Gifts!

A big thank you to all who contributed to The Mitten Tree this year! It was wonderful to see all our gifts to the Friday Night Supper Program hanging from the tree! *Thank you for your generosity!*

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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 10th ~ 6:00 PM, Frothingham Library

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

6:00 Buddha's Belly (Book Group): We will begin our discussion of Sharon Salzberg's *Faith: Trusting Your Own Deepest Experience*. Please read through Chapter 2, "Falling in Love." All are welcome!

7:00 Arlington Street Zen Center: Our gathering includes seated and walking meditations, a dharma talk, and conversation. If you'd like to walk in the Public Garden (optional!), please dress for the weather. Beginners and experienced meditators from all traditions are warmly welcome.



Sacred Circle

Wednesday, December 11th ~ 6:15 PM, Alan Helms Library

Join us for a quiet and soulful evening of song, poetry, reflection, and candles of sorrow and joy. We hope you'll come! *All are welcome.*



All about Compost

Compost is decayed organic material, like food and paper, that can end up as trash—or be put to many eco-friendly uses, such as fertilizer. Why compost? If we don't, food waste ends up in a landfill or an incinerator. As we work to mitigate climate change, one important strategy is to reduce trash. The EPA estimates more food (75 billion+ pounds per year) reaches landfills and incinerators than any other material in trash. Members of the Environment/Climate Change Committee plan to tackle the task of finding creative uses for the compostable waste ASC generates. *Stay tuned!*

SAVE THE DATE



Arlington Street Circle of Caring

Sundays, December 15th, Jan. 5th & 26th 12:30 PM, Carol Smith Room

Are you battling illness, struggling with isolation, caring for someone who is sick or dying, or coping with grief after a loss? Please visit the Circle of Caring and join our community of support, peace, healing, and love. Facilitator, Maureen Peterson calls on her significant personal experience to create a safe space for sharing our stories and supporting one another through the crises of life.



Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Sunday, December 15th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Arlington Street's Artist in Residence, Rodger Clinton Vine, presents a brief, beautiful program of Christmas music for the piano, followed immediately by our annual Carol Sing!

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

This Week

Sunday, December 8, 2019

*9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM Sunday Worship ~ Sanctuary
12:00 PM Lunch with Family Ministry ~ Perkins Room
12:30 PM Social Action Committee ~ Alan Helms Library
*1:00 PM OWL ~ Clarke Room
4:00 PM Inside Out Concert ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Monday, December 9, 2019

6:30 PM Membership Committee ~ Perkins Room

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

6:00 PM Buddha's Belly ~ Hunnewell Chapel
6:30 PM Vamos4PR ~ Parish Hall
7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
6:15 PM Sacred Circle ~ Alan Helms Library

Thursday, December 12, 2019

7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, December 13, 2019

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program ~ Parish Hall
7:30 PM East of the Sun, West of the Moon ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Saturday, December 14, 2019

5:30 PM Navidad Latina Holiday Fundraiser ~ Parish Hall
7:30 PM Navidad Latina Holiday Concert ~ Parish Hall

Sunday, December 15, 2019

*9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM Sunday Worship ~ Sanctuary
12:00 PM Lunch with Family Ministry ~ Perkins Room
12:15 PM Indulge Planning Meeting ~ Alan Helms Library
12:30 PM Arlington Street Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith Room
12:30 PM Christmans Music on Piano ~ Hunnewell Chapel
1:00 PM 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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13th Annual Carol Sing!

Sunday, December 15th ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our 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!



Echoes of Jerry with Judah Leblang

Tuesday, December 17th ~ 11:00-1:00 PM, 158 W. Brookline St., Boston

Writer/storyteller Judah Leblang will be sharing excerpts from his new memoir, *Echoes of Jerry*, the story of his deep connection with his deaf uncle. Ed Lemay is hosting in his South End home. Join us for a light lunch, along with a reading and book signing. *All are welcome!* For more information, contact Judah at 617-466-9637 or judah.leblang@gmail.com



Ushers Needed for Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24th ~ 5:00, 7:00 and 9:00 PM, Sanctuary

Christmas Eve is special at Arlington Street, with three candlelit services: 5 pm (a family-oriented service, with music provided by our choir) and again at 7 and 9 pm (with music provided by the Boston Gay Men's Chorus). We need ushers to help with all three services. You can volunteer by signing up at the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall after today's service; or by emailing Philip Roberts or Kevin Tyrrell at ushers@ascboston.org. Please be sure to let us know which service or services you are volunteering to usher and provide an email address and phone number where we can reach you. *Thank you!*



Intersectional Book Discussion

Monday, January 13th ~ 5:30 PM, Frothingham Library

Join Rev. Kim for the fourteenth in our series of occasional discussions about books with intersectional themes. For this gathering, we'll be reading Tara Westover's *Educated*. All are welcome!

ARLINGTON STREET MINISTRIES



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.



Join the Social Action Committee

Join our team and get support on the social action topic you are passionate about: voting rights, climate change, economic inequality, gun violence, Citizens United, homelessness, and more. We meet on the second Sunday of each month at 12:30 pm. For more information, please contact Margy Herley at SocialAction@ASCBoston.org.

"The service begins when the service ends."