



**Meadville Lombard on the Road: How Can We Save Our Democracy? Religion and Politics in an Uncertain World**

Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup> ~ First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Rd, Concord

Join this free event which includes Dr. Mike Hogue speaking from his new book, *American Immanence: Democracy for an Uncertain World*. Rev. Dr. Pamela Lightsey and Rev. Dr. Bill Schulz will offer reflections and answer questions from the floor. Two afternoon workshops will be offered. For more information and to register, please visit <https://mlconcord.eventbrite.com>



**Spiritual Passion: 10 Ways to Reduce Home Energy Use**

Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 - 2:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

As the federal government attempts to stifle climate change science and activism, we can continue to have an impact through individual action and practical family decision-making. Daria Mark, electrical engineer and leader of the Renewables and Energy Efficiency Task Force for Mothers Out Front, will present 10 concrete ways to cut energy use in your home. Join us to learn how we, as individual energy consumers, can lower our carbon impact and our utility bills. The presentation includes Daria's pointers learned from years of saving electricity in her own home and dozens of conversations with local families about efforts to reduce fossil fuels usage.



**Arlington Street's Literary Salon, The Wednesdays: Shakespeare**

Wednesdays ~ 6:00 PM, The Vendome, 160 Commonwealth Ave.  
May 9<sup>th</sup> ~ King Lear; May 23<sup>rd</sup> ~ Macbeth

Professor Alan Helms says, "Some heavy going there but it will be glorious!" Join him and Rev. Kim at the sixth installment of the Wednesdays Shakespearathon! Reading all 38 of Shakespeare's plays is admittedly a huge ambition, but Shakespeare is, by universal consent, not only the greatest writer in the English language, but one of the immortals of world literature. We'll need patience with archaic language while attending to a plethora of footnotes (there's no doing without them unless you live in a world where you cut your meat with a bodkin and your children say their 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 of our lives! *All are welcome!*

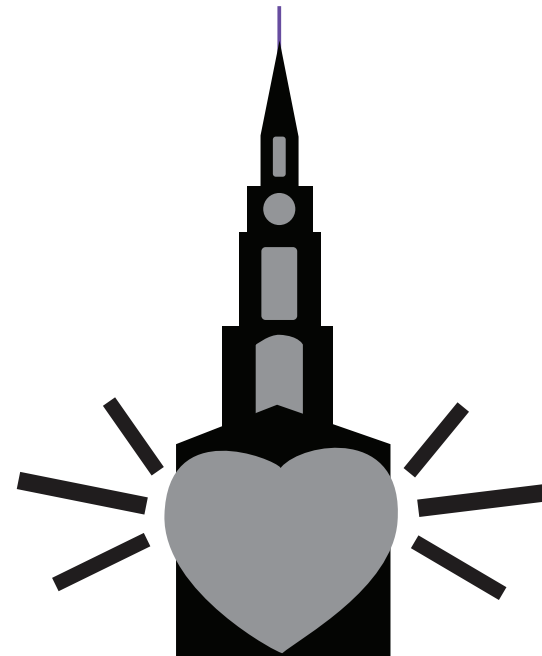


**The 22nd Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace: Dignity and Compassion for All**

Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:15 AM, meet at First Church in Roxbury

Once again, we'll be walking before worship on Mothers Day! Come out and support the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute! For all the details and to register with the Arlington Street team, go to <https://lbdpeace.z2systems.com/ASC>, click on the purple "register" button, and follow the prompts. Toward the bottom of the registration form, you'll see "Credit this event registration to this team or individual." Be sure to select Arlington Street Church from the dropdown menu!

On Mothers Day morning, we'll gather to march together at First Church in Roxbury (10 Putnam Street, Boston 02119), home of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, which will be open for coffee, bagels, and restrooms. From there, we can walk together to join the march, which will have left Town Field in Dorchester at 8:30 and plans to arrive at Madison Park High School at 9:45. Come walk for peace!



#SoMuchMore

**Arlington Street is #SoMuchMore!**

Covenant Renewal Sunday ~ April 29<sup>th</sup>

Covenant Renewal Sunday is coming right up! As you consider what you will pledge for fiscal year 2019, please reflect on what Arlington Street Church means in your life. If this community has been transformative for you, consider taking a leap in your level of investment in the church. Coordinating your values with where your money goes is a powerful spiritual practice! The chart below is provided as a guideline to help you align your income amount, level of commitment, and monthly pledge.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Suggested Fair Share Contribution Guide						
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	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge	Suggested % of Income	Monthly Pledge
\$12,000	3%	\$30	5%	\$50	10%	\$100
\$18,000	3%	\$45	5%	\$75	10%	\$150
\$25,000	3%	\$60	5%	\$100	10%	\$200
\$36,000	3%	\$90	5%	\$150	10%	\$300
\$50,000	4%	\$160	5%	\$200	10%	\$400
\$80,000	4%	\$260	6%	\$390	10%	\$650
\$100,000	5%	\$425	6%	\$510	10%	\$850
\$120,000	5%	\$500	6%	\$600	10%	\$1,000
\$150,000	5%	\$625	6%	\$750	10%	\$1,250
\$200,000	6%	\$1,020	7%	\$1,190	10%	\$1,700
\$300,000	6%	\$1,500	8%	\$2,000	10%	\$2,500
\$500,000	7%	\$2,800	9%	\$3,600	10%	\$4,000

Learn more at [www.StewardshipForUs.com](http://www.StewardshipForUs.com)

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ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

**NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY**

SUNDAY, APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2018

*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 food preparation and, especially, with clean-up. To volunteer, and for more information about joining our team, please stop by the kitchen.



**Arlington Street Circle of Caring**

Today and Sundays, May 6<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, & June 3<sup>rd</sup> ~ 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.



**Art & Spirit ~ Writing Workshop led by Karen Hering**

Today and Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:45 PM, First Church in Boston, 66 Marlborough Street

In guided writing sessions, retreats, and workshops, and now in her award winning book *Writing to Wake the Soul*, Karen Hering invites us to engage writing as a spiritual practice and a tool for social change. Drawing from the wisdom of world religions and folklore, history, science, and literature, Karen's reflections and writing prompts will guide you in exploring your own life and articulating the difficult and illuminating questions of our time. To sign up and for more information, please visit [www.firstchurchboston.org/event/5741](http://www.firstchurchboston.org/event/5741)

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## THIS WEEK



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

Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.

6:00 *Buddha's Belly (Book Group)*: We continue Pema Chödrön's, *When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times*. Please read through Chapter 11. *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.



### 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!



### The Wednesdays Literary Salon: Richard Wilbur with Professor Alan Helms & Rev. Kim

Final Session: Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, The Vendome, 160 Commonwealth Ave. (tell the doorman you're there to see Professor Helms)

*A blurb from Professor Helms*: Richard Wilbur, who died last October at the age of 96, was one of the best American poets of his or any other generation. A complete master of poetic forms, he was always deft and poised and intelligent. And with the possible exception of Eliot, no one can match him for wit and grace and elegance. He has soul as well, but his skill is a more perennial attraction. Watching him perform is like seeing the king of acrobats at the peak of his career. Our second Poet Laureate (Robert Penn Warren was the first) and winner of innumerable awards, including a National Book Award and two Pulitzers, he also wrote lyrics for *Candide*, my candidate for best Broadway musical of all time. He was a brilliant translator as well, working with Russian, French, and Spanish writers among others. Here's a teaser for you, called *Exeunt*, that hints at his prowess:

Piecemeal the summer dies;  
At the field's edge a daisy lives alone;  
A last shawl of burning lies  
On a gray field-stone.

All cries are thin and terse;  
The field has droned the summer's final mass;  
A cricket like a dwindled hearse  
Crawls from the dry grass.

I've chosen 36 poems for our three meetings - a tidy dozen per session. Our text is Richard Wilbur: *New and Collected Poems* (Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1988). Please be sure to get the correct title! To see which poems we'll be reading, please go to [www.ascboston.org/programs/ASCcenter/index.html](http://www.ascboston.org/programs/ASCcenter/index.html). Packets of these poems will also be available from Rev. Kim or in the church office.

We invite you to cut out this calendar or view the full calendar at [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org)

## This Week

### Sunday, April 22, 2018

\*9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary  
11:15 AM Family Ministry ~ Perkins Room  
12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall  
12:30 PM ASC Circle of Caring ~ Carol Smith Room  
12:30 PM Indulge Team ~ Clarke Room  
1:45 PM OWL ~ Perkins Room

### Monday, April 23, 2018

6:30 PM Membership Team~ Perkins Room

### Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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

### Wednesday, April 25, 2018

6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel  
6:00 PM The Wednesdays ~ 160 Commonwealth Ave.

### Thursday, April 26, 2018

7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

### Friday, April 27, 2018

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program ~ Parish Hall

### Saturday, April 28, 2018

1:00 PM Tiffany Window Tour Kick-Off ~ Sanctuary

### Covenant Renewal Sunday, April 29, 2018

\*9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary  
11:00 AM Intergenerational Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary  
12:00 PM Coffee Hour and Lunch ~ Parish Hall  
1:45 PM OWL ~ Perkins Room

\* 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](http://www.ASCBoston.org)*



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### Embodying Equity: A Black Lives Matter Boston Fundraiser

Friday, April 27<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:30 - 10:00 PM, First Parish in Brookline

Please join BLM activist Rev. Karlene Griffiths Sekou and First Parish in Brookline for an inspirational evening of activist theater and poetry. The event will include performances by acclaimed theater artists Neiel Israel, the seven-time National Slam Poet, and D. Farai Williams, the 2018 Boston Artist-in-Residence. Dessert and coffee to follow. Ticket are \$35, available at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com). All proceeds benefit Black Lives Matter Boston. (No one will be turned away for lack of funds.)



### Greeters Needed This Spring!

Do you want to meet people from all over the world? Would you enjoy sharing the beauty of our Tiffany Windows with others? If so, consider becoming a volunteer greeter with our Visitors Center! Greeters serve as friendly faces at the Arlington Street entrance, welcoming visitors and receiving donations. No experience is necessary, and scheduling is flexible! Starting April 28th, we will open our doors for another great season of tours! The Visitors Center will be open on Sundays from 1:00 - 4:00 pm and Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm.

If you are interested or want to learn more, please contact Alissa Butler at [abutler@ascboston.org](mailto:abutler@ascboston.org) or 602-463-2282.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### Arlington Street Building Team

We are gathering a team of people who love this building to evaluate and shepherd renovations and restorations. Do you have experiences in the trades? We'd love your perspective! Want to learn more about historic preservation? All are welcome! Please speak with Rev. Kim or write her at [Office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:Office@ASCBoston.org).



### The Immigrant Experience

Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> ~ 4:00 PM, First Unitarian Universalist Society in Newton, 1326 Washington St., Newton

You are invited to a service of words and music in tribute to *The Immigrant Experience*, a cantata by John Kramer, performed by a combined choir from several UU congregations. This concert is a benefit for the Interfaith Immigrant Legal Fund which connects families facing the threat of deportation with community resources and financial support to cover legal fees and bond costs.



### New Member Class

*Spiritual Journey*, Wednesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Perkins Room  
Meet ASC, Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Clarke Room  
New Member Breakfast/Joining, Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 9:30 AM, Hunnewell Chapel

All interested newcomers are warmly invited to our next two-session new member class. Rev. Kim joins us for the first session, where we share stories about our spiritual journeys and ask our burning questions. This class is a wonderful opportunity to deepen your relationship and knowledge of Arlington Street, and to discern whether you are ready to join. In our second session, we learn a little of Arlington Street's history, polity, and practices; and meet some of our illustrious leadership and staff. Please sign up at the Welcome Table in the parish hall after the service. *All are welcome!*