

Recommended text: The Norton Critical Edition of “*The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*” (3rd edition). You’ll find cheap copies at Amazon and abebooks.com. But pretty much any edition will work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covenant Renewal ~ Have You Pledged Yet?

Covenant Renewal season is not over! We are still counting on pledges from an additional 49 member households. Please get your pledge in now, so we can balance the budget!

There is a pledge form on the back of this publication. Just fill it out and place it in the offering basket! Please give enough to stand by this church—to maintain the glorious building we love, to step up and pay our national and district dues, to grow the programs we so enjoy, and to support the minister and staff we depend on!

Call for Children’s Religious Education Facilitators!

Would you like to share a bit of your time with the children and youth at Arlington Street Church? We are looking for people to co-lead one or more Sunday morning Children’s Religious Education (CRE) sessions on Unitarian Universalism and world religions, our theme for this year. If interested, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Laura Evonne Steinman at LES@ASCBoston.org.

The Spiritual Journey from Fundamentalism to Unitarian Universalism

Are you a former fundamentalist or evangelical? What happened to bring you through the great doors of Arlington Street Church and into the big tent of Unitarian Universalism? What did you love? Why did you leave? What are you still trying to understand? What do you need now? If you’re interested in an evening of sharing your story and reflecting on these questions with those who have made similar spiritual journeys, please speak with Rev. Kim or email her at office@ASCBoston.org. This will be a closed meeting, but a later gathering on the same topic will be open to the larger congregation.

Just Coffee—Just for You!

Friends, we have a new supply of Just Coffee! It is available for \$12 a pound at the Social Action table after the service. Enjoy 100% organic coffee while helping to support the grower cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico, www.justcoffee.org.

Love of Singing

Thursdays ~ 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Clarke Room, second floor

Do you love to sing? Would you consider sharing your voice as a gift of service to this community? Do you want to take just a couple of hours out of your week to create something beautiful? The Arlington Street Church Choir awaits you!

We rehearse on Thursdays. Musicians and non-musicians are welcome! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Director of Music, Mark David Buckles, who is available at the front of the sanctuary following the service or via email at MBuckles@ASCBoston.org.

COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

July 2013 through June 2014

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/We commit an **annual total pledge** of \$ _____ to support the work of Arlington Street Church.

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 “*2014 Pledge Payment*”.
- Checks should be made payable to Arlington Street Church with “*2014 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 10th, 2013**
- 12 equal monthly installments on the **10th 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, 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 **print@ascboston.org**. Phyllis Guiliano (Business Administrator) 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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INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

NEWS FROM THE SOUL OF SUNDAY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2013

TODAY

Coffee Hour

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 or Sharon Pressly-Fiero.

THIS WEEK

Peace Walk: “Peace is the Way: Offering Peace at Every Step”

Today ~ 2:00 PM, Copley Sq. (to leave all together, meet Rev. Kim at our Great Doors at 1:30)

Vietnamese Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh, nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will lead a peace walk from Trinity Church in Copley Square with the theme “Peace is the Way: Offering Peace at Every Step.” Zen master, author, poet and peace activist Thich Nhat Hanh invites everyone to walk mindfully together in silence, generating the energy of peace, solidity, and freedom.

Thay (Vietnamese for “Teacher”) writes, “There is no walk for peace; peace is the walk. By walking, we generate peace within our body, our consciousness. We embrace and heal the pain, the sorrow, the fear in us, and that is the ground for helping peace to be a reality in the world.”

Before the Peace Walk, you are invited to participate in a silent, seated, meditation, guided by Thich Nhat Hanh at Copley Square.

This is a walk open to everyone, from every path, experienced or not. Participation is free; no tickets are necessary. The organizers kindly ask that there be no display of any banners or signs, nor giving out of flyers during the Peace Walk.

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Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, September 18th ~ 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

Stories and Pictures from Arlington Street's History

Sunday, September 22nd ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Holly Hendricks after the service for a new slide talk in the Arlington Street Church history series! We will look at a selection of historical images from across the years and hear about people and events from Arlington Street's past. Holly's presentation will be from 12:30-1:30, and the discussion from 1:30-2:00.

Save the following dates to hear Holly's annual talks on Arlington Street's history—18th century (November 17th), 19th century (January 26th), and 20th century (March 2nd).

Homecoming Potluck

Saturday, September 28th ~ 5:30-8:00 PM, Parish Hall

Everyone, adults and children, is invited to a homecoming potluck! Greet friends, meet new people, enjoy good food and fellowship! Bring your dish at 5:30. Dinner will begin at 6:00 following a welcome from Rev. Kim. After dinner, it's dessert and games!

Let us know you're coming by filling out the brief survey at <http://bit.ly/ASCpotluck>. You can also RSVP to Charles Howes or Shane McBride through the church, (office@ascboston.org).

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 29th ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Each year on a Sunday near the Feast Day of St. Francis, we celebrate the animal companions in our lives by welcoming them (crated, on a leash, in a bowl) to be blessed. Come join in this happy, hilarious, and love-filled worship service!

Words and Songs

Saturday, October 5th ~ 7:30 PM, Sanctuary

What happens when a noted Boston-area humorist and columnist joins forces with an award-winning singer and songwriter to share the same stage? The result is "Words and Songs," premiering at Arlington Street Church.

Judah Leblang, storyteller and author of Bay Windows' column "Life in the Slow Lane," teams up with singer/songwriter Maria Sangiolo to present two views of life 'outside the box.' When Sangiolo combines her songs centered on life as a mother and songwriter in a small rural town with Leblang's musings as an urban, gay single man navigating the road through middle age, the outcome ranges from lyrically poignant to achingly hilarious.

Tickets are available at judahleblang.com—\$12 for Arlington Street members and \$15 for the general public.

We invite you to cut out this calendar and clip it to your refrigerator or bulletin board or, view the full calendar at ASCBoston.org

This Week

Sunday, September 15, 2013

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 & Lunch Hour ~ Parish Hall
*1:15 PM Our Whole Lives ~ Perkins Room
1:30 PM Peace Walk ~ Meet at the Great Doors

Monday, September 16, 2013

6:30 PM Religious Exploration Team ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Tuesday, September 17, 2013

6:00 PM Prudential Committee ~ Perkins Room

Wednesday, September 18, 2013

*12:00 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Thursday, September 19, 2013

7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room
*8:00 PM Connections Group ~ Perkins Room

Friday, September 20, 2013

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, September 21, 2013

No congregational events

Sunday, September 22, 2013

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 & Lunch Hour ~ Parish Hall
12:30 PM ASC History Stories & Pictures ~ Hunnewell Chapel
*1:15 PM Our Whole Lives ~ 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



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Help Select the Next Buddha's Belly Book!

We are "auditioning" three books to consider for our fall Buddhist reading. Please read the first chapter in each book, and come prepared to vote at our next meeting on Tuesday, September 24th at 6:00 PM in the Chapel.

- Noah Levine, *Against the Stream*
- Brad Warner, *There is No God and He is Always with You*
- Daniel Ingram, *Mastering the Core Teachings of the Buddha*

Justice and Healing, Not Mass Incarceration

Sunday, October 6th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

The Social Action Committee has invited Andrea James—attorney, ex-prisoner, activist, and executive director of "Families for Justice as Healing"—to speak at Arlington Street. Andrea is a leader in the movement to end mass incarceration and author of *Upper Bunkies Unite*. She will talk of her experience and what she is doing today. We will have a call to action to support the Jobs Not Jails campaign.

On the Rocks Is a Form of Life: Philosophy & Addiction

Sunday, October 20th ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

What an honor to welcome New York Times columnist Peg O'Connor for a talk and book signing! All are welcome!

How does a person make meaning or sense of her life when she feels defeated and worthless and experiences the world as alien, hostile, and devoid of meaning? Some of us looked to alcohol and drugs as a way to cope with our realities. In asking questions such as, "what kind of person do I want to be," or "who am I and why am I like this," and "does any of this matter in the bigger scheme of things," a person is seeking self understanding and an understanding of her place in the world. For millennia, philosophy has been grappling unapologetically with questions about meaning and value, seeking understanding of human nature and the human condition. This talk addresses addiction and recovery from a western philosophical perspective. Rates of addiction to alcohol, illicit drugs, and prescription drugs are reaching epidemic proportions. More people are interrogating themselves about their relationships to these substances and behaviors. This interrogation, the ancient Greek philosopher Socrates might claim, is about examining one's life. "On the Rocks" introduces some of the core concepts and vexing questions of philosophy as a way to help addicts and those affected by our addictions to examine ours and perhaps transform our relationship to our drugs or behaviors of choice. A recovering alcoholic for more than 25 years and a philosophy professor for 18, philosophy helped the speaker get and stay sober.

The Wednesdays: Huckleberry Finn

Wednesdays, October 23rd, November 6th & 13th ~ 6:00 PM, The Froth

Please join Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim for Arlington Street's fall literary salon: Mark Twain's *Huckleberry Finn*!

Hemingway said that "All modern American literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called *Huckleberry Finn*," and generations of readers and writers have agreed. Published in England in 1884, it appeared the next year in the United States and was immediately banned throughout the country. A century and a half later, it's still a controversial book because it forces us to confront the central problem of American life: our national tragedy of slavery.

Professor Helms writes, "It's an extremely important book but also one of the most delightful and memorable novels ever written. Its vivid characters, antic events, and hilarious satire make for compulsive reading. I know of no other American novel that is as much fun and also as profound as Huck Finn." Join us as we explore this towering, necessary, and mesmerizing American masterpiece.

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