

Please specify which service you are volunteering for, and be sure to include a telephone number where we can reach you.

Guest at Your Table

Through January 6th

Guest at Your Table is an annual Unitarian Universalist tradition in which congregation members learn about, and contribute to, selected human rights initiatives (“guests”) supported by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). You can read about this year’s guests at www.uusc.org/guest/2012-2013/myguests.

Pick up your donation box in the Parish Hall. At mealtimes, please insert coins or bills into the box, sharing your blessings with your guests and supporting a shared mission. Return your box to Arlington Street by January 6th, when we will gather all the boxes and deliver our Arlington Street donations to UUSC!

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. This year’s Christmas supper will be on December 21st.

There are many ways in which you can support the program:

- Volunteer
- Make a tax deductible cash donation
- Donate clothing and toiletries. Our clothing closet is in great need of men’s pants (sizes 36-40) and winter coats.
- Support our annual Holiday Bags campaign during which we distribute warm clothing, toiletries, socks, and holiday candy to our guests.

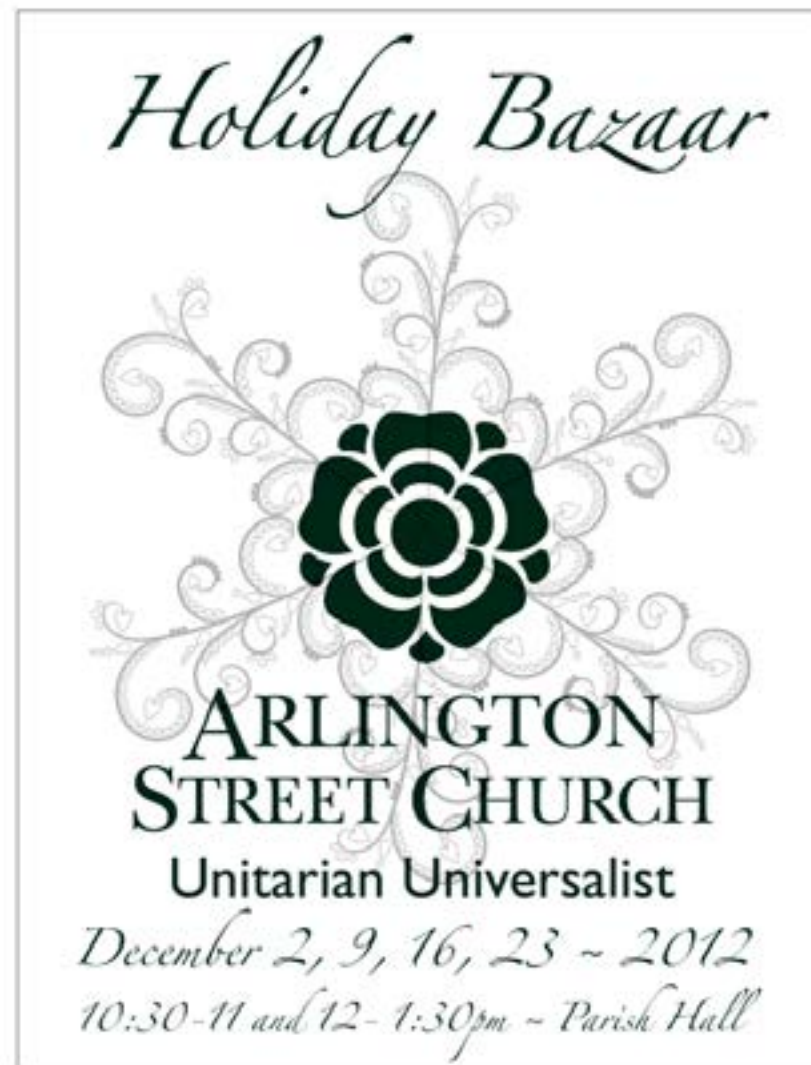
Secure donations can be made by following the DONATE link on our website, www.fridaynightsupper.org. To volunteer or for more information, contact the Executive Director, Amber Pittenger at, 617-536-7050 x22 or email Amber at info@fridaynightsupper.org.

Just Coffee—Just for You!

Friends, we have a new supply of Just Coffee, just in time for the holidays! Please come and get yours at the Social Action table after the service. Just \$12 per pound for great 100% organic coffee! Help support the grower cooperative in Chiapas, Mexico, www.justcoffee.org.

Are You a Snapshot Subscriber?

If you would like the week’s news from Arlington Street Church to arrive in your inbox every week, please sign up for our e-newsletter, Snapshot. There’s no easier way to stay in touch with all the activities at Arlington Street Church. Register today on the home page of www.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 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, DECEMBER 9TH, 2012

TODAY

Coffee Hour and Lunch

Today ~ Immediately following worship, Parish Hall

Let’s all gather downstairs for community, coffee, soup, sandwiches, and Chanukah latkes made by our children! 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 through the church at office@ASCBoston.org.

Shop at the Holiday Bazaar

Today and the next 2 Sundays~ 10:30-11 AM & 12-1:30 PM, Parish Hall

Stop by the parish hall and shop for beautiful, original gifts made by local artisans.

Holiday Craft-Making Party

Sunday, December 9th ~ Noon to 1:30 PM, Perkins Room

Come and create bird feeders, cards, scented oranges, and more! All ages are welcome!

Membership Intensive: Sharing Our UU Faith

Sunday, December 9th ~ 12:30 PM, Stage Right Room

How do we talk to our friends, neighbors, and coworkers about our Unitarian Universalist faith, and this place we love? Let’s come together for a focused discussion of how we can share the good news of our spiritual community with confidence, passion, and persuasion.

Hallelujah! Boston Gay Men’s Chorus Holiday Concert

Today at 3:00 PM, Dec. 14th, 15th, 17th at 8:00 PM ~ Jordan Hall

Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to the Boston Gay Men’s Chorus’s (BGMC) joyful celebration of diverse holiday traditions. Hear music honoring Chanukah and the Native

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American solstice, along with traditional Christmas carols, and some favorite pop tunes (Mariah?) of the season. The hilarious Freres de St. Francis de la Sissies return ... with a BGMC twist! Tickets are available at the door, at www.bgmc.org or at 617-542-SING for \$16-\$46.

THIS WEEK

English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults

Monday, Dec. 10th and Wed. Dec. 11th ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room

Learn or improve your English! The class meets twice a week. Students practice speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Topics include general conversation, cooking, and holiday events, as well as grammar and pronunciation. The class is taught by Ann Troise, a member of Arlington Street Church, who has been certified to teach ESL by the Boston Academy of English.

Gay Men's Spirituality Group

Monday, December 10th ~ 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

For this month's meeting, we're having a movie night. Bring a friend and a snack to share as we enjoy the lighthearted romantic comedy "Love and Other Disasters." Here's the storyline:

Emily Jackson is always on the go, talks around the clock, has a sensitive soul, and loves playing matchmaker for her friends. Emily's newest mission is to bring together her gay roommate and the handsome new assistant photographer who just arrived at Vogue, where Emily works. Unfortunately, Emily is so busy arranging a love connection that she remains completely blind to her own suitor!

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

Tuesday, December 11th ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Buddha's Belly and the Arlington Street Zen Center (feel free to come to one or both) meet every second and fourth Tuesday throughout the church year.

Buddha's Belly meets from 6 PM to 7 PM. We are currently reading Jack Kornfield's *After the Ecstasy, the Laundry*. Please read chapters 13 and 14 for this evening's session.

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!

Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, December 12th ~ 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.

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, December 9, 2012

9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
9:30 AM Social Action Committee Meeting ~ Smith Room
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 Craft-Making Party ~ Perkins Room
12:30 PM Membership Team Meeting ~ Stage Right Room

Monday, December 10, 2012

10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
5:30 PM Connections ~ Stage Right Room
7:00 PM Gay Men's Spirituality Group ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

6:00 PM Buddha's Belly ~ Hunnewell Chapel
6:30 PM Connections ~ Perkins Room
7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center ~ Hunnewell Chapel

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
*3:30 PM Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
6:30 PM Building the World We Dream About ~ Perkins Room
7:30 PM Connections ~ Smith Room

Thursday, December 13, 2012

7:00 PM Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room

Friday, December 14, 2012

5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

Saturday, December 15, 2012

No congregational events

Sunday, December 16, 2012

9:30 AM Choir 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
12:30 PM Rodger Vines's Christmas Music ~ Hunnewell Chapel
12:30 PM Induge Planning Meeting ~ Stage Right Room
1:00 PM 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 complete, up-to-date calendar listings over the coming months, visit the website.

For more information, please visit www.ASCBoston.org



SAVE THE DATE

The Mitten Tree

Sunday, December 16th ~ 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!

Rodger Clinton Vine, Christmas Music on Piano

Sunday, December 16th ~ 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!

6th Annual Carol Sing!

Sunday, December 16th ~ 1:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

Join Arlington Street's musicians for our sixth 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!

Indulge Planning Meeting

Sunday, December 16th ~ 12:30 PM, Stage Right Room

Come join our energetic team as we continue preparing for this important gala dinner and auction scheduled for Saturday, April 6th! You're just in time to get involved, meet new people, and make a difference at our spiritual home!

Lessons and Carols

Sunday, December 23rd ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Christmas is coming! Come join us for some new stories of the season, some old favorites, and lots of carol singing!

Christmas Eve!

Monday, 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!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Christmas Eve Ushers Needed!

Ushers are needed for all three services on Monday, Christmas Eve: 5 PM (family service), 7 PM, and 9 PM. Sign up sheets will be circulated during today's service. You can also sign up by e-mailing Ellen Spencer through the church office: Office@ASCBoston.org.

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