

## Buddha's Belly ~ The Buddhist Book Discussion

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays: June, July, August ~ 6:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

This summer, Rita McCullough will lead Buddha's Belly every fourth Tuesday in June, July, and August from 6 PM to 7 PM. Stay tuned next week for notice of the book to read for the June meeting.

Arlington Street Zen Center will start up again on September 11<sup>th</sup>!

### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### Covenant Renewal 2012-2013

Your pledge of financial support to our beloved spiritual community is greatly appreciated! We are finalizing next year's operating budget, and we want to include your annual pledge! If you haven't pledged yet, now would be a great time to drop your pledge form into the collection plate, or give it to Rev. Kim. Thank You!

#### Help Start a Mobile Children's Library in Cuenca, Ecuador!

Inga Ellertson, daughter of Wendy and Jon Ellertson, was raised at Arlington Street. This summer, she and her husband, Diego, are moving with their children to Diego's hometown of Cuenca, Ecuador, where Inga already has her first service project lined up! There is a great need for children's books in Ecuador; they are hard to find and prohibitively expensive to buy, and public libraries with children's books to browse and check out don't exist in Cuenca.

Inga writes,

I am excited to put my background in early literacy to good use as I create a mobile children's library. I will partner with a few schools in Cuenca where I can offer regular visits for story time, and will leave them a selection of books to borrow until I return. I will also be volunteering with an established literacy program.

To make this project a success I need books and I would love your help with book donations.

Please take a look around your home to see if you have books that your child or grandchild has outgrown (book guidelines are below).

Or, visit my wishlist on Amazon.com to purchase a new book: <http://amzn.com/w/32ECEY1VWLOFX>.

All of the books that I receive will either become part of the "mobile library" or part of a permanent library in Cuenca.

Book Donation Guidelines:

- Gently used or new condition
- Pre-school to Second Grade
- Spanish, English or bilingual
- Fiction or non-fiction (Please no workbooks or coloring books)
- Board books, paperbacks, or hardcover

I will keep you up to date on the progress of my project. Thank you for your support!

With gratitude, Inga

**Please bring children's books to the church by Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, and Wendy and Jon will get them to Ecuador!**

### COVENANT RENEWAL PLEDGE FORM

July 2012 through June 2013

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 "2013 Pledge Payment".
- Checks should be made payable to Arlington Street Church with "2013 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 15, 2012
- 12 equal monthly installments on the 15<sup>th</sup> 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**. Your message will be received by the Church's administrative assistant so it can find its way to the appropriate people. Please speak your "truths in love" and include your name and contact information so we can follow-up. Thanks! For emergencies, please see "Our Caring Community" to the right.

#### SCHEDULING EVENTS AT ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

All issues dealing with building usage, for both congregational usage and rentals, must be coordinated by Jeffrey Bouchard, Assistant to the Administrator. 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](mailto:JBouchard@ASCBoston.org).

#### INSIDE SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please email all Sunday "Inside" announcements before Tuesday noon to [print@ascboston.org](mailto:print@ascboston.org). Phyllis Guiliano (church administrator) will receive this email and will compile all of the announcements for publication. Materials must be legible, signed, and fully composed and may be edited, as space is limited. Please note that we only publish submissions related to Arlington Street events or the wider Unitarian Universalist community.

#### OUR CARING COMMUNITY

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, JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

### TODAY

#### Coffee Hour and Ice Cream Social

Today ~ Immediately following worship, Parish Hall

Sandwich Board will be offering some sandwiches today and the staff of Arlington Street Church sweetly invites you to an ice cream sundae social to thank you for your gifts of love and service! Post confections, join us in the Hunnewell Chapel for the annual meeting of the Corporation. **Next Sunday, the all-church picnic will be in the Public Garden after worship. Please bring a lunch or plan to buy a sandwich from Sandwich Board!**

#### Annual Corporation (Congregation) Meeting

Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30 PM, Hunnewell Chapel

\*Vote Required

\*Membership Update ..... David McClain

\*Elections ..... Dan Moon

1. Prudential committee (3 year term)  
Christine Curtiss  
Greg Haig  
Daniel Moon
2. Co-Moderators (1 year term)  
Sam Gloyd  
Karl Paulnack
3. Treasurer (1 year term)  
Susie Nacco
4. Clerk (1 year term)  
David McClain
5. Nominating Committee (1 year term)  
Steve Vorenberg  
Ed LeMay  
Dave Erbe  
Latanya Sweeney
6. Mass Bay District Delegates (1 year term)  
Christopher Mundy  
Desmond Ravenstone
7. Urban Ministry (1 year term)  
George Whitehouse

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\*Budget, 2012-2013 ..... Phyllis Guiliano, Finance Committee  
 Questions on written reports ..... Congregation  
 Other Business ..... Rev. Kim  
 Adjourn

*Written Reports:*

Business Administrator ..... Phyllis Guiliano  
 Prudential Committee ..... Art Nava/Deb Pontes  
 Social Action Committee ..... Ed Wright

**Boston Gay Men’s Chorus Presents  
 The Music of the 90’s**

Today ~ 7:00 PM, John Hancock Hall, 180 Berkeley Street, Boston  
 Remember the 90’s when we listened to songs from the Backstreet  
 Boys, Mariah Carey, Boyz2Men and Janet Jackson. This season’s  
 Pride concert will pulse with the spirit of hope and change that  
 made the decade the REAL gay 90’s! Details and tickets are available  
 at bgmc.org or at 617-542-7464.

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**THIS WEEK**

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**English as a Second Language (ESL) for Adults**

Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday June 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 10:00 AM, Perkins Room  
 Learn or improve your English! The class usually meets twice a week  
 on Mondays and Wednesdays. Students practice speaking, listening,  
 reading, and writing. Topics include general conversation, cooking,  
 and holiday events, as well as grammar and pronunciation. Students  
 are also welcome to suggest their own topic ideas. 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.

**Social Action Committee Visioning Workshop**

Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Perkins Room  
 Join our Intern Minister, Rev. Rebecca Froom for a workshop to  
 reflect on the work of the Social Action Committee over the last two  
 years and envision how social action initiatives can be integrated into  
 the life of the congregation in the coming year. All are welcome!

**Gay Men’s Spirituality Group**

Monday, June 11<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 PM, Hunnewell Chapel  
 This will be an open topic meeting. Bring a friend and any ideas/  
 issues/feelings you’d like to discuss with a supportive group of peers.  
 All are welcome.

**Kundalini Yoga Class**

Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 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!*

**This Week**

**Sunday, June 10 2012**  
 9:00 AM Joining Ceremony / Book Signing ~ Hunnewell Chapel  
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary  
 9:30 AM Social Action Committee ~ Smith Room  
 11:00 AM Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary  
 12:00 PM Coffee Hour, Lunch, Ice Cream Social ~ Parish Hall  
 12:30 PM Corporation Meeting ~ Hunnewell Chapel

**Monday, June 11, 2012**  
 10:00 AM Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room  
 6:00 PM Social Action Visioning Workshop ~ Perkins Room  
 7:00 PM Gay Men’s Spiritual Group ~ Hunnewell Chapel

**Tuesday, June 12, 2012**  
 No congregational events

**Wednesday, June 13, 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 Adult Religious Exploration Team ~ Perkins Room

**Thursday, June 14, 2012**  
 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal ~ Clarke Room

**Friday, June 15, 2012**  
 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall

**Saturday, June 16, 2012**  
 No congregational events

**Sunday, June 17, 2012**  
 9:30 AM Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary  
 9:30 AM CRE Committee Meeting ~ Perkins Room  
 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 Tell Me More ~ Hunnewell Chapel  
 12:00 PM Welcome Summer Picnic ~ Boston Public Garden  
 1:30 PM Exploring Diversity ~ Clarke 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 complete, up-to-date calendar listings over the coming months, visit the  
 website.

*For more information, please visit [www.ASCBoston.org](http://www.ASCBoston.org)*



**Adult Religious Exploration Team Meeting**

Wednesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:30 PM, Perkins Room

Our final meeting of the church year will focus on the big picture  
 of Adult RE program priorities over the next two years as well as  
 the program leadership structure for the coming year. If you are  
 interested in teaching a class, facilitating a workshop, or helping to  
 create and sustain a vibrant religious exploration and small group  
 ministry program, then this meeting is for you! This will be the  
 final Adult RE team meeting with our Intern Minister, Rev. Rebecca  
 Froom. All are welcome! For more information, or to get involved,  
 please contact Rebecca at [RFroom@ASCBoston.org](mailto:RFroom@ASCBoston.org).

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**Exploring Diversity**

Sunday, June 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 1:30 PM Clarke Room

This is a gathering of those interested in exploring how we can make  
 Arlington Street Church more inclusive – towards becoming a more  
 diverse multi-cultural community. For more information, please  
 contact Clyde Grubbs through the church office.

**Sacred Eros: Asexuality**

Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 PM, Perkins Room

What is asexuality? What are the ways in which asexual people  
 engage in intimate relationships? What’s it like to be asexual in our  
 society today? Join us as guest presenter Ashley LeClerc, a leader in  
 Boston’s asexual community for over a decade, leads us to explore  
 these and other questions about this emerging orientation and  
 identity. Bring munchies and drinks to share!

Sacred Eros is a monthly discussion group at Arlington Street  
 Church, providing a safe and supportive space to explore questions  
 about sexuality from a spiritual and ethical perspective. All people  
 over 18 are welcome, and participants are expected to respect one  
 another and keep personal matters discussed confidential.

**First Summer Worship Speaker**

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 11:00 AM, Sanctuary

Leather & Grace: Sermon and Talk-Back ..... Desmond Ravenstone

The phenomenal success of 50 Shades of Grey has prompted  
 greater public discussion on alternative sexual expression. What do  
 Unitarian Universalists need to know to bring our own values into  
 this conversation? After the sermon, there will be an opportunity to  
 ask questions and learn more details on this topic.

Desmond Ravenstone has been a member of Arlington Street  
 Church since 2007, serving on the Worship Committee and  
 Membership Team, coordinator of the Sacred Eros group, and as  
 one of our delegates to the Mass Bay District. He frequently writes  
 on the intersection of sexuality and spirituality, especially on his blog  
 “Ravenstone’s Reflections.”

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