

## Young Adult Discussion: The Value of Ritual

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:45 PM, Stage Right Room

Gratitude lists, nightly prayer, opening sporting events with the national anthem, saying grace, meditation, weekly worship, opening/closing meetings with ritualized practices, saying “Bless you” or “Gesundheit” when someone sneezes...

Let’s have a conversation about the rituals we choose to include or to discard from our daily lives, and what value we see from those choices. When we “save time” by discarding “useless” ritual, do we lose anything? Gain anything? When we “add value” by following “meaningful” ritual, do we gain anything? Lose anything?

Think about some rituals that we don’t understand as well as those that move us. We’ll come together to share our thoughts and see what impact our conversation might have on our lives as individuals, as spiritual companions, and as citizens of the commonwealth and the world. For more information, see <http://on.fb.me/value-of-ritual>.

## Buddha’s Belly ~ The Buddhist Book Discussion

Tuesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 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. For the June meeting, please read Silvia Boorstein’s book *It’s Easier Than You Think*, chapters one and two (through page 61).

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!

### Connections: Small Group Ministry

Connections will resume in fall 2012, with registration opening in late summer.

Connections is the name of Arlington Street’s small group ministry—facilitated experiences of deep sharing and listening around selected topics such as: belonging, fear, what we love, taking a stand, living, and dying. Meeting twice a month for 90 minutes, these small groups of 6–10 people will deepen their relationships with one another and the congregation. We will explore and engage around shared Unitarian Universalist principles and be included and heard in a safe and nurturing environment.

If you are interested in learning more, e-mail [connections@ASCBoston.org](mailto:connections@ASCBoston.org) or speak with the Connections coordinators, Art Nava or Linda Evans.

## 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](mailto: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, 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](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 (Business Administrator) will receive this email and will compile 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 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2012

## TODAY

### Coffee Hour and Lunch

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 through the church at [office@ASCBoston.org](mailto:office@ASCBoston.org).

### Welcome Summer Picnic

Today ~ Noon, Boston Public Garden

Did you bring your picnic basket to church? If not, head down to the parish hall after worship to purchase a lunch at Sandwich Board. Let’s gather across the street in the Public Garden for our annual picnic with the swans!

### Tell Me More!

Today ~ Noon, immediately following service, Hunnewell Chapel

Are you new?

A new U.U. (Unitarian Universalist)?

No clue?

This is for you!

Arlington Street’s Membership Team welcomes your questions, your confusion, your longing for spiritual community, your surprise at your deep desire to call this place home. “Tell Me More” will be offered every other week. All are welcome!

### Exploring Diversity

Today ~ 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.

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

If you brought children's books today for Inga Ellertson's project in Ecuador, please leave them in the Perkins Room. Jon Ellertson will pick them up on Monday and get them to Ecuador!

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### THIS WEEK

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

Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday June 20<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.

#### 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.

#### Kundalini Yoga Class

Wednesday, June 20<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.

#### Talking Your Walk Group

Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Smith Room

"Talking Your Walk" meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday. This is a non-clinical support group in solidarity with those who are dealing with the challenge of depression. Our own John Sacco, LICSW, is the facilitator. Please see Rev. Kim or John with questions, or to let us know that you will be joining the group.

*We invite you to cut out this calendar and clip it to your refrigerator or bulletin board!*

## This Week

### 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

### Monday, June 18, 2012

10:00 AM	Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
7:00 PM	Sacred Eros ~ Perkins Room

### Tuesday, June 19, 2012

*6:00 PM	Prudential Committee ~ Geoffrey's Café
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### Wednesday, June 20, 2012

10:00 AM	Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
6:00 PM	Talking Your Walk ~ Smith Room

### Thursday, June 21, 2012

No congregational events

### Friday, June 22, 2012

5:00 PM	Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall
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### Saturday, June 23, 2012

No congregational events

### Sunday, June 24, 2012

10:00 AM	Music Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour and Light Lunch ~ Parish Hall
12:45 PM	Young Adult Discussion ~ Stage Right 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)*



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## SAVE THE DATE

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### Worship at Arlington Street Church this Summer!

Thanks to Liz Weber, Ann Clarke, and Christopher Mundy for the fabulous lineup of speakers engaged for this summer. Come keep the faith!

#### First Up!

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."

#### July 1

"What Fills Your Heart?" ..... Laura Evonne Steinman

#### July 8

"Home" ..... Ann Clarke

#### July 15

"Strategies" ..... Barb Seidl

#### July 22

"24-Hour Grace" ..... Liz Weber

#### July 29

"How Do We Begin Again" ..... Vera O'Brien

#### August 5

"Listen, Listen, and Listen Again" ..... Harriotte Hurie Ranvig

#### August 12

"Tell Me a Story" ..... Darcy Roake

#### August 19

"Relatives" ..... Latayna Sweeney

#### August 26

"From Many Sources" ..... Young Adult Group

#### September 2

"The Gospel of Kermit" ..... Joanna Lubkin

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