

Registration is open today at the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall during coffee hour. You can also sign up online at <http://ascboston.org/connections>.

### New Haiti Project - Opportunity to Make a Difference

The situation in Haiti is not good and getting worse. The government has been quietly moving people from the camps near Port-au-Prince to poorly constructed “boxes” with hardly enough room to breathe in central Haiti. There has been no reporting on this.

We are planning to go to Haiti in January or February with Franklin Dalembert, Executive Director of the Haitian Coalition. While in Haiti, we’ll interview people, take pictures and write up “diaries”. Franklin has the contacts to insure that our activities will be professionally filmed and shown in the U.S. Our goals are to:

- Uncover what is really happening in Haiti
- Expose the government and non-profits, which have done very little, if anything of importance
- Educate people and raise support for projects in Haiti

We need people with media skills, journalistic skills, artistic skills, listening skills, etc. If you are interested, or if you know others who might be, please speak with Peter Lowber, or email [socialaction@ascboston.org](mailto:socialaction@ascboston.org). Planning meetings will be happening soon.

### The Pru in Review - September

- The Pru participated in a district leadership retreat yesterday in Weston and will report to the congregation on October 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The Pru congratulates the Parish Hall task force and Susie Nacco for the successful interior renovations and chair lift installation completed this summer.
- We welcome the three new interns, Catie Scudera, Ann Clarke, and Lisa Mobayed, and look forward to working with each of you as you continue your ministerial training.

### Just Coffee—Just for You!

Friends, we have a new supply of Just Coffee! 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](http://www.justcoffee.org).

### Volunteers Needed for GLAD’s Legal InfoLine

Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders (GLAD), New England’s leading legal rights organization dedicated to ending discrimination based on sexual orientation, HIV status, and gender identity and expression, seeks committed volunteers to staff its Legal InfoLine. Volunteer one weekday afternoon a week from 1:30-4:30 PM helping people who have experienced discrimination, by providing legal information that can make a real difference in their lives!

Register now for the next training, October 9<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> (5:30-9:30 PM) and October 13<sup>th</sup> (9 AM-4 PM). No prior legal experience is needed. You can get more information and an application by contacting Bruce Bell, 617-426-1350, email [bbell@glad.org](mailto:bbell@glad.org), or at [www.glad.org/rights/infoline/volunteer](http://www.glad.org/rights/infoline/volunteer).

## 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, 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**. 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, SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2012

## TODAY

### Coffee Hour and Lunch

Today ~ Immediately following worship, Parish Hall

Let’s all gather downstairs for coffee, soup, sandwiches, special desserts, 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).

## NEXT SUNDAY

### Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup> ~ 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!

## THIS WEEK

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

Monday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 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.

### Membership Team Meeting

Monday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Perkins Room

Do you have ideas about how Arlington Street Church can be more welcoming to visitors and friends? Is there an organization you’d like to invite to coffee hour? Would you like to discuss how

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we use Facebook or other tools to be visible in the community? Are you interested in reaching out to invite others to visit or to become members? Your ideas are welcome! Come, join us for our next team meeting.

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

Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> ~ 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 chapter one 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!

### **The Wednesdays Literary Salon: Richard Wilbur**

Sept. 26<sup>th</sup>; Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00-8:00 PM, Frothingham Library

Please join Professor Alan Helms and Rev. Kim for another delightful series at The Wednesdays, Arlington Street's literary salon! All are welcome!

Alan writes,

"For the past 60 years, Richard Wilbur has arguably been our best formal American poet. By "formal," I only mean a poet who uses meter and rhyme. A hundred years ago, 99% of all English language poetry published was metered (meaning you can count the beat by rapping it out on a tabletop) and rhymed, with the remaining 1% written in free verse. Today, the percentages are reversed: 99% free verse, 1% formal. Robert Frost was probably the last internationally famous American poet who wrote formal poetry. He famously said that in his view, writing free verse was like playing tennis without a net."

He had a point, which we'll discuss in our four evenings devoted to Richard Wilbur. You'll love the four weeks we'll spend with him! All welcome, all aboard!

### **Kundalini Yoga Class**

Wednesday, September 26<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.

### **Sacred Eros: Reproductive Justice**

Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00 pm, Perkins Room

This month, we will kick off Sacred Eros with a discussion on the Unitarian Universalist Association's (UUA's) Congregational Study/Action Issue: Reproductive Justice. Some of the questions to be discussed include:

- Why is focusing on individual choice inadequate?
- How do power structures limit access to reproductive justice?
- How do reproductive issues intersect with racism and classism?

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

## **This Week**

### **Sunday, September 23, 2012**

9:30 AM	Choir Rehearsal ~ Sanctuary
9:30 AM	Social Action Committee ~ Smith Room
9:30 AM	Teacher Training Breakfast ~ Perkins Room
11:00 AM	Sunday Morning Worship ~ Sanctuary
11:15 AM	Children's Religious Education ~ Perkins Room
12:00 PM	Coffee Hour, Dessert Party, & Light Lunch ~ Parish Hall

### **Monday, September 24, 2012**

10:00 AM	Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
6:30 PM	Membership Team ~ Perkins Room
7:00 PM	George Leger Pastry Demo ~ Kitchen

### **Tuesday, September 25, 2012**

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

### **Wednesday, September 26, 2012**

10:00 AM	Adult ESL Class ~ Perkins Room
*3:30 PM	Staff Meeting ~ Perkins Room
6:00 PM	Kundalini Yoga ~ Hunnewell Chapel
6:00 PM	The Wednesdays ~ Frothingham Library
7:00 PM	Sacred Eros ~ Perkins Room

### **Thursday, September 27, 2012**

7:00 PM	Choir Practice ~ Clarke Room
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### **Friday, September 28, 2012**

5:00 PM	Friday Night Supper ~ Parish Hall
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### **Saturday, September 29, 2012**

No congregational events

### **Sunday, September 30, 2012**

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 Hour & Light Lunch ~ Parish Hall

\* **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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Please join us on this important topic, and check out the UUA's web page for more info, [www.uua.org/reproductive/study-actionissue/209024.shtml](http://www.uua.org/reproductive/study-actionissue/209024.shtml)

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.

We meet on the last Wednesday of each month. All people over 18 are welcome, and participants are expected to respect one another and keep personal matters discussed confidential.

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## **SAVE THE DATE**

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### **Tea for Two, or Three, or More...**

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

Break out your long gloves and your broad brimmed hats, and join together in fellowship to raise awareness and funds for our upcoming rebuilding trip to New Orleans!

Enjoy tea, finger sandwiches, sweet delights, engaging conversation, and be serenaded by lovely classical music. This event is sponsored by Jubilee to support Arlington Street Church's work in New Orleans and for our continued fellowship with the good people of First Unitarian Universalist Church of New Orleans.

Please RSVP to [NewOrleans@ASCBoston.org](mailto:NewOrleans@ASCBoston.org) or leave a message at the church office (617-536-7050).

### **New Member Class**

Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> ~ 12:30, Stage Right Room

Wednesday, October 17<sup>th</sup> ~ 6:00 PM, Perkins Room

All interested newcomers are warmly invited to our next two-session new member class. In our first session, we learn a little of Arlington Street's history, polity, and practices; and meet some of our illustrious leadership and staff. Rev. Kim joins us for the second 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. Please sign up at the Welcome Table in the parish hall after the service. All are welcome!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### **Connections: Small Group Ministry**

Registration is open!

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.

Beginning in early October, groups of 6-10 people will meet twice a month for 90 minutes, with a goal of deepening 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.

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