

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH, 2003

Today's Events

Coffee Hour

Immediately following the service in the Parish Hall

Check out all the activities of ASC's congregation in this lively and social environment. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Sermon Discussion

12:15 PM in the Hunnewell Chapel

Still thinking about today's sermon? Join Shelia Murphy after today's service for connection and discussion in a small and intimate setting.

Gay Men's Support Group

12:30 PM in the Stage Right Room

Facilitated by Sam Goldfarb, PhD, gay men can join together in this safe and supportive atmosphere. We will share ongoing facilitation that focuses on whatever issues the group determines are important.

Green Sanctuary

12:30 PM in the Church Office

Get involved in ASC's efforts to make our church more environmentally friendly.

South Africa's Drakensberg Boys Choir

3:00 PM in the Sanctuary

After performing in today's worship service, South Africa's acclaimed Drakensberg Boys Choir will sing a concert later this afternoon at 3:00 PM. The choir's forty-four young men will present a varied program capped by songs and dances of South Africa's indigenous peoples. The Drakensberg's appearance in the Music@ASC series is sponsored jointly by the Youth Choir

Upcoming Worship Highlights

High Holy Day Sunday

Sunday, September 21st, 11:00 AM

This Service, during the week of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, will feature prayers, readings and music from the Jewish Tradition. Rabbi-in-Residence, Howard A. Berman, will deliver the sermon: "A New Year, A New Chapter".

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5th, 11:00 AM – **NOTE CHANGE**

Each year on a Sunday near St. Francis Day, we celebrate the animal companions in our lives by welcoming parishioners to bring their pets (crated, on a leash, in a bowl, or controlled in some manner!) to be blessed. Join us for this happy, hilarious, and love-filled worship service.

The Arlington Street Center for Liberal Religious Inquiry and Spiritual Practice

Please note: below is a listing of select upcoming events in the ASCenter. For a complete listing of all ASCenter events or information about registering, please refer to the ASCenter Program guide available during Coffee Hour, or to the ASC website: <http://www.ASCBoston.org/ascenter/>.

UU's and Reform Jews

1st and 3rd Wednesdays

Next: Wednesday, September 17th, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Sanctuary

In observance of this year's milestone commemorations – the bicentennials of Emerson's birth, Channing's ordination and the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in America, this course will explore the origins and development of two major liberal religious traditions in the United States, Unitarian Universalism and Reform Judaism. The common themes and issues, controversies and debates that emerged in both communities will be studied, as well as the major figures who shaped both Movements in the 19th and 20th centuries.

A Chosen Faith

Select Sundays throughout the Fall (see ASCenter Program Guide)

Next: Sunday, September 28th, 12:45 PM – 2:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Using the popular new guide to Unitarian Universalism by nationally known leaders Forrest Church and John Buehrens, this course is an in-depth study of the history, principles and practices of the UU Tradition led by Associate Clergy Rabbi Howard Berman. The focus of this course is a deeper knowl-

Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 14th, 2003

- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel
- 12:30 PM Gay Men's Support Group - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary - Church Office
- 3:00 PM Boy's Choir Concert - Sanctuary

Monday, September 15th, 2003

no congregation-related events

Tuesday, September 16th, 2003

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room
- 6:30 PM UU Affairs Committee - Clarke Room

Wednesday, September 17th, 2003

- 6:00 PM Yoga - Chapel
- 6:30 PM UU'S and Reform Jews - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 18th, 2003

- 7:00 PM Choir Practice - Clarke Room

Friday, September 19th, 2003

- 6:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall

Saturday, September 20th, 2003

no congregation-related events

Copies of the book are available for purchase at the Book Table in the Parish Hall on after Sunday services.

Encounters with Native American Spirituality

1st and 3rd Monday Evenings (see ASCenter Program Guide)

Next: Monday, October 6th, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

This experiential workshop offers both the intrigued neophyte or the seasoned spiritual seeker a banquet of ritual and esoteric knowledge from Native American and world wide indigenous traditions. You will learn how to journey in the dreamtime, become acquainted with animal guides, and interpret your dreams within a shamanic symbol system. Native American earth-based spirituality, particularly akin to UU philosophy, will be discussed as a guide toward creating a daily spiritual practice of living respectfully on our Mother planet.

Music@ASC

Recital: Stephanie McGuire

Saturday, September 20th, 8:00 PM

Stephanie's voice has become well-known at ASC over the last year through the many solos during Sunday morning services. Stephanie's talents are celebrated both here at ASC and at the

Calendar Next Week

Sunday, September 21st, 2003

- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel
- 12:30 PM Lesbian Support Group - Stage Right Room

Monday, September 22nd, 2003

- 7:30 PM Gay Men's Small Group - Chapel

Tuesday, September 23rd, 2003

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room
- 6:30 PM UU Affairs Committee - Clarke Room

Wednesday, September 24th, 2003

- 6:00 PM Yoga - Chapel
- 6:30 PM UU'S and Reform Jews - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 25th, 2003

- 7:00 PM Choir Practice - Clarke Room

Friday, September 26th, 2003

- 6:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall

Saturday, September 27th, 2003

- no congregation-related events

The Arlington Street Chamber Players

Sunday, October 26th, 2:00 PM

In their first recital performance as Artists-in-Residence at ASC, the newly-named Arlington Street Chamber Players (ASCP) present an afternoon of chamber music. The core woodwind quintet will perform works by Barber, Ligeti and others. While the event will be ticketed, a discount will be extended to the ASC community. Look in the weekly *Inside ASC* for more information about this exciting new program.

As Artists-In-Residence, the ASCP will perform during four Sunday services as well as in two recitals. Please mark your calendars now to hear the ASCP perform a benefit for Music@ASC on Sunday, February 8th, 2004 at 2:00 PM.

Covenant/Small Group News

Gay Men's Spirituality Small Group

Monday, September 15th, 7:30 PM

Continuing the work begun at the highly successful ASC Gay Men's Retreat last June, we are pleased to announce the formation of a continuing Gay Men's Small Group to explore the themes of spirituality and community building. Please join us for this inaugural meeting for the new church year. Questions can be addressed to ascgms@earthlink.net or visit our Web site

Covenant Groups Kickoff!

Sunday, September 21st, 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM in the Clarke Room

Covenant Groups, or Small Groups, are groups of about 6 to 10 ASC members and friends who gather together once or twice a month in a neighborhood home or in a central location, such as ASC. At these gatherings, group members check-in with each other, discuss a wide variety of topics that often relate to Spirituality and personal growth, and build close friendships that deepen their connection to ASC, and the wider community.

To learn more about Covenant Groups, are interested in being the leader of such a group, or are already a member of a Small Group (soon to be renamed Covenant Groups) and would like to share your experiences, please join us. For more information, contact Scott Hurwitch
theblusteryday@yahoo.com, 617.504.3808) or Lois Hartsough
(loismh@usadatanet.net, 617.327.0393)

Committees & ASC Groups

Sunset Stroll

Friday, October 19th, 6:00 PM

All are invited to an evening stroll along the Charles River Esplanade. Afterwards, we'll have supper at the Prudential

Ceremony of the Waters

Many thanks to Dick Pooler for his generous donation of a crystal punch bowl, which we used for the first time last Sunday in our *Ceremony of the Waters!*

Members of the congregation traveled far and wide this summer, bringing water from:

Hidden Lake on the Matanuska Glacier, Alaska – A lake in northern Vermont – A bathroom sink on the campus of Andover Newton Theological School – Ward's Pond in Olmstead Park in Jamaica Plain – A lake on the island of Varaldsøy in the Hardanger Fjord in Norway – A bathroom sink in Jamaica Plain – An artisanal well dug in the 1800s in Smithtown, New York on Long Island – Achor in the Maine Woods – Long Beach in Nahant – Lake Winnepesaukee, New Hampshire – Colorado River – Southampton, England, near the Isle of Wight, from which the Mayflower and Titanic sailed – Three women's circles around the U.S.A. – Coheco River, Dover, New Hampshire – Walden Pond – Ell Pond – Cape Cod – Barnard, Vermont – Connecticut River source (Canada, New Hampshire, Vermont) – Cuttyhunk – Seneca Lake, New York – Jamaica Pond – Beach Island, Maine – Boston Public Garden Swan Pool – Stonehenge – London – Dublin – Springfield – Heart, Michigan – Salmon Lake, Maine – Denver, Colorado – North of Toronto – Boston Harbor near Boston Light – San Francisco – First Parish, Sudbury – White Pond, Concord – Green River, Vermont – A spa – Starr Island cistern water – Waters from everywhere, brought to Starr Island – Vermont – Alaska – Devil's Lake, Wisconsin – Frankestown, New Hampshire – Frog Pond, Boston Common – Fresh Pond, Cam-

Calling all Young Adults (18-35 or just young at heart)

Wednesday, September 24th, 7:00 PM in the kitchen

Join us for our first evening meeting of the new church year. Meet us in the kitchen at ASC and bring your favorite pizza topping for our second annual pizza party and a visit from a member of the Social Action Committee. Newcomers very welcome!

Also, please join us after church on Sundays for an informal lunch. We meet a half hour after the service on the stage downstairs. Come meet new friends and share ideas with our fabulous young adult group.

If you would like to find out about more of our events throughout the year, you can join our listserv by going to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ASC_YA and clicking on subscribe.

ASC's Patriots for Peace

All are welcome to join ASC's peacemakers e-list! To learn about all our up-to-the-minute activities and how to join us in them, or just to read scintillating commentary on the news, you can subscribe by sending a blank e-mail to ASCPatriotsForPeace-Subscribe@yahoo.com. For more information, please speak to Kim!

Other Events

GBIO Delegates Assembly: An opportunity for faith in action

Monday, September 15th, 2003

Join with other GBIO leaders to help build a 3 month cam-

THE ABCS OF ASC

ASC: Arlington Street Church
ARE: Adult's Religious Education
CRE: Children's Religious Education
RAP: Renovation, Access and Preservation Committee
UU: Unitarian Universalism
UUA: Unitarian Universalist Association
UUSC: Unitarian Universalist Service Committee
UUUM: Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministries

SCHEDULING EVENTS AT ASC

All issues dealing with building usage for both congregational usage and rentals, must be coordinated by Jeffrey Bouchard, Facilities Manager. Jeffrey is able to help you Monday -

Thursday 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 ASC SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Please deliver all Sunday announcements (including flower dedications) *before Wednesday noon* by e-mail to inside@ASCBoston.org; or to the Church Office. Announcements will not be accepted by telephone. 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 ASC events or the wider UUA community.

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