

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2003
High Holy Day Sunday
Rosh Hashanah, the New Year 5764

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 others 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 man can join together in this safe and supportive atmosphere. We will share ongoing facilitation that focuses on whatever issues the group determines are important.

Covenant Groups Kickoff!

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Covenant Groups, or Small Groups, are groups of about 6 to 12 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.

If you would like 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 today.

For more information, contact Scott Hurwitch (theblusteryday@yahoo.com, 617.504.3808) or Lois Hartsough (loismh@usadatanet.net, 617.327.0393).

Upcoming Worship Highlights

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 5th, 11:00 AM

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.

El Dia de los Muertos, Day of the Dead

Sunday, October 26th, 11:00 AM

Join the ASC community in our annual observance of the Day of the Dead and All Souls-Saints Day. Our community celebrates the lives of beloved friends and family who have gone before us, calling out their names to affirm their continuing presence. As always, the altar building party will be held on Saturday, October 25th, at 6:00 PM. All are welcome.

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 further information on these and other courses and programs, and to register, please visit the AS Center Table in the Parish Hall during today's Coffee Hour. Information is also available on the ASC website: <http://www.ASCBoston.org/ascenter/>.

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 knowledge of the context of our shared liberal religious ideals, in our personal development of our own faith and beliefs. The entire spectrum of diversity within the ASC community will be reflected as we explore the options and possibilities for an informed and articulate spiritual commitment.

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

The Living Legacy of Ralph Waldo Emerson

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Next: September 30th, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Perkins Room

May 25th, 2003, marked the 200th anniversary of Ralph Waldo Emerson's birth. Since most of us met Emerson in high school American lit class, many are surprised to discover that he was also a Unitarian minister. Although his official ministry lasted only three

Calendar This 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

- 6:00 PM UU Reform Jews - Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM Council - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM ASC Zen Center - Clarke Room

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
- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Group - Parish Hall & Kitchen

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

years, he continued to preach his “doctrine of the soul” throughout his career. More than a decade before his death in 1882, Emerson had become America’s beloved teacher and conscience. He was an icon in his own time.

For this six-session course, our goal is to acquaint 21st century UUs with the words and deeds of a major source of our “living tradition” through learning about Emerson’s life, ideas, and times, reading and reflecting on his words, what he has to say to each of us individually, and exploring his legacy to us today as Unitarian Universalists. Join noted author and historian Joan Goodwin in this special course.

UU’s and Reform Jews

1st and 3rd Wednesdays

Next: Wednesday, October 1st, 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.

Calendar Next Week

Sunday, September 28th, 2003

- 12:15 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel
- 12:30 PM Gay Men's Support Group - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM 50 +/- - Stage Right Room

Monday, September 29nd, 2003

- 6:00 PM Social Action Orientation - Chapel

Tuesday, September 30th, 2003

- 6:00 PM UU/People - Perkins Room

Wednesday, October 1st, 2003

- 6:00 PM Worship Committee - Senior Minister's Study
- 6:00 PM Yoga - Chapel
- 6:30 PM UUs/Reform Jews - Sanctuary

Thursday, October 2nd, 2003

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, October 3rd, 2003

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

Saturday, October 4th, 2003

- no congregation-related events

Music@ASC

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.

Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries 10th Annual Music Festival

Saturday, November 8th, 6:00 PM

Music@ASC is happy to host Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries' 10th Annual Music Festival. Come join us to listen to a variety of ensembles perform a wide spectrum of sacred music; gospel, a cappella, children's choir and more. A silent auction to support CMM charities will be held in the Parish Hall during the performances. To find out more about CMM or this event, visit www.coopmet.org.

Committees & ASC Groups

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.

Social Action Orientation Meeting

Tuesday, September 30th, 6:00 PM in the Chapel

Come and learn about all the social action programs at ASC, and how to plug into them. Bring your ideas and energy. Snacks will be served.

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 Center Food Court. Meet on the front steps of ASC. Any questions, please see or call Heidi Meyer (617-625-9483) or Scott Hurwitch. We are a "fun" group, and want to make new acquaintances, as well as keep up with old!

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@yahoogroups.org. For more information, please speak to Kim!

Caring Concerns

Several members of the ASC congregation have been trying to contact Martha Bartlett. Joan Goodwin has provided the following contact information for those wishing to contact Martha.

Martha Bartlett
Hammond Pointe Skilled Nursing Facility
615 Heath St,
Chestnut Hill MA 02467
(617)243-9990

Other Notices

Blessing the Animals with Massage

Sunday, October 5th, 12:30 PM in the Clarke Room

Join Arnold Katz of Katz & Dogz.

12:30 PM - 12:45 PM Demonstration of animal massage with Katz & Dogz. All animal companions and their people are welcome!

12:45 PM - 1:30 PM 15-minute massages for your animal companion by Arnie! \$5 donation to ASC. Please sign up on the door of the Clarke Room.

Some Like it Hot:

A Cabaret Benefit for the Freedom To Marry Coalition of Mass.

Sundays, September 21st & 28th; 7:00 PM

at The Lyric Stage (YWCA, 140 Clarendon St.)

Come support the struggle for Gay and Lesbian civil rights by joining some of Boston's most talented singers and performers for this annual tradition – an evening of sizzling Broadway show music – with a large dash of fun and wit! Tickets \$20: To order, visit www.TheaterMania.com, or call 1-866-811-4111. For further information on the Freedom to Marry issue, visit www.EqualMarriage.org

ASC Online

Be sure to visit ASC's web site. Created by ASC member Scott Sughrue and updated on a regular basis with all the latest information, this is a great place to check what going on in and around our community at ASC.

THE ABCs OF ASC

ASC: Arlington Street Church
ARE: Adult's Religious Education
CRE: Children's Religious Education
RAP: Renovation, Access and Preservation Committee
SAC: Social Action 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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