

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH, 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. Sandwiches, chips and drinks are available for sale. All are welcome.

Sermon Discussion

12:15 PM in the Hunnewell Chapel

Still thinking about today's sermon? Join leader, Judy Chambliss and 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, and Ed Mowrey, this group is a place where 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.

50 +/- Kicks Off A New Season

Following the service in the Stage Right Room

All are invited to the first 50 +/- meeting of the season. We're a group of ASC Seniors (counterpart to the Young Adult Group) usually meeting on the last Sunday of each month. We're not exactly a Covenant Group, but we do many of the same things – check-ins, sharing adventures and offering mutual support, socializing, discussing themes of interest to us. Kim has named this group among the “natural leaders” at ASC.

We're always happy to have new members. Come today or any final Sunday of the month.

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 web site: <http://www.ASCBoston.org/ascenter/>.

Class Postponements - Take Note

A Chosen Faith and *The Living Legacy of Ralph Waldo Emerson* are postponed until Spring 2004. Please note this when planning to participate in ASCenter events.

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 This 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

no congregation-related events

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
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Group - Perkins Room

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

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.

New UU Class

Three consecutive Wednesdays starting, October 15th, 6:30 PM

Come to this popular three session program to make a circle of friends in the church, share your religious or spiritual journey with others, learn about the history, current workings and programs of ASC, hear stories from the origins and rise of Unitarian Universalism, gain information about how to become a member of ASC, and discover ways you can get into the action by volunteering

This course will be offered at various times throughout the year.

To sign-up for the Fall session, stop by either the ASCenter or the Membership tables during Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall, or call Lauren at the church office mornings at 617-536-7050 ext. 10.

Calendar Next Week

Sunday, October 5th, 2003

- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee - Clarke Room
- 12:00 PM Pet Massage with Arnie Katz - Clarke Room
- 12:15 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel
- 12:30 PM Hymn Sing - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary - Church Office
- 12:30 PM Mini-Intro - Stage Right Room

Monday, October 6th, 2003

- 6:00 PM Native American Spirituality - Chapel

Tuesday, October 7th, 2003

- 6:00 PM Building Committee - Chapel
- 6:00 PM ASCenter Committee - Church Office
- 6:30 PM Arts and Spirituality - Perkins Room
- 7:30 PM Spiritual Practice for Caregivers - Senior Min's Office
- 7:00 PM Freedom to Marry Meeting - Clarke Room

Wednesday, October 8th, 2003

- 6:00 PM Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns

Thursday, October 9th, 2003

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, October 10th, 2003

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

Saturday, October 11th, 2003

- 8:00 AM Rice & Sticks - Parish Hall

“The Wednesdays” Literary Salon: Fall Series on Dante: Hell

Select Wednesdays throughout the Fall (see ASCenter Program Guide)
Next: Wednesday, October 22nd, 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the Senior Min's Study

Keats and Shelley had The Tuesdays; Arlington Street has The Wednesdays! Join Kim and Professor Alan Helms for these fabulous literary salons. Past themes have included short story, Whitman, and memoir. This fall the topic is Dante! We'll begin with The Inferno, followed by The Purgatory and The Paradise.

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.

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

Social Action Committee (SAC) 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.

Young Adult Worship

Wednesday, October 1st, 7:00 PM in the Perkins Room

Take a mid-week break to join the young adults of ASC for a circle-style worship. The theme of this intimate and reflective service will be "living authentically" and will include music, meditation, readings and personal sharing on how we can be more true to ourselves in our everyday lives.

SAC: Letter Writing Table

Every Sunday beginning this week

ASC's Voter Registration Drive will be a regular feature at the Social Action Committee's Letter Writing Table in the Parish Hall after Sunday worship. Please join us and stay tuned for more voter registration campaign related activities. Let us know if you would like to become involved in this most important effort.

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 Notices

Energizing Progressive Christians in New England Friday and Saturday, October 3rd and 4th in Craigville, Mass.

Meet progressive Christians in your area, explore ways of developing lively, open congregations and learn practical strategies for living in the world as responsible, caring people. Visit www.tpc.org or call 617-441-0928 for more information and registration.

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 outside the Clarke Room.

Some Like it Hot: A Cabaret Benefit for the Freedom To Marry Coalition of Massachusetts 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.

THE ABCs OF ASC

ASC: Arlington Street Church
ASCP: Arlington Street Chamber Players
ARE: Adult's Religious Education
CRE: Children's Religious Education
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 Tuesday at 10:00 PM* 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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