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## ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2003  
Indigenous People's Sunday

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### Today's Events

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#### 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

Fifteen minutes after the service in the Hunnewell Chapel

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

#### Visit Our Sukkah!

During the service this morning, ASC's kids will be working with Rabbi Berman in decorating the Sukkah – the Biblical harvest hut – in celebration of the Jewish Festival of Sukkot. Sukkot is observed this week and brings the High Holy Day season to a close. Following our worship, everyone is invited to come outside to the Boylston Street lawn area to join us in hanging a fruit or flower decoration. Help us usher in the universal harvest season, celebrated in so many wonderful ways by every culture and faith around the world!

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### Upcoming Worship Highlights

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#### El Dia de los Muertos, Day of the Dead

Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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. Please feel free to bring photographs or other mementos to place on the altar.

#### Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 11:00 AM

On this Sunday before Thanksgiving, we join together to celebrate

and give thanks for the blessings of our community, our lives, and all those we hold dear. This day will feature the ASC Choir performing Stravinsky's *Mass* with a chamber wind ensemble accompaniment.

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## **The Arlington Street Center for Liberal Religious Inquiry and Spiritual Practice**

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**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 ASCenter Table in the Parish Hall during today's Coffee Hour. Information is also available on the ASC web site: <http://www.ASCBoston.org/ascenter/>.

### **Arlington Street Zen Center**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

Next: Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

An evening of meditation practice, led by Kim Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister. Sessions include seated & walking meditation, Dharma talk, and conversation. This practice is open to all, beginning and experienced practitioners.

### **Kundalini Yoga**

Wednesdays

Next: Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

Kundalini Yoga, the Yoga of Awareness, consists of simple yogic techniques that can be enjoyed by everyone, no matter his or her age or physical ability. It is a complete system of yoga that includes breath (pranayam), yoga postures (asanas), sound, chanting (mantra) and meditation. It is designed to provide you with the experience of your highest consciousness through the raising of your Kundalini.

The word "kundalini" literally means "the curl of the lock of hair of the beloved." It is a metaphor, a poetic way of describing the flow of energy and consciousness that already exists within each one of us. These practices enable you to merge with, or "yoke," with the Universal Self. This merging of individual consciousness with universal consciousness creates a "divine union" called "yoga."

### **New UU Class**

Three consecutive Wednesdays, starting October 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 This Week

## Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 12:15 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel  
12:30 PM 50 Plus/Minus - Clarke Room

## Monday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003

**Columbus Day Holiday - Church Office Closed**  
no congregation-related activities

## Tuesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 5:30 pm Finance Committee - Church Office  
6:00 pm UU affairs - Chapel  
7:00 pm ASC Zen - Center

## Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 6:00 PM Yoga - Chapel  
6:30 PM UU/Reform Jews  
7:00 PM Young Adult Group - Perkins Room

## Thursday, October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

## Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall

## Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 8:00 AM Rice & Sticks - Parish Hall  
7:30 PM Gay-Lab

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

Select Wednesdays throughout the Fall (see ASCenter Program Guide)  
Next: Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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*.

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## **Music@ASC**

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### **The Arlington Street Chamber Players**

Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 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 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at 2:00 PM.

## Calendar Next Week

### **Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel
- 12:30 PM Lesbian Support Group - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM UU Affairs - Clarke Room

### **Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

- 6:30 PM An Encounter with Native Am. Spirituality - Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003**

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room

### **Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003**

- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns - Perkins Room

### **Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003**

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

### **Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall

### **Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

- 8:00 AM Rice & Sticks - Parish Hall
- 7:30 PM Gay-Lab

## **Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Festival**

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

Music@ASC is happy to host Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries' 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Festival. Come 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](http://www.coopmet.org).

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## **Committees & ASC Groups**

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### **SAC: Vote No on the FTAA**

As a UU with deep belief in the worth and dignity of every human being and respect for the interdependent web of existence, can you accept trade policies without enforceable international labor standards or standards that protect the environment, human health and safety? Stop by the letter-writing table and cast your ballot. Let your voice be heard! See Aileen Montour for more info.

### **ASC Patriots For Peace Voter Registration Drive: This Is What Democracy Looks Like!**

Following the service today, members of Arlington Street's Patriots for Peace will be at a table outside the church, registering people to vote. If you or someone you know is not registered, please stop by! And no excuses, please; we have forms, pens, and stamps! You can help by

## **An Open Invitation to the ASC Community from the Prudential Committee**

Please join us for an interactive and energetic evening of “what ASC membership means to me.” Participate in the enactment of the Arlington Street Church “membership life cycle:”

- Looking for a Spiritual Community
- Entering the Front Door/The First Service
- After the Service/Coffee Hour
- New Members Class/Joining
- Getting Involved
- Dealing with Burnout/Sustaining Commitment

By participating in this evening, you will not only gain a better understanding of your connection to the ASC community, but will help us to gain a better understanding of the membership experience. The Pru, Council and ASC Staff are committed to increasing meaningful membership and connection at Arlington Street Church. With a better understanding of how we reach out to all people at all stages of the membership life cycle, we can all participate in this “Journey to Community.” Please come and share your ideas!

**Date:** Tuesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 - 6:30 PM Potluck Supper  
6:30 - 8:00 PM Membership Experience

**Place:** Chapel and Sanctuary

**Potluck:** Last names A-L, please bring a bread or dessert  
Last names M-Z, please bring a salad or drink  
Main dishes provided by the Membership Small Group

If you have any questions, please contact Brian Souza (617-629-9557) or Polly Latham (617-267-7496).

bringing blank forms to your friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers. If you'd like to join this effort (and this is only the beginning!), please speak with Aileen Montour, Chris Curtiss, or Kim. 2 million more in 2004!

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## **Other Notices**

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### **Alter Building for Dia de los Muertos**

Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM

On Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual Día de los Muertos (Day of the Dead) observance at Arlington Street Church. Come help John and Steve create an altar celebrating the memory of loved ones who have died. What to bring? Photos are always great. Maybe a piece of clothing or footwear that your special person wore. Toys for departed children mean a lot, too. Fragrant flowers, especially marigolds, are supposed to lead the spirits of the dead into our midst, so they can share the festivities (and treats!). Favorite foods, cooked or not, are always appropriate as are sweets or baked goods in the form of skeletons, skulls, or bones! How about bringing a favorite candy bar? And don't forget drinks like coffee, tea, chocolate, or “harder” li-

bations like beer, cider, tequila, or whiskey (still in the bottle, please!) – whatever the deceased enjoyed. Children can help by making paper flowers, cutouts, or skeleton drawings. For more information, call John Prendergast or Steve Glicken at 781-793-7901.

## **Affordable Housing in Kenmore Square**

Do you live in the Kenmore Square area and/or are you concerned about the availability of affordable housing? There is a Megaproject being proposed for the area. GBIO will be working to ensure that some of this will be “affordable.” Contact Aileen Montour if you would like more information or to get involved with this GBIO Back Bay group. Contact Aileen Montour, 617-325-4075, with questions.

## **“The Generations Meet”**

### **The UUA’s Mass. Bay District Fall Meeting**

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, at First Parish in Arlington

Join other UUs for an intentionally intergenerational conversation on how faith guides our actions at the Fall Conference of the Mass. Bay District of UU Churches. Arlington Street’s own young adult group will lead the morning worship, and UUA President William G. Sinkford will speak. Go to [www.firstparish.info](http://www.firstparish.info) for directions.

## **Grassroots International Celebrates 20 Years**

Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup>

Join us on Saturday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in Cambridge for a conference with social justice activists from all over the world and a gala evening reception. For tickets and information visit [www.grassrootsonline.org](http://www.grassrootsonline.org) or call 617-524-1400. Proceeds from tickets to benefit Grassroots International. Questions? Contact Marjorie Dove Kent at 617-524-1400 ext. 10 or email [info@grassrootsonline.org](mailto:info@grassrootsonline.org).

### **THE ABCs OF ASC**

ASC: Arlington Street Church  
ASCP: Arlington Street Chamber Players  
ARE: Adult’s Religious Education  
CRE: Children’s Religious Education  
GBIO: Greater Boston Interfaith Organization  
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](mailto: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](mailto: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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