

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2003
A Service of Affirmation of the Freedom to Marry

Today's Events

Welcome

We welcome the youth group from All Souls Church, Unitarian Universalist in Tulsa to our service this morning. When you see them, please take a moment to greet them and their adult leaders, Rev. Kim Cameron, Kate Starr and Tim Peterson.

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 Jim Buckley, our discussion leader, and others after today's service for connection and discussion in a small, intimate setting.

Lesbian Support Group

12:30 PM in the Stage Right Room

This drop-in support group is designed to provide a safe space for women to discuss lesbian issues. There are no prearranged topics but rather, we discuss topics as suggested by those present. All members of the group are given an opportunity to speak. What is discussed will remain confidential. No judgments will be made on what is said but rather participants will give examples from their own experience on the topic being discussed. We try to limit the topics to lesbian issues.

In Affirmation of the Freedom To Marry

Members of the Massachusetts Coalition and the Religious Coalition for the Freedom to Marry have distributed important background materials to all of us this morning. Inside, you'll find ideas for personal action as the struggle for equal marriage rights comes to a peak this week. Members of both coalitions will be present at the Social Action Table during Coffee Hour following today's service. They will be collecting signatures and distributing additional information. Please visit to learn more about how each of us can participate in this important work.

Forum on Economic Globalization

12:45 PM in the Clarke Room

Business journals are predicting that we will lose 3 million white collar jobs by 2015! Here is an opportunity for UUs to consider our values. What would a fair, just economy look like? Come for a short video, to hear about upcoming events, and to begin to envision alternatives as we continue to build on the Statement of Conscience passed at General Assembly.

Upcoming Worship Highlights

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. Please feel free to bring photographs or other mementos to place on the altar.

Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 23rd, 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.

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 ASCenter Table in the Parish Hall during today's Coffee Hour or online.

New UU Class

Three consecutive Wednesdays, continuing October 22nd, 6:00 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 19th, 2003

- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel
- 12:30 PM Lesbian Support Group
- 12:45 PM Economic Globalization Forum - Clarke Room
- 1:00 PM Communication Committee - Church Office

Monday, October 20th, 2003

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

Tuesday, October 21st, 2003

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room

Wednesday, October 22nd, 2003

- 6:00 PM Wednesday Salon - Senior Minister's Study
- 6:00 PM Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns - Perkins Room

Thursday, October 23rd, 2003

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, October 24th, 2003

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

Saturday, October 25th, 2003

- no congregation-related activities

“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.

Calendar Next Week

Sunday, October 26th, 2003

- 9:00 AM Choir Warm-up - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Gay Men's Support Group - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel
- 12:45 pm Criminal Justice/Prison Reform - Clarke Room
- 2:00 PM Arlington Street Chamber Players - Sanctuary

Monday, October 27th, 2003

no congregation-related activities

Tuesday, October 28th, 2003

- 5:00 PM Ministers Tea - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Council Membership Summit - Chapel/Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 29th, 2003

- 6:00 PM Wednesday Salon - Senior Ministers Study
- 6:00 PM Yoga - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Group - Perkins Room

Thursday, October 30th, 2003

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, October 31st, 2003

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall
- 5:30 PM Jewish Peace Fellowship

Saturday, November 1st, 2003

no congregation-related activities

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 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

Small Group Restarts in Dorchester

Sunday, November 2nd, 7:30 PM - 9:00 PM

The Dorchester Small Group welcomes new and continuing members to its start-up meeting. The gathering will be at the home of Gene Navias and Jim Buckley, 69 Ocean St. For more information, call 617-436-2128 or e-mail ebnavias@aol.com

A New Group Forms

Because many ASC members are unemployed during this time of economic turmoil, we are exploring the development of a new group: The ASC Support and Networking Circle for Professionals in Tran-

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 28th

Time: 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM Potluck Supper
6:30 PM - 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).

sition. This program would help individuals process the difficult emotions associated with job loss and offer a setting in which to share strategies for redefining career goals, networking and interviewing. Another focus would be to share ideas for meaningful personal growth and community service during periods of professional transition. If you are interested in participating with the organization of this program, please contact Rabbi Berman.

Other Notices

Altar Building for Dia de los Muertos

Sunday, October 26th, 9:00 AM

On Sunday, October 26th, 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" libations 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.

Highlighting History and Architecture

Saturday, November 1st, 1:30 PM

Arlington Street Church proudly participates in First Annual Historic Congregation Tour – highlighting history and architecture – to benefit MATCH-UP Interfaith Volunteers services for elders and disabled adults. The tour also features Church of the Covenant, First & Second Church, and Old South Church. Guided tours will be offered every half hour from 1:30 PM to 3:00 PM, \$20 per person (\$10 for anyone showing a student ID) and you may visit the churches in any order. Call MATCH-UP at 617-536-3557 for more information and to order tickets, or buy tickets at any church after 1:00 PM on day of tour.

“The Generations Meet”

The UUA's Mass. Bay District Fall Meeting

Saturday, November 8th, 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 for directions.

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.

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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