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## ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2003

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12:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Instead of monthly meetings, the Green Sanctuary Committee will staff an information table that will focus on a different topic twice monthly. This Sunday, we'll address the down side to drinking bottled water; the upside to buying fair trade cocoa bars; and the importance of individual responsibility. For more information contact Terry Murphy at [terry\\_murphy@harvard.edu](mailto:terry_murphy@harvard.edu) or Lisa Bergeron at [lbergeron@ma.deltek.com](mailto:lbergeron@ma.deltek.com).

#### **Social Action Committee**

It's a two-fer at the Social Action letter writing table. Come and sign a petition regarding health care as well as a letter to Governor Romney decrying the recent remarks by Secretary of Administration and Finance about givers and takers. This was an outrage and disparages the legitimate role of government in assisting those most in need. Make your voice heard!

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- 1:00 PM Tenor/Bass Choir Sectional - Clarke Room

### Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2003

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

### Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 6:30 PM Arts & Spirituality - Perkins Room
- 7:30 PM Spiritual Practice for Professional Caregivers  
(Please speak with Rev. Kim before joining)

### Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 6:00 PM Worship Committee - Senior Minister's Study
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Group - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM UUs and Reform Jews - Sanctuary

### Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

### Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2003

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- 8:00 AM Rice & Sticks - Parish Hall/Stage Right Room
- 6:00 PM CMM 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Music Festival - Sanctuary
- Mass Bay District Annual Meeting - See "Other Notices"

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## Music@ASC

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### 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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### **Small Group Restarts in Dorchester**

Sunday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto:ebnavias@aol.com).

### **Choice Conversation at ASC**

Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

The Young Adult Group is hosting a choice conversation with Melissa Kogut, the Director of Mass Naral (Pro-Choice America). She will be

speaking about the history of the movement, current issues, and how to get involved. Confused about the current debate on so-called partial-birth abortion? Don't know how you feel about the whole abortion issue? What is Emergency Contraception anyway? Join us for a night of conversation and fun. All ages are invited; young adults (18-35) are especially encouraged to attend – and bring friends! See Sara Davis for further information.

## **Save the Date: ASC and the FTAA**

Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM

Join us at ASC for an interfaith event to send off the *UUs for a Just Economic Community* on their caravan to Miami and the FTAA Trade Minister's Meetings. Until then, stop by the letter writing table and cast your vote against the FTAA. Watch for more details to come or contact Aileen Montour for more information.

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## **Other Notices**

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### **“The Generations Meet”**

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

Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM at First Parish in Arlington

Join other UUs as the Mass. Bay District and UUA President Bill Sinkford host an intergenerational conversation on How Faith Guides Our Actions.

In the morning youth, younger and older adults will engage in discussion led by Mr. Sinkford, and we will all worship under the guidance of young adults from ASC and youth from our Concord church.

#### **Thanksgiving & The Friday Night Supper Program**

In recent years, the guests of Friday Night Supper Program have greatly benefited from roasted turkeys donated by friends and members of the Arlington Street Church. Since Friday Night Supper began serving this meal in 1984, ASC friends and members have donated nearly 600 cooked turkeys to feed some of Boston's neediest residents.

Because of recent changes to laws, if you would like to support the Thanksgiving meal, you may still do so by donating *frozen* turkeys to the program. You can bring the turkey with you next Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup> by dropping the turkey off in our kitchen. As always, special thanks to Arlington Street Church staff, friends and members for all the support you provide this important community wide ministry.

Afternoon workshops will be led by a variety of youth and adults who are trying to put their faith into action. The most notorious of the young adult leaders will be Jason Lydon and Mimi LaValley who were both jailed this year as a result of their protests against the U.S. Army School of the Americas.

Full information & online register is available at [www.mbdoua.org](http://www.mbdoua.org)

## **Church-wide Survey Coming...**

Sundays, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>

**What matters most to you about Arlington Street Church today and in the future? How well informed do you feel about what is going on at ASC?**

At worship service on November 9th, 16th, and 23rd, we will all be invited to complete a survey on Long Range (Strategic) Planning and on ASC Communications. If you won't be there or prefer to fill out the survey at home, you can complete it on ASC's web site beginning later this week. If you do not have web nor print capabilities and want to receive a copy of the survey by US mail, please contact the ASC Office at 617-536-7050, ext. 10.

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#### **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.

#### **Protect Democracy Now**

Put your faith in action today! Sign the UUJEC statement supporting democracy, dignity, respect and justice for all. If you have questions or want more information, see Aileen Montour after today's service.

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An evening of meditation practice, led by Kim Crawford Harvie,

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Senior Minister. Sessions include seated & walking meditation, Dharma talk, and conversation. This practice is open to all, beginning and experienced practitioners.

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- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room

### **Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
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### **Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

### **Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2003**

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

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## Change on the Pru

As Wendy Weiger prepares to move to Maine, the Nominating Committee has been busy finding a suitable replacement to finish out her term on the Prudential Committee. The nominee to this good work of the church will be Sam Goldfarb, and the election will be held during the November Corporation meeting.

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### Agenda

- \* I. Membership Update
- II. Financial Report
- \*III. Prudential Committee Replacement Member – Sam Goldfarb (to fulfill Wendy Weiger's term)
- IV. Long-Range Planning Report
- V. MBTA Project Update

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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.

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- 12:30 PM Lesbian Support Group - Stage Right Room
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## Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room

## Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2003

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Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:00 PM

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Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 PM

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Choir Sunday

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Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary

All are welcome to join us for this service of celebration and commitment. Join together as we share our joy and resolve in light of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling in support of same-sex marriage. This service will be sponsored by the Religious Coalition for the Freedom to Marry. Join us in commemoration of this historic milestone!

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### Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall
- 8:00 PM Music@ASC: Boston Choral Ensemble - Sanctuary

### Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 8:00 AM Rice and Sticks - Parish Hall

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## Committees & ASC Groups

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### Upcoming Nominations

Soon, the Nominating Committee will be seeking delegates to represent ASC at Boston's UU Urban Ministry, the Mass Bay District of the UUA, and General Assembly in California. Please contact Liz Regan at 617-524-5082 if you are interested in any of these positions. You may also inquire of any member of the Nom Com: Barb Seidl, Dawn Arthmann, Don Rickter, or Janice Brunts.

### UUSC: 2003 Guest At Your Table

We urge all of our members and friends to participate in this year's "Guest At Your Table" effort. This is the annual holiday season project of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee which encourages sharing of our joy and celebration with those from around the world you are in need. This special collection helps to protect and promote human rights and social justice in Latin America, Central Africa, Southeast Asia, and in communities here in the United States. Contribution boxes are available and to be filled throughout the holidays – they may be picked up during Coffee Hour at the Social Action Table in the Parish Hall. Alternatively, donation envelopes for direct contributions will be distributed during the coming weeks. Welcome a "Guest" at your table this holiday season!

## **Annual ‘Mitten Tree’ Collection**

We are beginning this year’s special ASC holiday tradition – the “Mitten Tree”. Please mark your calendars now for the December 14 special collection of mittens, gloves, and scarves for the participants in our Friday Night Supper Program. On that Sunday, our kids will perform their annual award-winning story of this magical tree of gifts, and we will deck the branches with our donations that will bring warmth to body and soul for many people in our community. Donations may also be left in the special collection boxes that will be available beginning Sunday, November 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **Wanted: An LCD Projector**

The ASCenter Committee (Religious Education) needs an LCD Projector to use in “A Legacy of Democracy,” an exciting new five-session adult R. E. program to be scheduled next Spring. If you have one to loan, give, or otherwise make available, please contact Gene Navias at [ebnavias@aol.com](mailto:ebnavias@aol.com) or 617-436-2128. Thank you!

## **Holiday Card Sale**

Holiday cards designed for UUs are on sale today at the UU Service Committee Table at Coffee Hour. Designed especially by the UU Service Committee, the cards benefit the UUSC’s worldwide service work which especially focuses on women’s issues of justice and equity, and helps women gain the training to organize and more adequately fend for their children and themselves.

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## **Other Notices**

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### **The Gift of Green!**

The White Pine trees in the boxes by the front steps of Arlington Street Church will brighten our holidays through the generosity of Geraldine Martin of Sudbury, Mass. Thank you, Geraldine!

### **Alternative Gift Fair**

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

ASC’s Green Sanctuary team is sponsoring an Alternative Gift Fair in our Parish Hall. Under the auspices of the Center for a New American Dream, you’ll have a chance to turn your back on the sheer commercialism of the holiday season and choose your gifts to the AIDS Action, the Heifer Project, the Pine Street Inn, Project Bread/Walk for Hunger, our own Friday Night Supper Program, and other local and international organizations that need our help. For each purchase, you’ll receive a handsome certificate that you can present to your gift recipient. An added bonus: the New American Dream folks will have home-made goodies available at their bake sale table. Come and bring your friends!

# The Long Rangers Invite You

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary

The Long Range Planning Committee is engaged in a planning effort for ASC, and we want your input. There will be a Open Forum session to discuss information presented at the Corporation Meeting on November 23<sup>rd</sup> and your participation is encouraged. The Open Forums are an opportunity to hear about the Long Range Planning Process and our early findings, and to provide your input toward the ASC vision of the future. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Confronting Globalization

Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM at First Parish, Bedford

Pursuant to the UUA's 2003 Statement of Conscience which challenges us as Unitarian Universalists to promote global economic fairness, First Parish Bedford (MA) is hosting: "Confronting Globalization," an evening with guest speaker Tim Wise of Tufts University's Global Development and Environment Institute. Explore with us the reasons why current international trade policies such as NAFTA and FTAA threaten democracy, our livelihoods, human rights, and the environment. The public is welcomed. Call 781-275-7994 for information.

## A Caroling Expedition

Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

Last year, fifteen ASCers and friends had a wonderful early evening caroling. This year, we'll start at the nearby Hale House for older citizens, then head toward Back Bay Station to round out the night. We'll meet at 6:00 PM at the Au Bon Pain (near Church) on Boylston. Songsheets will be provided, so bring your spirits bright! Questions, call/see Heidi Meyer, 617-625-9483.

### THE ABCs OF ASC

ASC: Arlington Street Church  
ASCP: Arlington Street Chamber Players  
ARE: Adult's Religious Education  
CRE: Children's Religious Education  
FNSP: Friday Night Supper Program  
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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