

# INSIDE

## ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2003  
Open House 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 Judy Chambliss, our discussion leader, and others after today's service for connection and discussion in a small, intimate setting.

#### **Pitch In with the Parish Concerns Group**

Join the Parish Concerns group and create holiday cards to build up our supply for the upcoming holidays. Markers and materials will be provided, along with a great environment for fledgling to dramatic creative spirits! All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

#### **Mini Introduction to ASC and UU**

12:30 PM in the Clarke Room

This 30-minute program for newcomers provides a brief introduction to the church and Unitarian Universalism on Sundays after worship. Meet some other newcomers and Gene Navias, our retired Associate Minister, who conducts the program. Drop in to this special "Mini" for Bring-a-Friend Sunday!

#### **Calling All Angels!**

Well, *Choir* Angels that is. The ASC Choir is planning a big performance for our entire community as part of the November 23<sup>rd</sup> Thanksgiving Sunday service. But, in order to make it happen, we're also going to need the *support* of the entire community. Expenses for the performance exceed \$1,400! If you can support music, at any level, it would be appreciated. Specific angels are also sought: a gift of \$120 makes you an "Instrumental Angel" and \$160 a "Section Angel." In the offertory plate, just leave a check or envelope with "Choir Angel" marked in the memo line. Your support is gratefully appreciated!

## **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.

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## **Upcoming Worship Highlights**

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### **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.

### **Christmas Sunday**

Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>, 11:00 am

Come worship as we celebrate the solstice, kindle the menorah, and sing our favorite Christmas carols (*who would believe how much – and how loudly – we love to sing those words?!).* After the service, there will be a wonderful holiday brunch, with more music and merriment!

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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 or online.

### **Encounters with Native American Spirituality**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday Evenings (see ASCenter Program Guide)

Next: Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.

# Calendar This Week

## Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Mini Intro to ASC & UU - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel
- 12:30 PM Lesbian Support Group - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Parish Concerns - Kitchen
- 1:00 PM Special Stravinsky *Mass* Rehearsal - Clarke Room

## Monday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2003

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

## Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room

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

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM The Wednesdays - Sr. Minister's Study
- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns - Perkins Room

## Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003

- 5:00 PM FNSP Turkey Carving - Kitchen
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

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

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

## Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003

- 12:30 PM Rehearsal for Choir Sunday - Sanctuary

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

Select Wednesdays throughout the Fall (see ASCenter Program Guide)  
Next: Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the Sr. Minister'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*.

## Kundalini Yoga

Wednesdays in the Chapel, 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. **Note:** Please wear loose, comfortable clothing, preferably made of cotton or other natural, breathable fiber. Avoid eating immediately before class.

## Calendar Next Week

### **Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2003**

- 9:00 AM Choir Warm-up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel
- 1:00 PM **Corporation Meeting** - Sanctuary

### **Monday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

no congregation-related activities

### **Tuesday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

- 5:00 PM Tea for Trying Times - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Council Meeting - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly - Senior Minister's Study
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center - Clarke

### **Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Young Adult Group - Perkins

### **Thursday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

### **Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

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

### **Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

no congregation-related activities

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## Music@ASC

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### **New England Brass Band**

Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM

Get into the season's mood with a Christmas concert by the New England Brass Band, sponsored by Music@ASC. This 30-piece, British style, all brass band is unique in New England. The Band is a recent prize winner of the 2003 North American Brass Band Association championships. The concert will feature a cornet solo by Terry Everson, euphonium solo by Leif Reslow, and trombone solo by Douglas Yeo. The Band is directed by Douglas Yeo of the BSO.

### **The Boston Choral Ensemble**

Friday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 PM

The Boston Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Thomas Cunningham, will perform music for the Christmas season from Italy in the architectural splendor of historic Arlington Street Church. Sponsored in part by Music@ASC, this 24-voice ensemble is excited to return to ASC to present their music. Don't miss this wonderful choral offering.

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# Committees & ASC Groups

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## Holiday Card Sale

Holiday cards designed for UUs are on sale today at the UU Service Committee Table at Coffee Hour. Designed especially for 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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### Another Chance to Hear Our Rabbi

Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 PM

Rabbi Howard Berman will offer a sermon entitled "Thanksgiving: Claiming our Celebration" at the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at Old South Church on Boylston Street. Everyone is welcome.

### Vytas Baksys in Recital

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

Our own Vytas Baksys will provide music from "Rags to Rossini" at St. John's Chapel, at the Episcopal Divinity School, which is located at 99 Brattle Street in Cambridge. The cost is \$25 per person. Come and hear our own virtuoso entertain and enlighten us with his beautiful sounds!

### Change on the Prudential Committee

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.

### Mark Your Calendar: Corporation Meeting

Sunday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1:00 PM

#### 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

\* means a vote is expected

## **FNSP Needs You**

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

Friday Night Supper needs volunteers this Thursday (November 20<sup>th</sup>) to carve turkeys for the annual Thanksgiving meal. Turkey carving begins at 5:00 PM and lasts until 7:30 PM. The program usually feeds over 300 at its Thanksgiving meal.

## **Alternative Gift Fair**

Sunday, 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 homemade goodies available at their bake sale table. Come and bring your friends!

## **The Survey Continues**

Sponsored by the Long Range Planning and Communication Committees, a very important survey is still underway and will continue through November. The survey assess your priorities for the future of ASC as well as how publications and communication are working for you. Check during Coffee Hour to get your own copy or take the survey from home at [ASCBoston.org](http://ASCBoston.org). We hope to hear from everyone, so don't hold back!

### **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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