

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30TH, 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

Fifteen minutes after the service in the Hunnewell Chapel

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

50 Plus/Minus

12:30 PM in the Stage Right Room

50 Plus/Minus is a diverse gathering of ASC folks who seek the company and support of others in and around their age. The schedule of topics for the remainder of the year will be determined at the first session in September.

Today: Aileen Montour will speak to us on Global Economic Justice, sharing information from related events at General Assembly and her recent trip to Mexico. All are welcome!

The Survey Concludes

Sponsored by the Long Range Planning and Communication Committees, a very important survey concludes this Sunday. The survey assesses 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. We hope to hear from everyone, so don't hold back!

Upcoming Worship Highlights

World AIDS Day

Monday, December 1st, 5:30 PM

You are invited to join us for two very special World AIDS Day observances. At 5:30 PM, we will leave ASC and walk to the Cyclorama

on Tremont Street, where we will visit this year's installation of Michael Dowling's magnificent medicine wheel. The city's religious leaders will be giving blessings on the hour; Kim's blessing, on behalf of our congregation, will be at 6:00 PM.

At 7:00 PM, we will leave the Cyclorama and walk back to ASC, where we are hosting a service of remembrance and hope produced by the Boston Living Center (where Kim serves as a volunteer chaplain). You may want to bring candles and mementos for the medicine wheel or for the altar at ASC. Everyone is welcome!

Christmas Sunday

Sunday, December 21st, 11:00 AM

Come worship as we celebrate the Solstice, Kwanzaa, kindle the Menorah for the third night of Chanukah, 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!

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.

Kundalini Yoga

Wednesdays, 6:00 PM in the Chapel

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.

UUs and Reform Jews

Final Class: Wednesday, December 3rd, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Sanct.

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, November 30th, 2003

- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel
- 12:30 PM 50 Plus/Minus - Stage Right Room

Monday, December 1st, 2003

no congregation-related activities

Tuesday, December 2nd, 2003

- 6:00 PM ASCenter Committee (Religious Ed.) - Church Office
- 7:30 PM Spiritual Practice for Prof. Caregivers - Sr. Min's Study

Wednesday, December 3rd, 2003

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns Committee - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Worship Committee - Senior Minister's Study
- 6:30 PM UUs and Reform Jews - Sanctuary

Thursday, December 4th, 2003

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, December 5th, 2003

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

Saturday, December 6th, 2003

- 11:00 PM Alternative Gift Fair - Parish Hall

Music@ASC

New England Brass Band

Sunday, December 7th, 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 12th, 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.

Calendar Next Week

Sunday, December 7th, 2003

- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel
- 12:30 PM Mini-Intro to UU - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Hymn Sing - Clarke Room

Monday, December 8th, 2003

no congregation-related activities

Tuesday, December 9th, 2003

- 5:00 PM Tea for Trying Times - Chapel
- 5:30 PM Finance Committee - Church Office
- 6:00 PM Buddah's Belly - Senior Minister's Study
- 6:00 PM UU Affairs - Chapel
- 7:00 PM ASC Zen Center - Clarke Room

Wednesday, December 10th, 2003

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

Thursday, December 11th, 2003

- 6:00 PM UU Affairs - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, December 12th, 2003

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

Saturday, December 13th, 2003

- 8:00 AM Rice and Sticks - Parish Hall

Committees & ASC Groups

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 30th.

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 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.

Other Notices

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 6th, 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 7th, 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 23rd 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 16th, 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 19th, 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.

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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