

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2004

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.

Mini Intro to ASC/UUism

12:30 PM in the Stage Right Room

This 30-minute program for newcomers provides a brief introduction to the church and Unitarian Universalism on Sundays after worship. Drop in for a "Mini" on the first Sunday of the month. Meet some other newcomers and Gene Navias, our Associate Minister Emeritus, who conducts the program.

Social Action Opportunity

The letter at the letter writing table this Sunday will ask Senators Kerry and Kennedy to take action against corporate crime. Visit us during Coffee Hour if you're interested.

The New UU Class

A New ASC Membership Program

One day marathon, 12:30 - 5:15 PM in the Clarke Room

In response to many requests, ASC now offers a new and broadened format with various options for our **New UU Classes** this winter. These changes grow out of the need to meet divergent schedules. We will still comprehensively cover the significant issues and information that accompany this process. These sessions will be led by Kim, Howard, and members of ASC who will also serve as mentors for new members. Please contact Rabbi Berman for further information. Other upcoming classes:

Wednesday Evening Class: April 28th, May 5th, May 12th, and May 19th, 6:00 - 7:45 PM (final class of the year)

Individual Study Program: Guided readings, brief written reflections, and regular consultations with the clergy staff, over the course of one month, according to personal schedule.

Spiritual Passion Retreat

1:00 - 3:00 PM in the Clarke Room

These mini-retreats are offered by members of the ASC community and are open to everyone. This week, Carmen Griggs and Diana Miller speak on *The Language of Reverence*. Check the web for future retreat presenters and topics.

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.

Water from Many Wellsprings

2nd and 4th Wednesdays – Next: March 10th, 6:30 PM in the Perkins Rm.

The *Unitarian Universalist Affirmation of Sources* embraces the wisdom and truth that is offered by all of the many spiritual paths of humanity's religious quest. The Torah, Gospels, and Koran, as well as the Sacred Texts and stories of Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, Confucian writings and Pagan, African, and Native American spirituality are all sources of our broad liberal faith. We will begin this exploration with the timeless ethical and spiritual ideals of the Bible and study the parallels and distinctive perspectives offered by many other traditions. Rabbi Howard Berman will lead this class.

Spiritual Passions: *Breathing Text to Life*

Sunday, March 14th, 1:00 PM

Do you ever think about reading a chalice lighting, but don't like the sound of your own voice? Would you like to feel more comfortable reading text in public? *Breathing Text to Life* is your chance to gain some skills and have fun while doing it. Darrick Jackson will lead you in exercises that will help you begin to develop your speaking ability. You will also leave with resources and exercises to use at home. Feel free to bring your favorite text to read, or work with one of the texts provided.

Children's Religious Education

News from the CRE Program

Today in Children's Religious Education, the children are invited to stay in the sanctuary and listen to the Tibetan music or join us downstairs for arts and activities. Next week we will begin working on a new promise "Believe in our ideas and act on them."

Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 7th, 2004

- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee - Clarke Room
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Mini Intro to ASC and UUism - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM The New UU - Clarke Room
- 1:00 PM Spiritual Passions - Chapel

Monday, March 8th, 2004

- 6:00 PM ASCenter Committee - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Building Committee - Church Office

Tuesday, March 9th, 2004

- 5:30 PM Finance Committee - Church Office
- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly - Senior Minister's Study
- 6:00 PM UU Affairs - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center - Clarke Room

Wednesday, March 10th, 2004

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:30 PM Water from Many Wellsprings - Perkins Room

Thursday, March 11th, 2004

- 7:00 PM ASC Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, March 12th, 2004

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

Saturday, March 13th, 2004

- 8:00 AM Rice & Sticks - Parish Hall
- 9:00 AM ASC Work Party

Music@ASC

Referendum in Boston

Sunday, March 14th, 2:00 PM in the Chapel

Referendum, an a cappella quintet, will sing at our Sunday worship on March 14th and perform a concert later that day at 2:00 PM. This group of three women and two men formed in 1998 to protest the anti-gay referendum that reversed equal rights legislation in their home state of Maine. Their repertoire ranges from the inspirational and political, like *Everything Possible* by Fred Small and *Ella's Song* by Bernice Johnson Reagon, to African freedom songs, and good old love songs. Don't miss Referendum's resonant voices, lush harmonies and rhythmic grooves!

Owen Plant, singer/songwriter

Sunday, April 18th, 2:00 PM in the Chapel

Owen Plant, one of Boston's up-and-coming singer/songwriters, is excited to present a concert in ASC's Hunnewell Chapel in April. He hopes to share the music that has touched so many fans for the last six years with a larger audience. While also an

Calendar Next Week

Sunday, March 14th, 2004

- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Gay Men's Support Group - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary Committee - Choir Loft
- 12:30 PM Parish Concerns Committee - Kitchen
- 12:30 PM Prison Reform Task Force - Clarke Room
- 2:00 PM Music@ASC: Referendum - Chapel

Monday, March 15th, 2004

no congregation-related events

Tuesday, March 16th, 2004

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM 275th Anniversary Committee - Chapel

Wednesday, March 17th, 2004

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns Committee - Perkins Room

Thursday, March 18th, 2004

- 7:00 PM ASC Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, March 19th, 2004

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

Saturday, March 20th, 2004

- 9:00 AM ASC Work Party

accomplished band leader, Owen is now concentrating on solo work with his guitar and is road at acoustic venues such as the historic Club Passim in Harvard Square. To learn more about Owen's career go to www.owenplant.com. All are welcome.

Covenant Groups

Calling All Artists and Writers!

As part of ASC's ever-expanding Covenant Groups, we are exploring the possible interest in two new small groups: an Artist/Craftspeople Circle, and a Writer's/Poets's Forum! These gatherings would bring together members engaged in the fine, craft and literary arts, to share their work, support each other, and explore the intersection of creativity and spirituality. Please contact either Rabbi Berman or our new Covenant Groups coordinating chair, Mark Watanabe, if you are interested in this new opportunity to deepen our sense of community together.

Calling All Young Adults

Are you somewhere between the ages of 18 and 35? Did you know we often go to lunch together after church, sit together in the front pews on Sundays, and have our very own list

serve? If you'd like to get on it you can sign up by going to www.yahogroups.com and typing in "Arlington Street Church." Sign up and get weekly announcements about events we're doing together. For example, on Friday March 5th we're having a Circle Worship together. You're invited! E-mail Megan at meganlynes@yahoo.com for details.

Other Notices

As Long As We Both Shall Live; People Of Faith Say Yes To Same Sex Marriage

Tuesday, March 9th, 7:00 PM at Emmanuel Church of Boston

A Special Forum sponsored by the Religious Coalition for the Freedom to Marry and the National Religious Roundtable for LGBT Equality. The guest speaker will be Rev. Jimmy Creech who was a pioneering supporter of Gay and Lesbian Rights, defrocked by the United Methodist Church for officiating at a holy union in 1995. As we approach the next session of the state constitutional convention on Thursday, March 11th, come and demonstrate your solidarity! www.rcfm.org

ASOC to Mt. Major

Saturday, March 13th

The new Arlington Street Outing Club (ASOC) is headed to Mt. Major! Hopefully we will need snowshoes. This is a relatively easy hike with beautiful views of Lake Winnepesaukee! Please e-mail Kara Kelley at klkelley625@earthlink.com for more information.

Corporation Meeting Coming

Sunday, March 21st

All ASC members are encouraged to attend this meeting of the Corporation. The agenda includes the following: I. Membership Update, II. Election of Delegates (A. UUAGA, B. Mass. Bay District, C. UU Urban Ministry), III. Safe Neighborhood Task Force: Update, IV. Treasurer's Report, V. Covenant 2004, VI. Report from Senior Staff Advisory Committee, VII. MBTA Project: Update, VIII. ASC Annual Meeting: Announcement

Covenant Renewal Sunday with Brunch

Sunday, March 28th

All members, friends, and guests of ASC are invited to join us for a brunch in celebration of our pledges made on *Covenant Renewal Sunday*, March 28th. Come down to the Parish Hall for good food and great company, following the Covenant service. Thank you in advance for your generosity in pledging as we look to the year 2004-2005!

Faith In Action Opportunity

Residents of Somerville and Boston can stop by the Social Action Committee table and sign onto petitions requesting resolutions boycotting World Bank Bonds, every Sunday through the end of April, when there will be an international demonstration in Washington, D.C.

This year is the 60th anniversary of the founding of the World Bank and International Monetary Fund. A coalition of people's movements worldwide is coming together to demand that these institutions are held responsible for their 60-year record of hurting poor people and the environment to increase corporate profit. Stop by the table for more information and to sign on.

Wanted: Flower Power

We are looking for a talented, organized, tasteful person to come forward to serve as our new Pulpit Flower Coordinator! This horticulturally-inclined individual will take care of the arrangements for the sponsorship, ordering and announcement of donations of the flowers that otherwise would not be adorning our sanctuary each Sunday! If you love flowers, and love seeing them add to the beauty of our worship, please call Corey Spence in the Office, 617-536-7050... It will only take a few moments each week and the results will be appreciated by all!

We also want to remind everyone that the donation of the Pulpit Flowers for a service involves a \$50.00 contribution, and is a meaningful and beautiful way to honor the memory of a loved one or to celebrate a happy occasion. Donors and the occasion of the gift are announced in the Order of Service.

THE ABCs OF ASC

ASC: Arlington Street Church
ASCP: Arlington Street Chamber Players
ARE: Adult 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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