

# INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2004

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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 Sanctuary

Still thinking about today's sermon? Join others after today's service for connection and discussion in a small, intimate setting. Visitors are always welcome.

### Gay Men's Support Group

12:30 PM in the Stage Right Room

Facilitated by Sam Goldfarb, Ph.D., 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.

### Criminal Justice and Prison Reform Information Session

12:30 PM in the Clarke Room

Please join us after the service for a brief information session on this important Study/Action Issue. The session will include a short (13 min.) video, "Houses of Healing," as well as information about what you can do to educate yourself and get involved.

**Welcome Referendum!** *Referendum*, an a cappella vocal quintet, is an ensemble 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, from *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 at their free 2:00 PM concert in the chapel today.

## **Spiritual Passions: *Breathing Text to Life***

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

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.

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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.

### **Water from Many Wellsprings**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays – Next: March 24<sup>th</sup>, 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.

### **WRAP Group**

7 consecutive Thursdays, 6:30 PM in the Chapel

Beginning: Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) is a deceptively simple self-help program for people with depression. It is compatible with any kind of medical or alternative treatment plan that may already be in place. WRAP was invented by a patient turned therapist in Vermont a few years ago and its use has spread worldwide by word of mouth thanks to its low cost (it is basically free) and the power it confers on the person with the illness to take control of the variables most significant to his or her own experience of depression. It relies primarily on directed journaling. This is a peer-led, pilot educational support group.

## Calendar This Week

### Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Gay Men's Support Group - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary Committee - Choir Loft
- 12:30 PM Prison Reform Task Force - Clarke Room
- 1:00 PM Spiritual Passions - Clarke Room
- 2:00 PM Music@ASC: Referendum - Chapel

### Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004

no congregation-related events

### Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee - Chapel

### Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns Committee - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Long Range Planning Committee - Clarke Room

### Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 7:00 PM ASC Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

### Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

### Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 9:00 AM ASC Work Party

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## Children's Religious Education

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### News from the CRE Program

Our Children's Education Program (CRE) curriculum is based on the "Spirit Play" approach, which links stories and activities to *promises* that reflect the *Seven Purposes and Principles of Unitarian Universalism*. Today's lesson begins our exploration of the fifth promise: "Believe in our ideas and act on them," with the story *Wanda's Roses* by Pat Brisson.

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## Music@ASC

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### Owen Plant, singer/songwriter

Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 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 accomplished band leader, Owen is now concentrating on solo work with his guitar and is road at acoustic venues such as the

## Calendar Next Week

### **Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004**

- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM Corporation Meeting - Sanctuary

### **Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004**

no congregation-related events

### **Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2004**

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

### **Wednesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

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

### **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

- 6:30 PM Membership Committee - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM ASC Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

### **Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

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

### **Saturday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

no congregation related events

historic Club Passim in Harvard Square. To learn more about Owen's career go to [www.owenplant.com](http://www.owenplant.com). All are welcome.

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## Covenant Groups

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### **Earth-Centered Spirituality Covenant Group**

A new covenant group is forming to explore aspects of earth-centered spirituality. Sources include but are not limited to aboriginal/shamanic, celtic/neo-pagan, Western Mystery, pantheism/nature traditions. While we expect to grow and adapt according to interest, the group will reflect a balance of feminine and masculine spirituality. Anyone interested should contact Shea Mullaney at [shea@floor9.com](mailto:shea@floor9.com).

### **Calling All Artists and Writers!**

As part of ASC's ever-expanding Covenant Groups, we are exploring the idea of two new small groups: an Artist/Craftspeople Circle, and a Writers'/Poets' 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.

## 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](http://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 5<sup>th</sup> we're having a Circle Worship together. You're invited! E-mail Megan at [meganlynes@yahoo.com](mailto:meganlynes@yahoo.com) for details.

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## Other Notices

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### Corporation Meeting Coming

Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1:00 PM in the Sanctuary

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: Update, VI. MBTA Project: Update, VII. ASC Annual Meeting: Announcement. (\* - Vote expected) (**Note:** agenda updated)

### Covenant Renewal Sunday with Brunch

Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, Service at 11:00 PM with Brunch following

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 28<sup>th</sup>. After service, come down to the Parish Hall for good food and great company Thank you in advance for your generosity in pledging as we look to the year 2004-2005!

### Mass Bay District Annual Meeting: "Mapping Uncharted Territory"

Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Titled "Mapping Uncharted Territory: New Directions for Vital Congregations & Leaders," this year's Mass Bay District Annual Meeting will be held at the UU Church of Haverhill with Rev. Dr. Larry Peers leading. A brochure and registration forms are available at Coffee Hour.

### Faith In Action Opportunity

Residents of Somerville and Boston can stop by the Social Action Committee table and sign 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. Stop by the table for more information and to sign on.

## Wanted: Flower Power

We are still 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.

## WINDOW Corrections

Please note the following omissions/errors from the spring edition of THE WINDOW (Vol. 3, No. 3):

**Judith Delgiacco's** name was omitted as a member of the Prudential Committee (p. 2)

The information regarding **music for May 23<sup>rd</sup>** was switched with the information for May 30<sup>th</sup>. Choir Sunday with Tim Harbold and the Choir is on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and ASCP will perform on May 30<sup>th</sup>. (p. 6)

**"The Wednesdays" Literary Salon** dates were incorrectly listed. The correct dates are May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 6<sup>th</sup>, and June 16<sup>th</sup>.

### 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](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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