

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 21ST, 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.

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.

Corporation Meeting Today

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 – see below), 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)

ASC delegates positions to be voted upon:

General Assembly Delegates

David Butka
Pepper Greene
Harriotte Hurie
Ray Moore (from the Pru)
Don Rickter
Mark Watanabe

General Assembly Alternates

Alan Hamilton
Aileen Montour
Phyllis Rickter

Mass Bay District Delegates

Sarah Duncan
Mickey Randazza
Barb Seidl

UU Urban Ministry Delegates

Wendy Ellertson
Mary Ann Hardenburgh
George Whitehouse

SAC: Today's Social Justice Initiative

Sign a letter to your state senator urging support of the Anti-Sweatshop bill, Senate Bill 2055, requiring disclosure of the sources of all goods and services procured by the commonwealth.

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.

Arlington Street Zen Center

2nd and 4th Tuesdays (see ASCenter Program Guide)

Next: Tuesday, March 23rd, 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Clarke Room

An evening of meditation practice, led by Kim Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister. Sessions include seated & walking meditation, Dharma talk, and conversation. This practice is open to all, beginning and experience practitioners.

Water from Many Wellsprings

2nd and 4th Wednesdays – Next: March 24th, 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 1st

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.

Children's Religious Education

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 continues our exploration of the fifth promise: "Believe in our ideas and act on them," with the story *The Quiltmaker's Gift* by Jeff Brumbeau.

Calendar This Week

Sunday, March 21st, 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 22nd, 2004

no congregation-related events

Tuesday, March 23rd, 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 24th, 2004

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

Thursday, March 25th, 2004

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

Friday, March 26th, 2004

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

Saturday, March 27th, 2004

no congregation related events

Music@ASC

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 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.

Beaudoin/Wade Voice and Guitar Duo

Sunday, May 2nd, 7:00 PM

Music@ASC is proud to welcome Beaudoin/Wade voice and guitar duo featuring David Wade, classical guitar; and Stephen Marc Beaudoin, tenor. The duo will give the Boston premieres of new works written expressly for them, by composers including Kurt Leland, Michael Wartofsky and Felipe Lara, as well as songs by 16th English composer John Dowland, and others. For tickets, please call 617-281-8569. Visit www.stephenbeaudoin.com for more information.

Calendar Next Week

Sunday, March 28th, 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 - Clarke Room
- 6:00 PM Young Adult Group - Parish Hall/Kitchen

Monday, March 29th, 2004

no congregation-related events

Tuesday, March 30th, 2004

- 6:00 PM Long Range Planning Committee - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room

Wednesday, March 31st, 2004

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

Thursday, April 1st, 2004

- 6:30 PM WRAP - Chapel
- 7:00 PM ASC Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, April 2nd, 2004

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

Saturday, April 3rd, 2004

no congregation related events

Covenant Groups

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.

Dorchester/Quincy Small Group

Sunday, April 4th, 7:30 PM

Success at last! The March 7th discussion was so stimulating that we scheduled the next meeting at the home of Gene Navias and Jim Buckley, 69 Ocean Street, Dorchester. Group member Jane Newsom will lead the discussion. All interested parties RSVP by phone, 617-436-2128, or email, ebnavias@aol.com.

Young Adult Memorial Day Weekend Getaway!

Save the date for a young adult spirituality retreat. All ASC young adults aged 18-35 are invited to join us for this weekend of fun, relaxation and reflection at the beautiful Cedar Hill Retreat Center in Duxbury, MA. We'll head down to the South Shore on Friday night, May 28th and stay until Sunday afternoon. The cost will be about \$20 a person. More details to come. If you want to get on the list to come or have questions, please contact Kate Wilkinson at greatkate33@yahoo.com.

Other Notices

Covenant Renewal Sunday with Brunch

Sunday, March 28th, 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 28th. 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!

Another Volunteer Opportunity

The following opportunity was omitted from the Covenant insert.

The UUA Affairs Committee

The mission of the UUA Affairs Committee is to make connections between ASC and the greater Unitarian Universalist movement. This includes other congregations, the Mass Bay District, the UUA, and other UU organizations. Each year the congregation elects delegates to the UUA General Assembly, the District, the UU Urban Ministry, and the Bethany Union; we ask that these delegates attend our meetings. The Committee monitors reports and contributions to the District and the UUA, as well as overseeing the support committees for the congregation's candidates for the UU ministry. We invite you to join us at our meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Mass Bay District Annual Meeting: "Mapping Uncharted Territory"

Saturday, April 3rd, 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. Brochures and reg. forms are available at Coffee Hour.

ASOC: An Afternoon Tracking Workshop

Sunday, April 4th, leave ASC at 1:00 PM, return at 4:00 PM

The outdoors is even more fun when you can read stories from nature's clues. The acorn can reveal what was eating it, the earth can tell us who walked on it, and the trees can relate the land's history. Conservation biologist Dave Kay (a student of tracking at Tom Brown Jr.'s Tracker school and various search-and-rescue trackers) will help us find tracks and signs of animal presence and interpret the past and present forces that shape the New England forest. Be prepared for off-trail hiking, and wear a good tick and insect repellent. This event costs \$15/person and space is limited, so sign up soon with Kara Kelley at klkelley625@earthlink.com.

Prison Reform Online Discussion Group

There is now a listserv for the Prison Reform Task Force, where we will discuss questions such as: 'What is the current state of prisons and how did we get here?,' 'What is the difference between punishment and treatment and what works?,' 'Why is there such a racial divide in our prisons?,' 'How does the current system affect families?,' and

‘What can ASC do about it?’ To join the discussion, send an email to ascprisonreform-subscribe@yahoo.com.

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.

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 from the Pru. (p. 2)

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

“**The Wednesdays**” **Literary Salon** dates were incorrectly listed. The correct dates are May 19th, June 6th, and June 16th.

Arlington Street Church Gay Men’s Spirituality

The ASC Gay Men’s Spirituality is holding its second annual retreat at Easton Mountain Retreat Center in upstate New York over the weekend of June 25th - 27th. This event is open to all interested gay men, either currently involved with the group or interested in joining. Last year’s retreat proved to be an extraordinary experience which has, during the past church year, led to the explosive growth of this very successful covenant group. Please join us as we continue our exploration and plan our evolution for the next church year. For details, please look for Kevin Tyrrell, Jonathan Ehrenworth, Paul Rivenburg or Arnie Katz at church, or call Kevin at 781-696-8459, or email us at ascgms@earthlink.net.

THE ABCS OF ASC

ASC: Arlington Street Church
ASCP: Arlington Street Chamber Players
ASOC: Arlington Street Outdoors Club
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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