

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 28TH, 2004
Covenant Renewal Sunday

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.

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.

50 Plus Meeting Postponed

To avoid conflict with the Covenant Sunday brunch, the 50 Plus group will meet next Sunday, April 4, at 12:30 in the Stage Right Room. Nancy Moore will be with us to talk about her work with the UU Service Committee. All are welcome!

The Struggle – and Our Commitment – Continue Interfaith Service of Celebration of Equality

4:00 PM, Old South Church, Copley Square

Please join the GLBT faith community for this service, sponsored by the Religious Coalition for the Freedom to Marry, as we prepare for tomorrow's resuming of the Mass. Constitutional Convention. The media and legislators have been invited to share in this major demonstration of strength of the progressive religious voice in support of civil marriage as a civil right. Kim and Howard will be participating in the service, and we hope to have a major ASC contingent, proudly carrying our banner!

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.

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.

The New UU Class

A New ASC Membership Program

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.

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*. Our students will be joining us for part of our Covenant Renewal service this morning.

Calendar This 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

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 Pas-sim 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, April 4th, 2004

- 9:30 PM Social Action Committee - Clarke Room
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Mini-Intro to ASC and UUism - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM 50 Plus - Clarke Room

Monday, April 5th, 2004

no congregation-related events

Tuesday, April 6th, 2004

- 6:00 PM Agenda Committee - Church Office
- 6:00 PM Worship Committee - Senior Minister's Study
- 6:00 PM ASCenter Committee - Chapel

Wednesday, April 7th, 2004

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Building Committee - Church Office
- 6:30 PM Water from Many Wellsprings - Perkins Room

Thursday, April 8th, 2004

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

Friday, April 9th, 2004

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

Saturday, April 10th, 2004

- 8:00 AM Rice & Sticks - Parish Hall/Stage Right Room
- 9:00 AM All Church Work Party - Sanctuary

Covenant Groups

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 Newsum will lead the discussion. All interested parties RSVP by phone, 617-436-2128, or email, ebnavias@aol.com.

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.

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

Another Volunteer Opportunity

The following opportunity was omitted from the Covenant insert regarding volunteer opportunities.

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.

“Politics and Music in Times of Dissent”

Howard Zinn and Michelle Shocked to perform

Tuesday, March 30th, 7:00 PM at First Parish UU, Cambridge

Join legendary author/historian Howard Zinn nationally known musician/activist Michelle Shocked. In support of the upcoming Boston Social Forum, they will talk and perform around the role of politics and music in times of dissent. Tickets for this event are sliding scale ranging from \$10 - \$20 and can be purchased by calling 617-782-2313.

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@yahoogroups.com.

Justice is Flowing: The Realization of Human Rights

Friday, April 9th, 7:00 PM, First Parish Duxbury

An internationally recognized human rights and public health activist, Charlie Clements has been at the forefront of the struggle to end violent conflict in Central America, to ban landmines, and to have clean water recognized as a basic human right. His life is the subject of the 1984 Academy Award Winning documentary “Witness to War.”

Please direct questions to Tim Temerson at (781) 934-6532. Free and open to the public. Donations welcome. We are handicapped accessible.

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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