

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 18TH, 2004

In celebration of
Only a Child (1984-2004) and Earth Day (1970-2004)

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.

Voter Registration at ASC

12:30 PM in the Senior Minister's Study

Come and meet the ASC Voter Registration Task Force and Atiya Dangleben of Boston Vote/Mass Vote. Learn how we can help make a difference in 2004!

Associate Clergy Forum

1:00 PM in the Parish Hall

The Associate Clergy Position Assessment Task Force will be holding an open congregational forum today. The Task Force has been meeting since November. It was charged by the Prudential Committee to gather information collected by the Long Range Planning group and others to better inform the search process to fill the Associate Clergy position beginning September, 2005. Over the next six months, the group will continue to assess the needs and resources of the congreg-

Only A Child Tenth Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, April 24th, 7:30 PM in Waltham Sons of Italy Hall

Only A Child, the program for Guatemalan street kids founded by ASC's own George Leger, will celebrate its tenth anniversary at this gala event. George will give a presentation about *Only A Child*, and will welcome special guest Sara Terry, the Boston Globe reporter who inspired George to found the program. There will also be a buffet supper and a raffle. The suggested donation for a ticket is \$25 (\$15 seniors and students). To purchase tickets, see board members Janice Brunts, Brian Reardon, Jim Tice, or Gaby Whitehouse after the service, or contact Janice by phone (617-951-8336) or email (janice.brunts@bingham.com).

gation to best prepare for a thoughtful and thorough search process that will begin in the late fall of this year. Everyone is welcome to the forum to express their views and opinions about the staffing needs for this position beginning September, 2005. We hope to see you there.

ASOC: Backpacker's Workshop 101

1:00 PM in the Clarke Room

At this workshop you'll get "everything you wanted to know about backpacking but felt like a nerd asking"! A team of experienced hikers and backpackers will be on hand to review equipment lists essential for hiking, offer tips and techniques and most importantly answer any question you've had about hiking or backpacking. If you're a new hiker and signed up for the Galehead trip please come to this workshop! It will be a fun, informative event and "geared" (sorry couldn't resist) to make your wilderness experience a great one! For more information, contact Kara Kelley at kkkelley625@earthlink.com. [open to all, particularly pertinent for new hikers]

Music@ASC: Owen Plant, singer/songwriter

2:00 PM in the Chapel

Owen Plant, one of Boston's up-and-coming singer/songwriters, is excited to present this concert in ASC's Hunnewell Chapel. 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.

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: April 21st, 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.

Buddha's Belly

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

Next: Tuesday, April 27th at 6:00 PM in the Senior Minister's Study

Buddha's Belly reading group meets twice monthly on the second and fourth Tuesdays to discuss issues of spiritual practice from a Bud-

Calendar This Week

Sunday, April 18th, 2004

- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM ASOC: "Introduction to Backpacking" - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM AFC Voter Registration Task Force - Sr. Minister's Study
- 1:00 PM Assc. Clergy Position Assessment Forum - Parish Hall
- 2:00 PM Music@ASC: Owen Plant - Chapel

Monday, April 19th, 2004: Partiot's Day - Office Closed
no congregation-related events

Tuesday, April 20th, 2004

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room
- 6:30 PM 275th Anniversary Committee - Chapel

Wednesday, April 21st, 2004

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

Thursday, April 22nd, 2004

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

Friday, April 23rd, 2004

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

Saturday, April 24th, 2004

no congregation-related events

dhist perspective. Members come from many different faith traditions and religious practices. Previously, the group has discussed works by Thich Nhat Hanh, Jack Kornfield, Sharon Saltzberg, Pema Chodron, Sylvia Boorstein, and others. New members are encouraged to join whenever a book is started (two or three times a year).

The reading group is immediately followed by the Arlington Street Church Zen Center.

The New UU Class

A New ASC Membership Program

Wednesday Class starting April 28th

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.

Calendar Next Week

Sunday, April 25th, 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
- 12:45 PM 50 Plus - Stage Right Room
- 1:00 PM Long Range Planning Committee - Chapel

Monday, April 26th, 2004

no congregation-related events

Tuesday, April 27th, 2004

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

Wednesday, April 28th, 2004

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM New UU Class - Clarke Room
- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns - Perkins Room

Thursday, April 29th, 2004

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

Friday, April 30th, 2004

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

Saturday, May 1st, 2004

no congregation-related events

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 finishes our exploration of the sixth promise: "Insist on Freedom, Justice and Peace for all," with the story *The Eagle and the Wren* retold by Jane Goodall.

Music@ASC

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.

Caring Concerns

From Martha Bartlett

“Thank you for bringing me the fabulous quilt that you, Joan, and you, Carol, made me, along with each of the other quilt makers - Diana, Helen, Cathy, Liz, and Carmen. I feel the presence of all of you as I look at this beautiful work of art and feel the love that went into it. It’s one of the most beautiful ones I’ve ever seen and a joy to look at. I love the many shades of blue and the bright yellows.

“I would like to thank each and every one of you for this wonderful gift individually but my hand-writing is very laboroured as it has been for years. When I came here, I couldn’t write my name and [my daughter] Beverly had to take over my affairs. She’s done a good job. Now I can also feed and dress myself, and have gone from 110 to 125 lbs. They feed us well!

“Last, but certainly not least, I want to thank all my dear friends who signed the reverse side of my quilt. I am very touched by your kind and loving messages and treasure them. I appreciate your support. It’s friends like you who have helped me get through this.

“With love and gratitude, Martha”

Other Notices

Speaking Our Truths in Love

If you have thoughts, concerns or ideas about ASC and aren’t sure how or to whom they should be communicated, please put them in the tall white box in the vestibule. The Membership Committee will make sure that they are given to the appropriate person or group. In order that we may respond appropriately, please be sure to provide your name and contact information.

Lend a Hand to the FNSP

The Friday Night Supper Program needs a few volunteers to join us between 1:00 and 3:00 PM on Fridays to help with food preparation. For more information, call 617-536-7050, ext. 22 or e-mail Bob Minnocci, FNSP director, at bminnocci@aol.com.

Going to Washington – The March for Women’s Lives Sunday, April 25th, Washington, DC

A group of ASC’ers is driving to Washington, DC to participate in the historic *March for Women’s Lives* on April 25th. We have a mini-grant from the church and we will stay with UU’s in DC, so most of our costs are covered. If you’d like to help pay for gas and food, please make a check to ASC and write “March for Women’s Lives” in the memo, or put cash in a collection envelope and clearly mark it for the march. You can sponsor a marcher for \$35, but any amount is appreciated.

An Evening with Marianne Williamson

Thursday, May 6th, 7:00 PM at Arlington Street Church

Ms. Williamson is the author of *Healing the Soul of America* and an internationally known peace activist. This is a benefit for *Pathways to Wellness*, Boston's premier holistic medical clinic for people with HIV/AIDS and other chronic/terminal illnesses. It begins with a VIP wine and cheese reception at 6:00 PM (\$100 donation) along with preferred seating. General admission to the lecture and book signing is \$40. For ticket information please visit www.pathwaysboston.org or call Steven at 617-859-3036, ext. 29.

Hold The Date! ASC's 275th Anniversary

The Weekend of November 20th and 21st, 2004

Please mark your calendars now for the weekend of celebration of ASC's 275th anniversary. On Saturday evening will be a gala birthday party and on Sunday morning, a service of celebration and rededication. In addition, there will be a full and varied schedule of special events, speakers, musical, and educational programs in observance of our milestone anniversary. The events will last throughout the fall and spring of 2004-2005. Stay tuned for further announcements!

Many thanks to the 173 ASC members and friends who have made pledges totaling \$199,536 so far during Covenant Renewal season. Of our goal to raise \$210,000 by June 2004, we've reached 95%. If you have not yet joined this group in pledging your financial support and volunteer service for the coming year at ASC, please do so today. Covenant cards can be found in the pews, and can be placed in today's offering plate along with the regular collection.

Thank you!

THE ABCS OF ASC

ASC: Arlington Street Church
ASCP: Arlington Street Chamber Players
ASOC: Arlington Street Outing 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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