

# INSIDE

## ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, APRIL 25<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.

#### **ASC: Letter Writing Table**

During Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

The Social Action letter for today will urge Congress, which is now debating federal budget priorities, to balance pressing social needs against the ever-increasing costs of the war in Iraq. This letter has been suggested by the UU Service Committee.

#### **Gay Men's Support Group**

12:30 PM in the Clarke 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 Meets with Rabbi Berman**

12:45 in the Stage Right Room

*50 Plus* is a diverse gathering of ASC folks who seek the company and support of others in and around their age. The schedule of topics for the remainder of the year was determined at the first session in September. Our guest today will be Rabbi Howard Berman. The group always welcomes new members.

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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 (see ASCenter Program Guide)

Next: Wednesday, May 5<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.

## **Buddha's Belly**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays (see ASCenter Program Guide)

Next: Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> 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 Buddhist 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 28<sup>th</sup>

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 28<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, May 12<sup>th</sup>, and May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 This Week

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

### Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004

no congregation-related events

### Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</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 - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center - Chapel

### Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

### Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

### Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

### Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004

no congregation-related events

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## Music@ASC

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### Beaudoin/Wade Voice and Guitar Duo

Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 16<sup>th</sup> English composer John Dowland, and others. For tickets, please call 617-281-8569. Visit [www.stephenbeaudoin.com](http://www.stephenbeaudoin.com) for more information.

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## Other Notices

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### Voter Mobilization and Education at ASC

From last Sunday's meeting with BostonVote, ASC is planning an important series of initiatives to get out the vote in November, an election that promises to be vital in setting direction for our country.

# Calendar Next Week

## Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 Sermon Discussion - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM CRE Meeting - Perkins Room
- 12:30 PM Mini-Intro to ASC and UUism - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Personnel Committee - Clarke Room
- 2:00 PM Elizabeth Palmer Peabody Assn. - Chapel/Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Music@ASC: Beaudoin/Wade Duo - Chapel

## Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004

- 6:30 PM Criminal Justice and Prison Reform - Parish Hall

## Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

## Wednesday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

## Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 6:00 PM WRAP - Stage Right Room
- 7:00 PM ASC Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room
- 7:00 PM An Evening with Marianne Williamson - Sanctuary

## Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

## Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 8:00 PM Rice & Sticks - Parish Hall/Stage Right Room

Watch for activities over the next few months to register voters here at ASC and in the community. To join us in planning this critical work, contact Judy Chamblis at [jac.pelican@verizon.net](mailto:jac.pelican@verizon.net).

## Monday Night at the Movies

Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

Join the **Criminal Justice and Prison Reform Task Force** for a screening of the Academy-Award winning HBO documentary *Murder on a Sunday Morning*, a troubling look at modern police investigation that unfolds in a story as compelling and suspenseful as any fictional drama. After the film, Shawn Drumgold will share his personal experience as an innocent man wrongfully imprisoned for 15 years. Pizza will be provided. For more information, email [ascprisonreform@hotmail.com](mailto:ascprisonreform@hotmail.com).

## An Evening with Marianne Williamson

Thursday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.pathwaysboston.org) or call Steven at 617-859-3036, ext. 29.

## **Fair Trade Day: May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

Tell Bush and Congress Central American Free Trade Agreement is a Disaster! 2:30 PM, March starts at corner of Tremont & Boylston St (Boylston T). 4:00 PM "Fair Trade Not 'Free' Trade" Fair at Church of the Covenant, 67 Newbury St.

Take action to defeat the Central America Free Trade Agreement now! Join us on May 8<sup>th</sup>, sign a card to John Kerry and call your Congressional rep. asking them to make a commitment to vote 'no' on CAFTA. Sponsors include *UU's for a Just Economic Community*.

## **Come Make History!**

May 20<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at ASC

May 20<sup>th</sup> has been reserved for civil marriage license signing. Weddings (Unitarian Universalist, Liberal Jewish, non-denominational, or interfaith) may be arranged for a separate time by calling 617-536-7050, ext. 14. For more information, please visit [www.ASCBoston.org](http://www.ASCBoston.org). To schedule an appointment, please call 617-536-7050, ext. 10

## **Another World is Possible! – Boston Social Forum**

July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> at UMass Boston

Join with thousands of other progressives for a weekend of workshops, film festivals, panels, cultural events, exhibits, and noted speakers on topics across the spectrum of human knowledge. See Aileen Montour for discounted advance tickets or go to [www.bostonsocialforum.org](http://www.bostonsocialforum.org)

## **Hold The Date! ASC's 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Weekend of November 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004

Please mark your calendars now for the weekend of celebration of ASC's 275<sup>th</sup> 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!

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## **Welcome New Members**

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Below are brief 'bios' of those new to our congregation. Welcome!

### **Christina Brinkley**

Activist-scholar-writer, friend, mother and grandmother. Loves nature, photography, music, live theatre, and sometimes people.

## Carolyn Cronin

Carolyn Cronin, a native Bostonian now living in Brookline, has never willingly belonged to a church before and is thrilled to have found ASC. Currently unemployed, she hopes to have a job in health care administration/policy before the Red Sox win the World Series.

## Patrice Keegan

Patrice Keegan has attended Arlington Street Church for seven years. She is a longtime resident of Jamaica Plain and works at Boston Cares.

## Abigail J. McDonald

Abigail has been attending ASC since 2001. She is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation UU who grew up in Minnesota and moved to the Boston area in 1997. Abigail lives with her partner, Tara, in Belmont and does health outreach at a clinic in Chelsea. She loves to cook and travel.

## Margaret Murray

Margaret is a non-profit program director, specializing in work with women and girls, and international initiatives. She sings with *Coro Allegro*, spends most summer weekends on the Cape with her partner Emily, and is psyched about the new ASC "Outdoor" Small Group!

## Art Nava

Originally from El Paso, TX, Art Nava first moved to Boston nearly twenty years ago. He has lived in several cities since then, including Chicago and Philadelphia, and has resided in the South End with his dog, Rio, since 2001.

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### 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

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### 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).

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### 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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