

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 2ND, 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.

Mini Intro to ASC/UUism

12:30 PM in the Stage Right Room

This 30-minute program for newcomers provides a brief introduction to the church and Unitarian Universalism on Sundays after worship. Drop in for a "Mini" on the first Sunday of the month. Meet some other newcomers and Gene Navias, our Associate Minister Emeritus, who conducts the program.

Elizabeth Palmer Peabody Bicentennial Celebration

2:00 PM in the Sanctuary

Born in 1804, Elizabeth Palmer Peabody became one of the most influential women of her day. Scholar, editor, publisher, educator, reformer, Unitarian and transcendentalist – her indefatigable spirit triumphed over social and political obstacles and drove her to remarkable achievement. Yet, her life story has long been overshadowed by her contemporaries including Ralph Waldo Emerson, Nathaniel

ASC's Annual Outing: Walden Pond

Sunday, May 23rd, 12:30 - 5:00 PM

Worship at 11:00 AM, followed by our annual field trip to Walden Pond! Join us for a walk around the pond (or relaxing on the beach; reading material from Thoreau will be provided!), a picnic (bring your own, or purchase it at our Sandwich Board), and maybe the first swim of the season! The yellow school bus will leave ASC at 12:30 PM and return at 5:00 PM. Sign-ups begin next Sunday morning, or call Corey in the church office to reserve your space.

Hawthorne, and Margaret Fuller. The Bicentennial Celebration will honor the life and legacy of this 19th-century woman who continues to inspire 200 years later. This event is cosponsored by ASC and the Unitarian Universalist Women's Heritage Society. While the event is free, a \$5 donation is suggested.

Brookline/Allston Small Group

5:30 - 7:00 PM

A stimulating discussion was had by those who attended the March meeting. We have scheduled our next meeting for today, at 5:30 PM in a members home in Brookline. We hope to meet monthly. Kate Toomey and Patti Linn are co-facilitators for our discussions. You may get further information by calling Carolyn at 617-739-0924 or e-mail ccronin29@hotmail.com.

Beaudoin/Wade Voice and Guitar Duo

7:00 PM in the Chapel

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.

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 (see ASCenter Program Guide)

Next: May 5th, 6:30 PM in the Perkins Room

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, May 11th 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

Calendar This Week

Sunday, May 2nd, 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 3rd, 2004

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

Tuesday, May 4th, 2004

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

Wednesday, May 5th, 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 6th, 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 7th, 2004

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

Saturday, May 8th, 2004

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

religious practices. Previously, the group has discussed works by Thich Nhat Hanh, Jack Kornfield, Sharon Saltzberg, Pema Chödrön, 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.

Music@ASC

ASC Choir Sunday

Sunday, May 23rd, 11:00 AM

Under the direction of ASC music director, Miguel Felipe, our choir presents a service of special music. With the help of ASCer Tim Harbold, our choir will showcase a half-dozen selections from the rich repertoire of African American sacred music. Exploring gospel, jazz, church hymns and old spirituals, the choir will present such tunes as *Up Above My Head*, *Marchin' to Zion*, *I Sing Because I'm Happy*, and *This Little Light of Mine*. The choir will be joined by Tim Harbold on piano and a small combo. We hope you join us for this uplifting service.

Calendar Next Week

Sunday, May 9th, 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

Monday, May 10th, 2004

- 6:00 PM ASCenter Committee Meeting - Chapel

Tuesday, May 11th, 2004

- 5:30 PM Finance Committee - Church Office
- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly - Senior Minister's Study
- 6:00 PM Long Range Planning Committee - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM UU Affairs - Stage Left/Archives Room
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center - Chapel

Wednesday, May 12th, 2004

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

Thursday, May 13th, 2004

- 6:00 PM WRAP - Stage Right Room
- 6:30 PM Membership Small Group - Stage Left/Archives Room
- 7:00 PM ASC Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, May 14th, 2004

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

Saturday, May 15th, 2004

- 7:00 PM Boston Choral Ensemble - Sanctuary

Other Notices

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. 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.

Monday Night at the Movies

Monday, May 3rd 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, e-mail ascprisonreform@hotmail.com.

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.

Fair Trade Day: May 8th, 2004

Tell Bush and Congress CAFTA 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 8th, 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*.

Young Adult Book Sale

Sundays, May 9th and 16th during Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall

Please support the Young Adult Group as we raise money for our exciting spirituality retreat in Duxbury, Mass. on Memorial Day Weekend. We will be selling fascinating books of all kinds in the Parish Hall during coffee hour both Sundays. Thank you for your help! We want to allow as many young adults as possible to attend the retreat!

Chalice Making Workshop for Teens and Young Adults

Sunday, May 16th at 1:00 PM in the Chapel

Ever wondered what our UU chalice means and why it's so significant in our tradition? Ever wanted your own UU chalice? Join in the bonding and fun of an art extravaganza! Clay? Tile mosaics? Come find out! It'll be awesome to hang out all together and have a blast, plus you'll make your own UU chalice to keep! The cost is \$5 and covers all materials. This event is led by Megan Lynes.

Civics 101: Because We Weren't Paying Attention in Junior High!

Sunday, May 16th, 12:30 - 1:30 PM in the Stage Left/Archives Room

Join Kevin Block-Schwenk of ASC's Voter Registration and Education Task Force for a brilliant presentation and "no questions too elementary/no questions too genius" about how our government works (or doesn't). All are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Come Make History!

May 20th, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM at ASC

May 20th 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. To schedule an appointment, please call 617-536-7050, ext. 10

Another World is Possible! – Boston Social Forum

July 23rd - 25th 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

Attending to Details

As we approach the end of our fiscal year and the beginning of the next, please help us in properly recording your contributions by specifying either “FY2003/2004” or “FY2004/2005” on your check on envelope. Thank you!

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!

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.

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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