

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 9TH, 2004

Coming of Age & Mother's Day 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.

Young Adult Book Sale

During Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall (next week too)

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 books of all kinds in the Parish Hall during Coffee Hour this Sunday and next. Thank you for your help! We want to allow as many young adults as possible to attend the retreat!

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.

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.

Worship Highlights

See You in Church!

Sunday, May 30th, 11:00 AM

For this Memorial Day Sunday, Kim will be joined in the pulpit by our own Jeff Perkins, co-author of the newly-released *You Have the Power: Choosing Courage in a Culture of Fear*. Jeff's co-author is Frances Moore Lappé, author of the timeless *Diet for a Small Planet*. Jeff is the founder of **Curious Minds**, dedicated to helping young people clarify and enter their life's work, and a totally magnificent human being. Don't miss it!

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.

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

The Buddha's Belly study group meets twice monthly to discuss issues of spiritual practice from a Buddhist perspective. On May 11th we will be reviewing the hindrances; impediments to seeing clearly on the spiritual path. Please contact Frank Bellistri at Frank.Bellistri@verizon.net for more information. Previously, the group has discussed works by Thich Nhat Hanh, Jack Kornfield, Sharon Salzberg, Pema Chödrön, Sylvia Boorstein, and others.

The Buddha's Belly reading group is followed by The ASC Zen Center, an open meditation led by Rev. Kim Crawford-Harvey from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. All are welcome.

The Wednesdays: A Literary Salon

Wednesdays, May 19th, June 2nd & 16th (see ASCenter Program Guide)

Next: Wednesday, May 19th at 6:00 PM in the Senior Minister's Study

Keats and Shelley had *The Tuesdays*; Arlington Street has *The Wednesdays*! Join senior minister Kim K. Crawford Harvie and Professor Alan Helms for these fabulous literary salons. Past themes have included short story, Whitman, Dante's *Inferno*, Robert Frost, and Memoir. This

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

Calendar This 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 - Chapel
- 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 Music@ASC: Boston Choral Ensemble - Sanctuary

spring the topic is Emily Dickinson! Join us – all are welcome!

Text: *Final Harvest: Emily Dickinson's Poems*, edited by Thomas H. Johnson (Little, Brown).

Spiritual Encounters at the MFA

May 26th and June 2nd, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

The Arts and Spirituality Covenant Group hosts an evening at the MFA with Rabbi Howard Berman. Rabbi Howard will lead a small group of 15 through select exhibits that depict spiritual themes of various world cultures. Interested? Please sign up for one of the two sessions by contacting Lynne Jacoby at: ljacoby@sfcinc.org or by phone at: 781-641-0527 (Please leave your name and phone number for a confirmation call back). Admission to the MFA is free; a donation is suggested.

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

Calendar Next Week

Sunday, May 16th, 2004

- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Young Adult Chalice Making Workshop - Chapel
- 12:30 PM Civics 101 - Archives/Stage Left Room
- 12:30 PM CISPES Report from El Salvador - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary Committee - Sanctuary

Monday, May 17th, 2004

- 3:00 PM Archives Committee - Stage Right Room

Tuesday, May 18th, 2004

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

Wednesday, May 19th, 2004

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM *The Wednesdays*: A Literary Salon - Sr. Minister's Study
- 6:00 PM New UU Class - Clarke Room
- 6:30 PM Water from Many Wellsprings - Perkins Room

Thursday, May 20th, 2004 – Civil Marriage License Signing Day!

- 8:00 - 5:00 Civil Marriage License Signing - Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM ASC Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, May 21st, 2004

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

Saturday, May 22nd, 2004

- no congregation-related events

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.

Covenant Groups

Dorchester Covenant Group Meets

Sunday, June 6th, 7:00 PM

Following great sharing and a discussion on service led by Janet Newsum, the Dot Group scheduled its next meeting at the home of Paul Babbitt. Come one, come all from Dorchester, Quincy and environs. Dick Pooler will lead our sharing and discussion.

Paul Babbitt lives at 6 Saxton Street, Unit 3. Ordinarily you'd take the T to Savin Hill Station, but it is closed for major renovation, so from North or South take the Red Line to the JFK Stop. You can either (1) walk down to Savin Hill Avenue or (2) Take a free T shuttle bus to the corner of Savin Hill and Dorchester Avenues. Walk down Savin Hill Ave 3 short blocks and Saxton St. is on the left. Ring the bell for #3.

To RSVP, get driving instructions and/or further info Email Paul at paulprop@aol.com or phone him at 617-288-5275.

Other Notices

Congratulations!

Eliza Blanchard, ASC's former ministerial intern (2003-2004), will be graduating from Harvard Divinity School next month, and has just been called to serve the Unitarian Universalist congregation in Grafton-Upton, Massachusetts!

Voter Mobilization and Education at ASC

From a recent 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.

Eye-Witness Report

Sunday, May 16th, 12:30 PM in the Clarke Room

Hear from Bostonians who served as International Election Observers in the March 21st Salvadoran Presidential Election. Hear their reports: on-going cross-border campaign against the CAFTA; Bush administration's intimidation of voters; the Salvadoran government's dirty campaign against the opposition. Presented by the *Committee In Solidarity with the People of El Salvador*, CISPES.

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!

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!

NAMES Project Boston Needs Your Help

HIV Infection is on the rise impacting the children of the world

FACT: 2,500,000 *children* under 15 are living with HIV/AIDS

FACT: 500,000 *children* under 15 died in 2003 from AIDS

FACT: 700,000 *children* were infected with HIV in 2003

FACT: NAMES Project Boston will shut its doors in January of 2005 without new members

What can you do to help educate our children and arm them with correct information? Join NAMES Project Boston so you can make a difference by working a display in a school, church or community center and helping protect the world's greatest natural resource, our *children*. For more information contact NAMES Project Boston at 617-236-8226 and ask for Lorraine, or speak to Rob Cuddi here at ASC. Meetings at Boston City Hall, 6:00 PM, Room 801, first Monday of the month, or attend a quilting Bee at the Boston Living Center the first and third Thursday of each month.

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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