

# INSIDE

## ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 16<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.

#### **Young Adult Book Sale**

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 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!

#### **Just in Time for the Celebration**

The CD single *Get Free! (Freedom Dance)* recorded by Ramien (a.k.a. Rev. Carlton Elliott Smith of First Parish in Arlington, Mass.) will be available following today's service. Michael Walsh will have copies for \$5 each, with a portion of the proceeds going to support the Freedom to Marry Coalition of Massachusetts. Celebrate freedom in dance and support equal marriage for all couples regardless of gender!

#### **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

## Eye-Witness Report

Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 PM in the Clarke Room

Hear from Bostonians who served as International Election Observers in the March 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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: How our Government Works

12:30 - 1:30 PM in the Stage Left/Archives Room

Today, **ASC Votes** member Kevin Block-Schwenk will conduct an entertaining and informative conversation on Civics 101, "all the things you forget or never learned in high school about our system of government." To have our voices heard within our democracy on a range of pressing issues, it's vital to know how the process is designed to work. Join us for a "no question too basic" and "no question too sophisticated" discussion.

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## Worship Highlights

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### See You in Church!

Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 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. The Arlington Street Chamber Players will perform in this special service.

### ASC's Annual Outing: Walden Pond

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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 this morning, or call Corey in the church office to reserve your space.

## Calendar This Week

### Sunday, May 16<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 Civics 101 - Archives/Stage Left Room
- 12:30 PM CISPES Report from El Salvador - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Green Sanctuary Committee - Sanctuary
- 1:00 PM Young Adult Chalice Making Workshop - Chapel

### Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 3:00 PM Archives Committee - Stage Right Room

### Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 6:00 PM 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee - Archives Room
- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room

### Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

### Thursday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 21<sup>st</sup>, 2004

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

### Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004

- no congregation-related events

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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.

### The Wednesdays: A Literary Salon

Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Senior Minister's Study

*The Wednesdays* season concludes with a one-day Emily Dickinson extravaganza! Join Prof. Alan Helms and Kim for an evening's introduction to the prolific and terrifically gifted poet of Amherst. We will be reading *Final Harvest: Emily Dickinson's Poems*, edited by Thomas H. Johnson (Little, Brown). Officiantes, the uninitiated, and the rest of us are all welcome!

### Spiritual Encounters at the MFA

May 26<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

The Arts and Spirituality Covenant Group hosts an evening at the **Museum of Fine Arts, Boston** with Rabbi Howard Berman. Rabbi Howard will lead a small group of 15 through select exhibits that depict spiritual themes in the great painting and sculpture of various world cultures. Interested? Please sign up for one of the two sessions by contacting Lynne Jacoby at: [ljacoby@sfcinc.org](mailto:ljacoby@sfcinc.org) or by phone at: 781-641-

## Calendar Next Week

### Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</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 - Stage Right Room

### Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2004

no congregation-related events

### Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

### Wednesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns - Perkins Room

### Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

### Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

### Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004

no congregation-related events

0527 (Please leave your name and phone number for a confirmation call back). Admission to the MFA is free; a donation is suggested.

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## Children's Religious Education

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### 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*. This Sunday the children will begin in the sanctuary for the dedication of Emma and Julia Barnes, then continue their exploration of the seventh principle. **Note: There will be no CRE program on May 30<sup>th</sup>.**

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## Music@ASC

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### Vytas Baksys in Recital:

#### "Familiar Music by Unfamiliar Composers"

Today, 7:00 PM at The Rivers School, Weston, Mass.

Don't miss this fun chance to hear our own Vytas Baksys in recital as he presents a program that'll make you say "So *that's* the name of the piece!" "I've never heard of that composer." "*Where* have I heard that before?" "Don't tell me... that's the theme from... what *is* that?!" For information, contact 781-235-6840 or [www.rivers.org](http://www.rivers.org).

## **ASC Choir Sunday**

Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

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## **Covenant Groups**

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### **Dorchester Covenant Group Meets**

Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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## **Other Notices**

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### **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!

### **Are You Sure You're Registered?**

If you've moved or haven't voted in a while, you may no longer be registered to vote. The ASC Votes social action task force will be registering people in the vestibule after the service and downstairs at social hour. It just takes just a minute or two. If you're already registered or can't vote in the U.S., stop by and sign up to help other people to register, here at ASC and out in the broader community. With a presidential election coming up and major action happening on topics like same-sex marriage, it's a particularly important time to put our UU faith in the value of the democratic process into action and get out and vote.

## 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!

## NAMES Project Boston Needs Your Help

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.

## Flower Power Update

If you would like to dedicate flowers for our sanctuary, please call Corey Spence in the office at 617-536-7050 ext 10. Corey will check for conflicts with chosen dates and get the information to be printed in the bulletin. Our new Flower Coordinator, Louise Venden, will contact you and determine the types of flowers you would like and the amount you would like to spend. We hope that this process will allow you more flexibility in the type of arrangement you donate and make sure that your gift will be correctly listed in the Order of Service.



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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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