

# INSIDE

## ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, MAY 30<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.

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### Worship Highlights

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#### ASC Pride Celebration

Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 AM

This year's annual pride celebration will be held in honor of the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court (SJC) Plaintiffs who have pioneered this historic era! The "Massachusetts Seven" couples, whose courage and commitment won the SJC Goodridge Decision, will be our honored guests at this year's pride service. Our own ASC members Rob Compton and Dave Wilson will share a personal message. Great Spirit... Great Music... Great Joy... and then into the parade and festival!

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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.

#### Spiritual Encounters at the MFA

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 by contacting Lynne Jacoby at: [ljacoby@sfcinc.org](mailto: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.

## **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). Aficionados, the uninitiated, and the rest of us are all welcome!

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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*.

Children's Religious Education is on hiatus this week. Please join us on June 6<sup>th</sup> for the AIDS Walk.

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## **Music@ASC**

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### **Calling All Choir Angels**

So far this church year, many of your fellow ASCers have already taken the extra step of becoming *Choir Angels*: friends of the music program here at ASC. Their names are listed below. As we celebrate another Choir Sunday at ASC, and prepare to balance the books for the close of the year, your help – in any amount – is needed. If you'd like to support music, please place a check in the collection plate with "Music" in the memo line. Alternately, you can use the pew envelopes to give cash. Many thanks!

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

## Calendar This Week

### Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall

### Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004 – Memorial Day (Office Closed)

- 4:00 PM Teresa Hommel: Electronic Voting Machines - Chapel

### Tuesday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004

- 6:00 PM Agenda Committee - Church Office
- 6:00 PM Worship Committee - Senior Minister's Study
- 7:00 PM Long Range Planning Committee - Stage Right Room

### Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Building Committee - Church Office
- 6:30 PM Gay Marriage: Tax & Property Implications - Parish Hall

### Thursday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2004

- 7:00 PM ASC Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

### Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

### Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- no congregation-related events

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## Other Notices

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### Teresa Hommel: Problems With Electronic Voting Machines & What You Can Do About It

Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 4:00 PM in the Chapel

Will your vote count? Will the votes of others count?

Problems in recent California elections led California to ban “paperless” electronic voting machines for 2004, but these machines are still set to be used in many other states. Activist Teresa Hommel of NYC will present a workshop on Memorial Day to give us information and know-how to try to rectify this situation. We must act quickly.

Please make time to come on this patriotic holiday and join the effort begun by our founding fathers. We need to take action if we want to maintain our democratic traditions.

### 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride Week Candlelight Ceremony

Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 PM

Come to the New England Holocaust Memorial (Congress Street, near Faneuil Hall) with Rev. Kim and Rabbi Howard. The ceremony will include music by Yael Bat-Shimon. All are welcome!

### Partners for Life

Della and Natasha Lawhon-Schneider were married on May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004 by the Rev. Myke Johnson, First Parish Brewster, in a private ceremony. After 11 years, married at last!

## Calendar Next Week

### Sunday, June 6<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 Mini-Intro to ASC and UUism - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Budget Forum - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Annual Choir Lunch

### Monday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2004

no congregation-related events

### Tuesday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

### Wednesday, June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

### Thursday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 7:00 PM ASC Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

### Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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

### Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2004

- 11:00 AM Pride Weekend Service - Sanctuary

## Please Help Update the Usher List

It's time to do housecleaning of the usher list. If you want to usher on Sundays, please send Peter Lowber your name, phone number, and e-mail address an e-mail to [plowber@hotmail.com](mailto:plowber@hotmail.com) or call him at 617-522-4982. You are also encouraged to contact Peter to be removed or to have your information updated.

## 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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## Welcome New Members

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

### Bonnie Kawchuk

A proud Canadian, Bonnie Kawchuk moved to Boston seven years ago. She is a women's leadership and communication coach and founder of the coaching firm *The Leading Voice*. She is also President of Girls' LEAP, a local safety and self-defense program. She lives in Roslindale with her husband Stephen Luke.

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## Annual Corporation Meeting Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004

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### Agenda

- \*I. Membership Update
- \*II. Elections [see below]
- \*III. Proposed Budget for FY2004/2005
- \*IV. MBTA Project: Settlement
- V. 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Update
- VI. Long-Range Planning: Update

[\* - vote is expected]

### Officers

Moderator – Nancy Moore, Vice-Moderator – Herb Gleason, Treasurer – Brian Reardon, Clerk – Carol Smith

### Prudential Committee

#### Three-Year Terms

Wendy Ellertson, Emily Dunn, Liz Regan

#### One-Year Term

Kate Wilkinson (*replacing Polly Latham*)

### Nominating Committee

Janice Brunts (3<sup>rd</sup> year), Don Rickter (2<sup>nd</sup> year), Dawn Arthmann (2<sup>nd</sup> year), Ellen Spencer (new), Darren Carlton (new)

### UU Urban Ministry Delegate

Peter Lowber (*replacing Wendy Ellertson*)



## ASC's 275th Anniversary 2004-2005

Our new Anniversary Logo says it all!

Plans continue for the exciting series of special commemorative events and celebrations that will highlight the coming program year at ASC. Distinguished guest speakers, celebrity performers, special educational and musical programs, public exhibits and community events will all help pay tribute to the colorful historic tradition of this Congregation. Our Committee will be working throughout the summer months, to plan for the activities that will begin this fall. We welcome additional members who have special interests or expertise in the following areas:

Historical Research, Fund Raising Auction, Writing and Publications, Ushering/Ticket Sales, Neighborhood Events, Exhibitions, Interfaith Dialogue, Decoration, Walking Tours, Event/Party Planning, Hospitality/Receptions, Public Relations/Publicity

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Anniversary weekend of Celebration and Rededication

Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – Gala Benefit Birthday Party

Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup> – Service of Rededication

Further details and schedules will be announced over the summer and early fall. To participate in this exciting project, please contact Rabbi Berman's office at 671-536-7050, ext. 12. Plan to be a part of this unique milestone, as we proudly "celebrate our heritage and envision our future" together!

#### 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](mailto: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](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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