

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH, 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.

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.

Budget Forum

12:30 PM in the Sanctuary

Join us for a discussion of the proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2005. This budget will be presented to the congregation for a vote at the Corporation Meeting next Sunday, June 13th.

Dorchester Covenant Group Meets

7:00 PM in Dorchester

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

Worship Highlights

ASC Pride Celebration

Saturday, June 12th, 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!

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.

The Wednesdays: A Literary Salon

Wednesday, June 16th 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!

Here's your assignment from Professor Helms! Join us!

Dickinson never titled her poems, so the convention is to call them after their first lines. Here are those lines/titles, followed by the number of the poem in the edition I recommend (*Final Harvest* edited by Thomas Johnson), followed by the number of the poem in parentheses, which refers to the authoritative *The Complete Poems of Emily Dickinson*, also edited by Johnson.

- "I never lost as much but twice" 7 (49)
- "'Faith' is a fine invention" 34 (185)
- "How many times these low feet staggered—" 35 (187)
- "I taste a liquor never brewed—" 46 (214)
- "Safe in their Alabaster Chambers—" 47 (216)
- "Wild Nights—Wild Nights!" 58 (249)
- "There's a certain Slant of light" 66 (258)
- "I felt a Funeral, in my Brain" 78 (280)
- "Of Bronze—and Blaze—" 87 (290)
- "The Soul selects her own Society—" 95 (303)
- "It sifts from Leaden Sieves—" 102 (311)
- "I'll tell you how the Sun rose—" 106 (318)
- "A Bird came down the Walk—" 116 (328)
- "Tis not that Dying hurts us so—" 119 (335)
- "After great pain, a formal feeling comes—" 122 (341)
- "What Soft—Cherubic Creatures—" 154 (401)

Love note from Alan:

That's sixteen poems, which may seem like a lot *but a)* they're all short and *b)* we have a two hour class/funfest. Remember to *reread* like *crazy* – until the words of the poems are singing in your heart and throbbing in your brain and dancing in your bloodstream. And try to come to our meeting having memorized at least one of these poems. (I'm serious.)

Yours for beauty and truth forever... Alan

Calendar This Week

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

Monday, June 7th, 2004

- 6:00 PM Senior Staff Advisory Committee - Perkins Room

Tuesday, June 8th, 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 9th, 2004

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

Thursday, June 10th, 2004

- 7:00 PM ASC Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, June 11th, 2004

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

Saturday, June 12th, 2004

- 11:00 AM Pride Weekend Service - Sanctuary

Children's Religious Education

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*. Today, please join us for the AIDS Walk.

Music@ASC

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. 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. Alternatively, you can use the pew envelopes to give cash. Many thanks!

Calendar Next Week

Sunday, June 13th, 2004

- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Gay Men's Support Group - Stage Right Room

Monday, June 14th, 2004

- 6:00 PM ASCenter Committee - Chapel

Tuesday, June 15th, 2004

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

Wednesday, June 16th, 2004

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM *The Wednesdays*: A Literary Salon - Senior Minister's Study
- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns - Perkins

Thursday, June 17th, 2004

no congregation-related events

Friday, June 18th, 2004

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

Saturday, June 19th, 2004

no congregation-related events

Covenant Groups

ASC Gay Men's Spirituality Retreat

The ASC Gay Men's Spirituality Group will be holding its 2nd Annual retreat at Easton Mountain Retreat Center in upstate New York over the weekend of June 25th - 27th. This event is open to all interested participants and will include yoga, sharing circles, and more. To learn more, call Kevin Tyrrell at 781-696-8459 or email ascgms@earthlink.net. Please contact us by June 15th, so we can adequately plan the weekend.

Other Notices

9th Annual Pride Week Candlelight Ceremony

Wednesday, June 9th, 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!

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 or call him at 617-522-4982. You are also encouraged to contact Peter to be removed or to have your information updated.

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.

Annual Corporation Meeting

Sunday, June 13th, 2004

Agenda

- *I. Membership Update
 - *II. Elections [see below]
 - *III. Proposed Budget for FY2004/2005
 - *IV. MBTA Project: Settlement
 - V. 275th 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 (3rd year), Don Rickter (2nd year), Dawn Arthmann (2nd 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 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 20th – Gala Benefit Birthday Party

Sunday, November 21st – 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 at 617-536-7050, 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.

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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