

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, JUNE 13TH, 2004

Today's Events

Special events for today

Following the service, everyone is invited to remain in the sanctuary for a *brief* annual meeting, followed by an All-You-Can-Eat Sunday/Sundae party downstairs in the Parish Hall! All are welcome to enjoy this delectable annual thank you from the ASC staff to you!

Annual Corporation Meeting

Immediately following the service in the Sanctuary

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*)

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.

Note: This will be the final gathering of the Gay Men's Support Group this church year. We will resume regular meetings in September.

Summer Worship Highlights

Shawn Newton: “Unfinished Business”

Sunday, June 20th, 11:00 AM

Shawn Newton has been on the staff of Arlington Street Church since 1997, presently serving as the congregation’s Business Administrator. He recently completed his first year at Harvard Divinity School and will be leaving ASC this summer to concentrate on his preparation for Unitarian Universalist ministry.

Roger Peltier: “On Purpose”

Sunday, June 27th, 11:00 AM

Roger Peltier, a UUA Candidate for the Ministry, is currently serving as the Student Minister at the First Parish in Bedford, Mass. This fall Roger will begin his third year in the M.Div. program at Andover Newton Theological School. Roger, and his husband, John, both long-time members of ASC, are especially looking forward to this visit “home.”

Lisa Kemper: “A Meditation on Hands”

Sunday, July 4th, 11:00 AM

Lisa Kemper is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist, a ministerial student at Andover Newton Theological School. Her passions are the intersection of art and spirituality.

Patsy Houser: “Love is... a Mobius Strip”

Sunday, July 11th, 11:00 AM

Patsy Houser grew up in the Midwest where she was raised as a faithful Lutheran. But after moving to Boston in 1990, she found her true spiritual home when she discovered ASC by chance in 1995 and has been a member ever since. She is delighted to be giving her first sermon ever, and she thinks trees are really cool.

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

Calendar This Week

Sunday, June 13th, 2004

- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Corporation Meeting - Sanctuary
- 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

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 Through the Summer

As summer begins, life at ASC slows down and *Inside ASC* won't be published in this same format. During the next several months until Homecoming Sunday (Sunday, September 12th), the best way to stay up to date on ASC's calendar is to visit our website. At the site, ASCBoston.org, there is an always-up-to-date calendar maintained by our facilities manager that lists all activities in the building. Have a great summer!

visit

www.ASCBOSTON.ORG/CALENDAR

Music@ASC

“Join the Choir!”

Thursday, September 9th, 7:00 PM in the Clarke Room

You know you've wanted to for years now but just haven't had the time or guts to walk into the Clarke Room on a Thursday night. Well, here's your chance! Start of the year with the 35 other members of ASC's vibrant choir and take part in worship and community at ASC in a fun, artistic, challenging, and intimate way. All members of ASC's community are welcome to join the choir. We rehearse every Thursday from 7:00 - 9:00 PM and meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

Music@ASC: A Recital/Concert Series

As Music@ASC concludes its third year, plans are already underway for an exciting fourth season including special musical events to honor ASC's 275th birthday. If you have ideas or suggestions for events you'd like to hear at ASC, please send a message to ASC's music director, Miguel Felipe: MFelipe@ASCBoston.org.

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

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.

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.

Summer Worship Begins Sunday, June 20th

Beginning next Sunday, ASC switches to its summer worship schedule – the ministers are away, the choir is on recess and our pulpit is filled by a diverse group of preachers – many from our own membership. We hope you'll join us for summer worship here in ASC's historic sanctuary.



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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