

Saying Yes

Kim K. Crawford Harvie
Senior Minister

Dear Friends,

Late this fall, at the last possible moment, as he motored across the harbor to put his boat into dry dock for the winter, my friend Tim called me on a whim. "Come out for one last ride," he said. "I'll pick you up at the fish pier."

I remembered a beautiful summer Sunday afternoon many years ago, when my friend Paul stopped by our Provincetown church just after the last wedding of the day. His boat was across the street. Come on! he said. I weighed my tiredness and my to-do list against the Kaposi's sarcoma blooming on Paul's calf. Months before, my friend Benjy had returned from a year as an exchange student in Thailand, and shared the most important lesson he had learned there in four words: Never refuse an invitation. And so I said yes—yes, as it turned out, to what would be Paul's final boat trip.

As always, I was in the midst of 10,000 things. I knew it was crazy to go out with Tim. I said, I'll be there!

I said yes—to two boat rides, at least!—and what did I learn?

I learned that there's something about leaving earth and the gravity of earth for a while—watching harbor seals at play, drifting and rocking on the ocean swells, breathing cool, salty air—something that, in changing our perspective, changes us. Suddenly, the shoreline is far away, the people and the houses recede, and we are so small. In Buddhism, we say this perspective gives us "the view." I commend to you the spiritual practice of seeking out invitations and finding ways to get the view ... and saying yes.

Each year, during the Women Waging Peace colloquium, the international delegates tell their war stories. From Northern Ireland to Israel, Guatemala to Azerbaijan, South Africa to Indonesia, stories of war and all its accompanying horror are horrible and horrifying in their grinding sameness. But whenever it gets too painful, the Burundians call for a dance.

The staid conference rooms at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government are transformed by a wave of women in their wildly colorful dress rising and beginning to sing, swaying to the music, taking the hands of other delegates, and inviting us, even for a moment, to empty our minds of suffering, free our bodies of memory, and give ourselves to the dance. Our African sisters give us the view; once again, we say yes to life.

As always, I am grateful for the gift of your presence in my life, grateful for the gifts of our beloved community of memory and hope. Today, I give thanks that these cold, short days drive us together for warmth, and invite us to light the dark nights with white lights and colored lights and candlelight. We are blessed by the ancestors who divined the wisdom of setting our brightest holidays in the darkest season. They understood something of the power of perspective, and the gifts of friendship and song and dance—the gifts of saying yes to life.

My family joins me in wishing you peace at the holidays and joy in the New Year—peace in our hearts, and peace in the world. Let every heart prepare!

Faithfully yours, with love,
Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie, Senior Minister

giving thanks

One Member's Journey

by Fred Nutton, ASC Member

Sitting in this grand place, of memory and hope, often, by myself, the lights off, and the sun shining outside, windows aglow, radiant in their beauty, feelings of peaceful serenity fill my soul in appreciation. For I have found my home. Filled as I am now, with pleasant thoughts, and thankful for all the caring, kindness, friendship, and love this space has generated for me, from the generous hearts of the gentle people whom I have come in contact with, here at Arlington Street Church, my grateful heart, and sincere voice say, "Thank you. Thank you. Thank you!"

Growing up in a very large family, during the Great Depression and World War II, it has been my good fortune to have learned a lot of hard, complex lessons on getting along with others. Not the least of which was, keeping my sanity surrounded by eleven siblings all wanting the same things I did. But we had loving, capable parents, whom, with soft voices, but with firm determination, made our tumultuous existence tolerable.

Actually, looking back, it was a lot of fun.

Can you imagine calling living with six sisters, and five brothers fun??? But all agreed, in later years, that it really was fun!

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House Meetings: Spiritual Activism at ASC

By Thara Fuller, ASC Member

How do we, as Unitarian Universalists, connect our journeys on the path of social justice to our spiritual journeys? One way is by refusing to divide the world into "us" and "them," and to acknowledge that all of our stories are connected by the same fears, frustrations and hopes. Participating in the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization is bringing us into a network of connections across our community and opening opportunities for us to put the power of numbers behind our actions for social justice. When the janitors of the city began telling their stories of low wages and lack of health benefits, many of us responded because we, or those close to us, have struggled to raise families with little money and worried about medical bills. The network of GBIO members spread the call to action. People from ASC joined hundreds from the faith community in donating food and walking the picket line with the janitors.

The janitors strike is one very visible reminder of the inequities all around us in our community. While this strike action is happening there is also another action taking place across the city: a process of reflection that names the inequities. The process, modeled by GBIO, is called a house meeting. Small groups gather for an hour to talk about what is broken in our communities and to think about what we could fix if we worked together. We have held several house meetings at ASC, and messages

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The Marketplace sponsored by the Children's RE Committee Sundays, January 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th

During the month of January the Parish Hall will be transformed into an ancient Middle Eastern marketplace! Together we will try to imagine what life might have been like during Jesus' lifetime. Tribes of children, adults and elders will gather around the well to hear stories about Jesus' life. Then each tribe will choose an activity to do together. A scribe will teach Hebrew, potters, weavers, leather workers, jewelry makers, musicians, herbalists and carpenters will teach their crafts. Cooks will work in the kitchen to make food for the feast. People will have opportunities to learn from the village rabbi and other important figures in village life. This is a rich opportunity for children and adults to experience an ancient culture central to the roots of Unitarian Universalism.

We need lots of people to help us make our marketplace come alive! We're looking for adults to be tribal members, craftspeople, and storytellers. The Marketplace will run for the four Sundays in January; January 4, 11, 18, and 25. If you have specific skills; crafts, music, cook, etc. or you would just like to spend a couple of Sunday mornings learning with people of all ages about an ancient time and place, look for the sign-up sheet on the Religious Education table in the Parish Hall during coffee hour or call Liz Shaw at 781-648-2032.

If you can donate any of the following materials please contact Rev. Carol Strecker at 617-536-7050 x12 or cstrecker@ascboston.org.

Needed: Gourds, Beads, Mortar & pestal, Herbs, Clay, Leather, leather working tools, Wood for carpentry & tools, Parchment paper, Copper sheets for jewelery, Cooking supplies...to be announced, Material for costumes

Coming Attractions of the Adult RE Committee

Following an active fall program of R.E. classes, forums, films, and discussions, plans for winter/spring opportunities are on the agenda. Stay tuned for details!

The New UU

Join our senior staff for this three-session course, designed for people who want to learn more about Arlington Street Church and Unitarian Universalism. The next class is scheduled for three Sunday afternoons from 12:30 to 2 p.m., January 26, February 2 and 9. Look for a sign-up sheet at the Religious Education table during coffee hour in the Parish Hall. There will be two additional classes this spring. One will be offered on a weeknight.

Journey Toward Wholeness Sunday

The Anti-Racism Group will host a program called, "The Hidden Meanings of Negro Spirituals from Slave-Times" in conjunction with a worship service focusing on the issue of racism in March.

Anti-Racism Film Series

The Anti-Racism Group will continue to show films once a month during the winter months. Each film will be followed by an opportunity for group discussion. Look for titles and locations starting in January.

The Wednesdays

Keats and Shelly had The Tuesdays; Arlington Street has The Wednesdays! This spring will be the fourth in our series of literary salons (past salons have focused on the short story and Walt Whitman): on April 2, 9, 16, and 30, at 6 p.m., join the magnificent and irrepressible Professor Alan Helms and Kim for The Wednesdays: Memoir. There will be a special celebration as Alan's memoir, *Young Man from the Provinces: A Gay Life Before Stonewall*, is re-released!

Buddha's Belly

This book group meets from 6-7 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month, just before the Arlington Street Zen Center, to discuss a wide range of Buddhist literature. On January 14, we will begin discussing Sylvia Boorstein's *Pay Attention, for Goodness' Sake*. All are welcome!

We welcome you to stop by the R.E. table during the coffee hour to get more information, ask questions, or bring additional suggestions for the winter/spring calendar of opportunities. We look forward to talking with you!

One Member's Journey ...continued from the cover

Those were slower, gentler times, that helped us accept things as they were, to make do with what we had, and helped us make our own fun. In so doing, we made up two basketball teams, a baseball team, with mascot, bat boy, and scorekeeper, and with Dad as coach we made up a football team.

My youth, with its healthy lifestyle, and despite its hardships and trials, is the reason for my good looks, and charming demeanor, today.

[Cough! Cough! Cough!]

Being here today is one of the happiest moments of my life. My spiritual journey forms the backbone of that life, which on the whole has been extremely satisfying, and fulfilling.

As a youngster making my first communion, and later my confirmation, stirred me deeply.

Also from a very young age until my teens, hours of my time were spent outdoors, "communing with nature," as the old saying goes. Time spent roaming woodlands, meadows, pastures, and marshlands, filled my being with all the wonders of season, after season, and left an indelible mark on my heart, and mind of the relationship between us humans and the good earth. All these memories, of these wonderful places, most of which no longer exist, remain with me still, and make my spirit soar in recall. These formed the foundation of what today are my beliefs in the sacred, as well as the secular. Over the years, this foundation has held me up, and supported my many and various pursuits for completeness in my spiritual search.

When my sexual orientation became the dominant factor in my search, there was no going back to the old ways, because there was no welcome there. But upon meeting my late partner, Bob, my life changed for the better. Together we formed a partnership that was truly spiritually-based. Our years together, supported by our beliefs, and our social concerns, made for a close-knit, harmonious union. Love for one another, of course, was utmost, but our time together was also filled with caring for others, and assisting in any way we could, to alleviate the pain and discomfort of anyone we found in need. In 1998, after 41 years together, Bob passed away. The following week, I wandered into ASC, and have been here ever since.

Recently talking with a close friend, I mentioned that I had always been very spiritual. "Of course you are spiritual," he responded, "you are a poet." Consciously, I had never made that connection before, but it became clear to me that it was true. How else could I have written what I have without the source being those deep spiritual feelings that help me connect with the Muse, who is my inspiration, and the creator of my work.

So I close with a poem:

It lies somewhere between here and home,
Who I am, and what I will be.
Of the one I became, and the one that I was,
All assembled here now, plain to see.

The journey, along paths, both lonely, and not,
Filled with true friends, who made the trip, too,
Reveal now, the fact, that the way was made sure
By their help, and love seeing me through.

So the road led me here, to this welcoming place.
Home to people, like me, who agree,
That it's alright to be whom you want to be.
And I am! So are you! So are we!

deepening connections

“If Your Spirit’s Good”:

An Interview With Longtime ASC Member Dan Cheever

Dan Cheever doesn’t have any memory of his entry to the sanctuary of Arlington Street Church. None whatsoever, but that’s because he was carried across the threshold by his parents as an infant. Soon after, he was christened in the font still used for baby dedications. ASC remains his church of choice as well as birth. These days he commutes from Bedford to attend.

A modest man, Dan is reluctant to talk about his eighty-five years as a member, unless it’s to share the legacy of the church he cares so much about. His mother was a Unitarian and a Hunnewell, whose grandfather, Horatio Hollis Hunnewell, donated the money to build Arlington Street Church in 1860. He also funded a Tiffany window (Jesus Blessing the Children), and donated money to Meadville Theological School, a Unitarian seminary then located in Pennsylvania. Dan’s father, also a Unitarian, belonged to the Church of the Disciples in the Back Bay. Dan was born to them on December 19, 1916.

Dan’s first passion was music. He played the piano until he was twelve. Up to that time, “I attended Miss Woodward’s Academy at 319 Beacon Street, where I had two Unitarian teachers, and I don’t recommend it! Mother was a progressive and thought I should go to a progressive school.” As a result, he attended Beaver Country Day School, where he suddenly grew, his voice changed, and he got interested in sports. At summer camp, he realized that he could run faster than most, and piano playing was no longer an interest.

Nonetheless, he asserts, “for me music has been a second language.” As a tenor who can sing in the second bass range if needed, he has sung in every ASC Gilbert and Sullivan operetta except the last. Recounting his role in “The Mikado,” he recalls, “I’ve been Koko three times!” The first was at Milton Academy, which he attended for six years. He played football for Milton, as his three older brothers did for other schools.

A self-styled “steady Eddie” as a student, he was encouraged by physics teacher Homer LaSourd to do independent study his senior year, so he took the subway to MIT to study marine navigation and diesel engines. “I’d always been interested in diesel engines because my brothers were always fixing a Stutz Bearcat they owned. I was the one small enough to get underneath and do the dirty work.” Another thing he appreciated about Milton is that the headmaster “allowed me to go to college in music instead of French.”

Dan went on to graduate from Harvard University. He remembers his first job after college: “Along with two Harvard classmates, I taught at Saint Mark’s, an Episcopalian school, but,” his eyes twinkle, “I never said the creed.” He taught English and history, both subjects he loved. He taught for three years, during

which time he “was allowed to marry the granddaughter of an Episcopalian bishop” and he and his wife had a son, Dan Junior.

Marine navigation was the skill that came in handy when he joined the Navy. He claims to have been “a great failure” in service, because he was a seasick sailor in the South Atlantic. As a result, he ended up working in Washington for the Secretary of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. His love of history and political science made his next posting, to San Francisco in 1945 for the founding conference of the United Nations, a dream come true. There he worked under Special Assistant to the Conference Secretary, Alger Hiss. Despite Hiss’s conviction as a Communist spy, Cheever admired him and “stuck by him all the way through.” He loved the State Department, and served in the Bureau of Special Political Affairs, dealing with America’s isolationism and membership in the UN.

When the G.I. Bill was enacted, he quit and returned to Harvard for a graduate degree. “I’d been a terrible undergraduate,” he confessed, “but they admitted me in five minutes, giving me credit for my experiences and summer courses in history I had taken when I was a teacher.” As a result, he earned his political science doctorate in record time and taught at Harvard for several years, authoring “a couple of books with a fellow political scientist.” He then became a special assistant to Harvard president, Nathan Pusey. One of his projects was a report titled “Harvard and the Federal Government.” The report analyzed the relationship, financial and academic, between the federal government and the Harvard faculty.

Cheever says he’s always been “a bug for the Constitution.” He admires public service and the fact that ASC is “strong in public spirit.” However, when asked what is most spiritually satisfying about his long affiliation with ASC, Dan does not hesitate. “Music! I’ve worked with a great musician there, Elliot Forbes.” He also holds in high regard Mabel Daniels and others who helped maintain the organ. He loves singing because, “You can have all kinds of physical handicaps, but if your spirit’s good and you want to, you do it.” For Dan, contributing to ASC is about trying and adapting, two things people can do for their own development as well as for the greater good. “It’s not just the words,” he asserts, “but music is a spiritual language, better even than a sermon. It’s about all humanity. It’s a universal language. Every human being is musical.” A very Universalist message from a born Unitarian!

Note: Join us for Dan Cheever Day on Sunday, January 5th at 11:00 AM.

House Meetings: Spiritual Activism at ASC ...continued from the cover

from these gatherings are written on chalices displayed at the Social Action table in the parish hall. Here are some examples of what is in our minds and hearts:

Humane and effective health care
Transportation access and urban sprawl issues
Personal safety and respect
We are all interconnected and affected by each other’s lives.

Hope in action: in community we can work on the small things while keeping alive the vision of radical moves towards total peace and justice.

We will hold additional meetings throughout the fall, and when we have gathered our stories, we will

bring them to a gathering of the Back Bay GBIO congregations to see how all our stories are beginning to connect. We will then gather with delegates from all the GBIO member congregations and begin to construct an agenda for change. The last time GBIO went through this process the result was two major campaigns—we won \$20 million for the housing trust fund and \$2 million for textbooks in the public schools! It is time to build a new agenda for action and all of us have a voice. Spiritual activism is our heart’s work.

If you would like to take part in a house meeting or to find out more about the work of GBIO, stop by the Social Action Table or email Barbara Brown at blbrown@lycos.com.

ASC Council Reincarnated!

By Sarah Richards

After a year hiatus due to strategic planning and structural changes by the Prudential Committee, the ASC Council is back in action. The Council was charged by the Pru to be “the leadership lifeblood of the congregation; to determine and implement the programs and activities necessary to the congregation’s flourishing.” Sounds like a tall order, but after our first two meetings, we’ve made progress in meeting the challenge. As this year’s Council chair, I facilitate meetings that bring together representatives of the Adult Religious Education, Children’s Religious Education, Hospitality, Music, Renovation, Access and Preservation (RAP), Social Action, and Worship Committees, the GA’03 Task Force and Ministerial staff. This is an outstanding group of people, who have already inspired me to believe in positive possibility even while dealing with real limitations. I never would have thought that Council meetings and work could be considered spiritual practice, but that is what has happened!

Our first action was to establish ongoing communication within and outside the Council about committee and sub-committee accomplishments and goals in order to find areas of common interest and gain support. (Even without the Council last year, many individuals and committees were active and kept the church functioning—imagine what it is like when we come together!). We are also working to develop an active core of people to help meet the goal of deepening connections in our congregation, by devising ways to welcome, inform and integrate new members while retaining, developing and recognizing our long-time committed members. Other activities show the diversity of needs and principles of ASC: we’ve decided on recipients of mini-grants; established an ASC Neighborhood Task Force to represent ASC in discussions with neighbors, police and others; and we will rededicate the Parish Hall by helping serve a meal at Friday Night Supper Program on December 6th.

If you are interested in volunteering or finding out more about the Council and its community building, ministry, mobilization and leadership activities, please contact me at sarahcr@bu.edu, or Carol Strecker, Associate Minister, at the church. Coming soon: ASC Council Bulletin board in the Parish Hall, with a photo of your representatives, overview of committees and their work (and play), meeting minutes and opportunities for involvement.



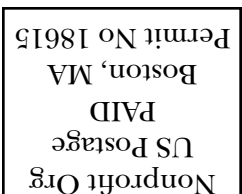
Vision: The ASC Council is a group of congregational leaders dedicated to building and maintaining a strong, inclusive spiritual community grounded in love and service.

Mission Statement: Through the coordinated planning and implementation of creative programs and operations, The Council will provide opportunities for deepening connections between individuals, the ASC community and with the values of Unitarian Universalism. The Council will empower the congregation through an open process of communication and outreach to be active participants in the life of the church by clearly articulating needs, making decisions about how to meet those needs and celebrating accomplishments when needs are clearly being met.

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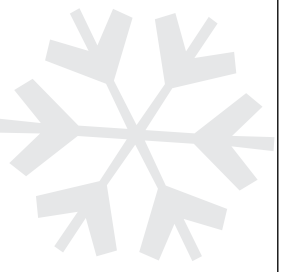
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WINTER AT ASC



Worship High-

World AIDS Day Sunday, December 1st, 11:00 AM

Join Kim and our guest musicians for this special day at in our community. This day features special music, see Music@ASC. Also featured is our annual pilgrimage to the Medicine Wheel, a 24 hour vigil held at the Cyclorama (Boston Center for the Arts), following the morning service. This year's element is fire. As always, we are invited to bring food to share, as well as photographs and mementos to be left in one of the shrines.

The Mitten Tree Sunday, December 15th, 11:00 AM

Join the children of ASC in this intergenerational presentation of "The Mitten Tree". Hats, gloves, scarves, socks and toiletries will be collected during the service to be given in holiday gift bags to the guests of the Friday Night Supper.

Holiday Celebration Sunday, December 22nd, 11:00 AM

Come make a joyful noise for solstice & celebration, stories & carols. The service will be led by Rev. Kim and Rev. Carol and is followed by a delicious brunch with live music in the Parish Hall.

Christmas Eve by Candlelight Tuesday, December 24th, 5:00, 7:00 & 9:00 PM

It wouldn't be Christmas Eve without singing "Silent Night" by candlelight at Arlington Street Church. The 5:00 PM service is a family service featuring the Arlington Street Church Choir. We are pleased to welcome back the Boston Gay Men's Chorus at our 7:00 PM & 9:00 PM services.

Dan Cheever Day Sunday, January 5th, 11:00 AM

Come to celebrate the new year at ASC as we honor our own Dan Cheever with a very special presentation and a big birthday cake!

MLK Sunday Sunday, January 19th, 11:00 AM

Join Associate Minister Carol Strecker for this special service recognizing the life and work of the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr.

All Kinds of Love Sunday Sunday, February 9th, 11:00 AM

Highlighting this year's All Kinds of Love Sunday is To Renewal House With Love, our third annual food drive for the children of Renewal House, the UU Urban Ministry's shelter for women and children escaping domestic violence.

Eliza Blanchard Preaches Sunday, February 16th, 11:00 AM

Join ministerial intern Eliza Blanchard in this special service when she preaches: "Adding More Leaves to the Welcome Table." The sermon will address the theology of hospitality. When we as Unitarian Universalists practice the art of hospitality, we challenge ourselves to grow spiritually. Patrick Terrance Neal (the Online Manners Guy), George Washington, the Rev. Rosemary Bray McNatt and others will help shed light on this process.

Music@ASC

ARIA: AIDS Response by Independent Artists Sunday, December 1st, 3:00 & 7:00 PM

Project ARIA, a group of collaborative artists bring their art to ASC for this unique one act opera, "Six Characters in Search of an Opera." This premiere is based on the relationships of these artists to AIDS patients from Fenway Community Health; this event will also feature original poetry from members and guests of BLACKOUT Boston. For more information about ARIA or for tickets (\$10/\$5), call 617-548-0459 or e-mail ProjectARIA@hotmail.com.

A World Premiere! Saturday, December 14th, 3:00 PM

Tired of the same ol' Christmas tunes each year? Here's your chance to try something new. Join Rev. Kim on a holiday church outing to Portland, Maine to hear our own Vytas Baksys' newest creation under the direction of ASC Music Director, Miguel Felipe. The Maine Gay Men's Chorus will premiere a newly-created, 1940's style radio variety show with music by Vytas. Check for the carpool and ticket sign-ups during worship in December. For further details, visit MaineGayMensChorus.org.

Aardvark Jazz Orchestra Sunday, December 15th, 7:30 PM

Don't miss the Aardvark Orchestra's 30th Annual Christmas/Holiday concert under the direction of Mark Harvey. The concert will feature a 24-piece, big band jazz orchestra performing portions of Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert & other Ellington works as well as familiar Christmas carols. \$15 tickets benefit the Friday Night Supper Program. For tickets or more information, contact George Whitehouse at ASC, gabygeo@gwcats.com or 617-491-1678.

The Esterhazy String Quartet Saturday, February 1st, 8:00 PM

The Esterhazy String Quartet of Cincinnati, Ohio comes to New England for a series of concert stops that includes ASC! The quartet is comprised of Charles Dimmick of the Portland Symphony and Rebecca Dorcy of The Nashville Symphony both on violin alongside violist Kyle Wehner and cellist Robert Reichart of the Cleveland Institute of Music. The program will include major works for string quartet by Dvorak, Rozsa and Kodaly.

Valentina Paez & Band Saturday, March 8th, 8:00 PM

Last performing at ASC, Valentina had the entire congregation on their feet! Valentina's infectious rhythms and distinct melodies will bring live Latin music right to our sanctuary! Don't miss this evening of Valentina's music as she performs with her 5-piece band.

Hymn Sing 1st Sunday of each month, 12:30 PM

Join Director of Music, Miguel Felipe, in the second year of this ASC tradition. Continuing throughout the winter, Miguel will teach new hymns and lead us through familiar ones. This event is open to everyone!

Religious Ed.

Spiritual Passions Sundays, 1:00 - 3:00 PM

These mini-retreats are offered by members of the ASC community and are open to everyone. If you have a spiritual passion to share in a mini-retreat, please speak with Kim or a member of the Worship Committee.

January 12, Adam Sutton, Owning Your Gifts
February 2, Rev. Kim, Meditation
February 9, Marjorie Matty, Crisis as an Opportunity for Transformation
March 9, Eliza Blanchard, Songs of the Souls
March 16, Ed Mowrey, Interactive Co-Coaching

Midweek Worship Beginning December 3rd, 7:30 PM

Join the ASC Worship Committee, Sarah Duncan, and ASC musicians on the first Tuesday of every month for mid-week worship in the chapel. We will provide music, meditations, and readings on themes such as peace and gratitude. Sarah is one of ASC's ministry students and has led similar worship services at the UUA church in Saugus. We hope you will join us.

Faiths Across the Street Sunday, January 26th, February 2nd, 9th & 16th

Faiths Across the Street will be a lecture/discussion/experiential class for adults facilitated by ASC's ministerial intern, Eliza Blanchard. Four faiths will be explored: Islam, Hinduism, Quakerism, and Buddhism. Participants will be able to visit centers of worship for each of these groups at times to be announced. Sign up at the Adult Religious Education table in the Parish Hall after worship.

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Other Activities

Parish Hall Rededication Friday, December 6th, 5:30 PM

Those ASC folks who would like to volunteer to help at Friday Night Supper on January 10th and March 7th, you must plan to attend an orientation meeting before the dinner you'd like to help with. Please watch future Orders of Service for more information about when kitchen prep orientation will be offered.

Small Groups Info Session Sunday, January 19th, 12:30 PM

Small Groups are groups of 6-12 ASC members and friends who meet consistently once or twice a month. Some of the groups have themes, such as Parish Concerns, quilting, membership, or arts & spirituality. Others are neighborhood-based groups that meet in the homes of members. Join us for this information session to find out more about the groups and sign up. If you have questions, please contact Katarina Midelfort at katarina@mit.edu or 617-547-1704.

Ongoing...

Mini-Introduction to UU/ASC Sundays, 12:15 PM, check OOS for dates

60 +/- (Social Group for Seniors) 4th Sunday, 12:30 PM

Hymn Sing 1st Sunday, 12:30 PM

Gay Men's Support Group 2nd & 4th Sundays, 12:30 PM

Lesbian Support Group 1st & 3rd Sundays, 12:30 PM

Minister's Tea 4th Tuesday, 5:00 PM

Spiritual Practice for Caregivers 1st Tuesday, 7:30 PM

Buddha's Belly Reading Group Text: *Pay Attention, for Goodness' Sake* 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 6:00 PM

ASC Zen Center 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 7:00 PM

Prudential Committee 3rd Tuesday, 6:00 PM

Yoga Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

ASC Choir Thursdays, 7:00 PM

Friday Night Supper Program Fridays, 5:00-7:00 PM

FNSP Volunteer Orientation 2nd Tuesday, 3rd Thursdays, 6:30 PM

Note: meeting dates sometimes change, especially around the holidays, so please check the weekly ASC calendar in the order of service or on the ASC web site ascboston.uua.org.

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Gathered in love and service for justice and peace. We are a progressive congregation with a historic tradition. Unitarian Universalism affirms the inherent worth and dignity of every person. All are welcome.

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Rev. Carol E. Strecker, Associate Minister
Rev. Dr. Gene Navias, Associate Minister Emeritus
Eliza Blanchard, Ministerial Intern

SCHEDULE OF WORSHIP SERVICES
Sunday Morning Worship, 11:00 AM
ASC Zen Center, 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 6:30 PM

CHURCH INFORMATION
The Church Office is open Monday - Thursday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. For information on worship and weekly calendar listings, call (617) 536-7050, ext. 27, or visit our web site: ASCBoston.org

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