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Arlington Street Church, *Unitarian Universalist*

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## Sweet Summer Days

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REV. KIM K. CRAWFORD HARVIE, SENIOR MINISTER

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you on the day that Arlington Street Church and Unitarian Universalism are featured on the front page of the *Boston Globe*. It is the exactly one week before same-sex marriages will be legalized for the first time in the United States... Massachusetts' *second* "shot heard 'round the world!" As always – and even more so! – there is nowhere else on earth that I would rather be.

One of the most uplifting aspects of this history-in-the-making has been the emergence of extraordinary allies. I have been moved beyond words by the heart-felt offers of solidarity, help, and love that have poured in both from within our beloved community and beyond. Yes, the hatred of our detractors is heinous. But the love of our allies far outweighs that hatred.



With revolution in the air, this spring has been the perfect time to work on our vision for the next five years at Arlington Street! I am so grateful for the spectacular work done by the Long Rangers, by the Covenant Renewal team (what other congregation do you know that wildly surpassed its annual fundraising goal?!), and by each and every one of you who gives so generously. I'm thrilled by the ways we celebrate the twin gifts of money *and* service! And I'm so excited about the prospects of the church year ahead.

But first... Over the summer, there will be some magnificent services! The all-star cast of our divinity school students, some young adults, and one impassioned preacher's (adult) kid are lined up for the pulpit. Please do plan to be a part of the more intimate summer congregation!

As always, our family is looking forward to breaking the (break-neck) pace of the school year. Jessye's off to summer camp in New Hampshire, Jamie will be in Ecuador on a service project, Cory is working in the city, and Kem and I will be in London in late June – a *gift* from a very generous friend! – and then on Cape Cod for the rest of the summer, leaving the seaside only to backpack in the White Mountains.

Homecoming is September 12<sup>th</sup>! Please remember to gather water from your summer travels for the Water Service that day. Our voter registration and voter edu-

cation crew will be in high gear; the children's religious education program has prodigious energy for a wonderful new year; and the new ASCenter religious education offerings will be in place (including a new "The Wednesdays" literary salon series, and the first of the year's New UU classes, if you're ready to take the plunge and join!). It's all too good to miss!

But first, I have a pile of books I can't wait to read. How about you? Here is Albert Einstein's directive, to go on:

Never regard study as a duty, but as the enviable opportunity to learn to know the liberating influence of beauty in the realm of the spirit for your own personal joy and to the profit of the community to which your later work belongs.

And from Annie Dillard's *Holy the Firm*, "Every day is a god, each day is a god, and holiness holds forth in time. I worship each god, I praise each day..."

Enjoy these sweet summer days! ☺

Faithfully yours, with much love,

  
Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie,  
Senior Minister



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# Pru Confessions: A Farewell from the Pru Chair

A Letter from Sarah Richards, Chair, ASC Prudential Committee

As my term on the Prudential Committee (ASC's Board of Directors) ends, I have a few reflections on my experience of the last three years. In the interest of full disclosure I confess that I felt the congregation had chosen a rather weak strand in the interdependent web when they elected me to the Pru. Even though I'd served on several ASC committees, I hate meetings, I'm not interested in finances (don't even balance my checkbook) and, I have no experience in management. I don't even have the qualifications to be a figurehead. But I did want to serve where needed, so there I was. Since my first meeting, I've learned to care deeply about revenues and expenses (do you really need that many paper towels?); gained a sense of stewardship of our beloved *old* home (get your feet off the back of the pew!) and knowledge of how things can and do work at ASC. I've discovered how to communicate more effectively. I've realized that I already had analytic skills that could be put to good use. Being on the Pru has given me confidence to make decisions (I'm good at arguing every side of a debate, which yields understanding but slows action,) creating and trusting systems to implement those decisions. The greatest gift of these years is the humbling admiration for the amazing dedication of so many to this congregation. I have come to see the work for this church community as true spiritual practice. How can we explain peoples' willingness to analyze complicated issues, make emotionally charged decisions or discuss complex problems for hours except as a labor of love? Our love for these people and this place is a continual inspiration to

me, and that energy sustains my hope through the difficult moments. (There are plenty of moments of joy and celebration as well – sometimes involving home-baked goods.) The reason for these confessions is to reassure you – yes, *you* – that service in ASC leadership can help you identify and develop personal strengths within a supportive community. If you are a member with some familiarity with committees or other groups at the church, and would like to develop a spiritual practice of leadership, I encourage you to think about serving as committee chair or member of the Pru. This has been a transformative experience for me, and an important step in my spiritual journey as a UU. It can be so for you, too. Please feel free to ask me about it!

In closing I want to thank all of the people who have given their gifts of service in time, effort, ideas, deliberation and good humor to ASC over the past three years. This past year has been especially challenging with a major transition in staffing and supervision, and growing efforts to increase and retain membership. I'm grateful to all of the committee members, Pru members, church officers and staff who went way beyond the call of duty to meet unexpected challenges of new systems and roles.

I especially want to recognize the outstanding service of Judith Lorei, who is leaving the Personnel Committee at the end of the church year. As chair of that committee, last year she helped to create the Senior Staff Advisory system, this year she has served as advisor to the SSA committee. At the same time, Judith worked tirelessly with the administrative staff to implement the staffing plan, serves on the Associate Clergy Position Assessment Task Force, and has been instrumental in forming a fantastic committee to take over. In that same vein, I'm very pleased that Brian Souza and Art Shirk will be Pru co-chairs next year: Brian was a terrific vice chair this year, and Art was the masterful leader of the Long Range Planning task force. Vincent Licenziato will continue in the demanding dual roles of Council chair and Pru member next year. We're in good hands with these experienced leaders, and I look forward to seeing new members with fresh ideas and shared purpose to join them in the future. (That's you, yes *you!*) ☺

With gratitude,



Sarah Richards, Chair, ASC Prudential Committee

## Mini Financial Update

Total Pledges To Covenant 2003-2004: \$212,867

Payments Received Through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004: \$161,544 (75.9%)

Total Operating Income Through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004: \$458,731

Total Operating Expenses Through April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2004: \$459,685

# Summer and the Spirit

Rabbi Howard A. Berman, Associate Clergy/Rabbi-in-Residence

As we come to the end of the program at ASC, and look forward to a particularly long-awaited summer, visions of vacations, outdoor activities and “hazy, lazy days” lie before us. However, while summer is a relatively quiet time at the church, there are still great opportunities for spiritual growth and reflection during this season. A popular slogan that often appears on church and synagogue signboards at this time of year proclaims “There is no vacation from God!” While many of us might use a different frame of reference, the underlying challenge is the same – there doesn’t have to be a break from our spiritual journeys just because it’s summertime!

Vacation travel or even just time-off from our work routines, can be great opportunities for encounter and enrichment of our inner life. The simple acts of rest and relaxation offer us a Sabbath-like experience of renewal, as we slow our pace and take the time to recharge our batteries. Hiking, sports, swimming, or just a stroll through a park, can all be moments of “re-creation” as well as recreation, as we re-energize our bod-

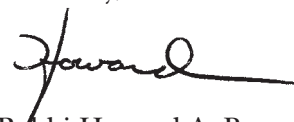
ies and spirits after the indoor confinement of a particularly brutal winter and cold, rainy spring. Visits to favorite summer destinations – beach, mountains or countryside – have special potential to refresh our spirits and nurture our souls as we reconnect with the beauty and majesty of nature. And vacation travel to special places, such as historic sites or foreign lands, can broaden our intellectual horizons and inspire us through our encounter with different cultures, famous landmarks, monuments and museums.

And yet, we really don’t have to go very far or spend a lot of money to experience the spirituality of summer... sitting on a deck or park bench, with a good book, or writing a journal, or listening to a favorite CD, can all add a special dimension of

broadened horizons or deepened consciousness to a summer afternoon.

So wherever the coming couple of months take you – the Public Garden, P-town or Paris- or even your own balcony or backyard – enjoy the sunshine and warmth, seemingly rarer and precious commodities here in New England! Breathe deeply of the fragrances of the flowers and listen carefully to the musical cadences of the birds and bees. Embrace the breezes, and be mindful and grateful for every moment and happy experience. Before we know it, there will be a crispness in the air once again, and we will notice a definite shift in the color of the daylight – and the bitter-sweet awareness will dawn upon us that yet another summer has flown by. Of course, every season has its special joys and promises, and it will be great to come back together again in the fall... even moreso if we have opened ourselves up to summer’s special potential for spiritual awareness and encounter! ☺

Faithfully,



Rabbi Howard A. Berman,  
Associate Clergy/Rabbi-in-Residence



# A Report from Washington, DC

## The March for Women's Lives, April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004

Phyllis Rickter, ASC Member

What an adventure! What a crowd! What power! It was an amazing experience full of sights and sounds. Here's my account of what happened on a

Sunday in April:

Our celebration began on Saturday evening at All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington. Don and I arrived about 5:30 PM for a chili supper for 400 people – well-organized and efficiently done. We ate with other UU Women's Federation women and men in a special room reserved for contributors to the UUWF Clara Barton Intern Program. Nice to see Nat Gulbrandsen and Denny Davidoff (former UUA Moderators), Arlene Johnson and her daughter from Tulsa, and the President and current Moderator of the UUA, plus friends from all over the country.

The program afterward featured the Rev. Deborah Mero telling about the project of collecting the stories of the ministers who did abortion counseling before Roe v. Wade. Our own Farley Wheelwright was first on the list. Denny described the Clara Barton Intern Program and made the pitch for contri-

butions.

We had attended a couple of the grandchildren's soccer games earlier in the day. We were tired. We dropped out before the jazz music and speakers got started about 8:00 PM, and skipped the prayer service from 10:00 PM to midnight.

Don and I went by Metro (getting good at that!) to the church again in time for the

9:30 AM service on Sunday morning. The sanctuary was full, as was the adjoining room for video viewing, about 1000 there, they said. Music was wonderful – choir and accompanying small orchestra. The congregation sang "Love Will Guide Us" and "Lady of the Season's Laughter." We barely got a seat in the balcony and sat with people from Missouri and Ohio as well as locals.

Rebecca Parker's sermon was entitled "For All That Is Our Lives." She is always excellent and Sunday was no exception. A born story-teller, she remembered the stories of three different women regarding the

right to choose, as well as her own story. We walked out with a couple from that church who remarked that they had thought that their minister might have raised expectations for her sermon too high – but found that he didn't.

With a permit to walk in a group to the Metro we set out, filling the street before our ride to the Mall. Coming up into the crowd was amazing! People everywhere – all races, ages, sizes, and dressed in a wild variety of clothing. The March went on and on – did you see the picture in your Monday paper? Numbers are always chancy but 1.1 million seems right.

A multitude of signs and posters were being carried. Huge boxes of signs from NARAL lined the route – no excuse not to be carrying a sign.

I wrote down some of the many home-made signs and here's a selection:

- Competent to Choose (carried by a young woman)
- Sex Ed Saves Lives
- Young Feminists Mobilizing
- I'm a Pro-choice Republican (not many of those)
- March in April – Vote in November (by Democratic National Committee)
- Keep Your Laws Off My Body
- Bush out of my bedroom and out of Iraq (double-duty sign)
- Minnesota Crones for Choice

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**Sex Ed  
Saves  
Lives!**

**We Trust  
Women!**

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- We Trust Women
- Thank you, Rosa Parks (another two-fer)
- And my all-time favorite seen on the jacket of a cute dog – I pee on Bushes (always good to laugh!)

There were also many x-rated signs, as well as the institutional ones for Planned Parenthood, etc.

The parade of celebrities who spoke could be seen by the crowds from about four huge screens along the Mall. We heard Gloria Steinem – just turned 70 with a t-shirt reading “Another Youth for Choice.” Others were Hillary Clinton, Nancy Pelosi, Susan Sarandon, Whoopie Goldberg, Barbara Boxer. When they called out the name of Bella Abzug, there was a huge roar from the crowd. The presence of so many young people gave the lie to the idea that choice is just an older women’s issue.

Our daughter-in-law Anna and her friend Ellen had brought all six of their children to see the crowds and share the experience – as well as raise some questions and answers because our 10-year-old boy was distressed by the signs of the few (estimated to be 1000 in all scattered along the edge of the Mall) of the anti-choice people calling us “baby killers.”

All in all, a great experience. Yesterday on the way home at the Baltimore Airport there were still plenty of signs and we all greeted each other. My seat-mate to Manchester remarked that the energy raised by the event would keep her going for another year! ☺

# Another World is Possible!

## Boston Social Forum

### July 23<sup>rd</sup> - July 25<sup>th</sup> at UMass, Boston

Aileen Montour, Social Action Committee Member

From July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at the University of Massachusetts at Boston – just before the Democratic National Convention – a coalition of Boston area progressive community organizations, non-profits and unions will be hosting the Boston Social Forum (BSF).

The BSF has been called to help progressive activists to begin answering some very basic questions: What kind of future do we want for Boston? For our region? For our nation? For the world? What is our vision of a better society?

Through a series of workshops, cultural events, plenary sessions, and giant convocations of the entire forum, we are encouraging progressive organizations of all kinds to showcase their analysis of the present, and their ideas for the future, across the breadth of human knowledge – politics, economics, science and technology, culture and faith – in the context of corporate globalization.

The goals of the event are simple: encourage various social movements to exchange information, network with one another, form new alliances and push our movements forward a bit more towards the next stage of our development.

We’d like to do our part to help progressives seize the high ground of ideas in this society, and then, having captured people’s imaginations, move forward to become a more significant political force.

We invite all progressive activists, interested community members and delegates to the Democratic National Convention to come to the BSF and become part of the global process to build a better, more human-centered society.

#### Highlights

- Positive and progressive spirit
- 3000 local, national and international activists, organizers and performers expected
- Active Arts Youth Festival featuring hip hop acts and activists brings together youth from around the region
- Workshops, film festivals, panels, cultural events, exhibits and noted speakers on topics across the spectrum of human knowledge
- Peace delegations from Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas
- Showcases what is best about Boston’s communities and their visions for a better future
- Links up with the World Social Forum

For more information or to register go to [www.bostonsocialforum.org](http://www.bostonsocialforum.org). ☺

# Summer Worship Highlights

**June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Preaching**

Rabbi Howard A. Berman

**Music**

*Ave verum corpus*, W. A. Mozart

**June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2004: Final Sunday**

**Preaching**

Rev. Kim K. Crawford Harvie

**Music**

*The Promise of Living from "The Tender Land"*, Aaron Copland

**June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Preaching**

Shawn Newton

"Unfinished Business"

**About the Speaker**

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.

**June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Preaching**

Roger Peltier

"On Purpose"

**About the Speaker**

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."

**July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Preaching**

Lisa Kemper

"A Meditation on Hands"

**About the Speaker**

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

**July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Preaching**

Patsy Houser

"Love is... a Mobius Strip"

**About the Speaker**

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.

**July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Preaching**

Adam Sutton

"Serving with Spirit:  
*Finding the Call Within*"

**About the Speaker**

Adam Sutton will preach on the power and pleasure in finding ways to give back to the world around us, being of service with a joy-full heart. Our planet is hungry for open hands and open hearts to answer the call and move into active service as agents of peaceful change and transformation. Together, let us find ways to give that which nourishes us and moves us away from fear and towards a more loving community, both locally and in the greater world.

**July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Preaching**

Darrick Jackson

"Leaving Omelas"

**About the Speaker**

Darrick Jackson is an ASC sponsored ministerial candidate. He is halfway through the M.Div. program at Andover Newton Theological School. This fall, he begins a two year internship at the First Parish Church in Watertown, Mass.

**August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004**

**Preaching**

Kate Wilkinson

"The Time of Your Life"

**About the Speaker**

Kate grew up in Plymouth, MA and attended First Parish UU Church there. She now lives in Somerville and loves her new religious home at ASC, where she is active in the Young Adult group and the Friday Night Supper Program.

**August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Preaching**

Elisa L. Lucozzi

"Coming Home"

**About the Speaker**

Elisa Lucozzi has completed her first year at Andover Newton Theological School as an M.Div. student seeking ordination in the United Church of Christ. She is a former member of Arlington Street Church and still considers it an important spiritual home in her formation as a minister. She is excited by using the arts in liturgy and loves to share the gifts of drumming, gospel music and dance in worship. Two of her favorite pastimes are paddling her kayak on a Onset Bay and spending time with her two nephews, Matthew and Steven.

**August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Preaching**

Marjorie Matty

“And They Said it  
Could Not be Done”

**About the Speaker**

Marjorie Matty is yet another seminarian from ASC who is attending Andover Newton Theological School. She also works at the UUA as the Assistant to the President, and will begin her intern ministry at Wellesley Hills in September.



**COMMUNITY  
HIGH HOLY DAY  
SERVICES AT ASC**

This year, Rabbi Howard A. Berman and Rabbi Devon Lerner will be conducting High Holy Day services at Arlington Street for the entire community. Save the dates!

**Rosh Hashanah**

Wednesday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM

Thursday, Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM

**Yom Kippur**

Friday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 PM

Saturday, Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 AM  
and 3:00 PM

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2004**

**Preaching**

Sarah Duncan

“Finding the Sacred”

**About the Speaker**

Sarah Duncan lives in Jamaica Plain with her two cats Little Guy and Max. She is a student at Harvard Divinity School whose aim is to become a UU parish minister. Sarah has spent a year abroad in India, and is currently loving her volunteer work with homeless people in downtown Boston.

**August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Preaching**

Shea Michael Mullaney

“Losing a Home”

**About the Speaker**

Shea Michael Mullaney is a life-long student, seeker, and pilgrim from Plymouth, Mass. He's been a member of the congregation since 2003.

**September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**Preaching**

Megan Lynes

“UU's from Boston, Jews from  
New York, Buddhists from Japan:  
*Our Common Language*”

**About the Speaker**

Megan Lynes is a fourth generation Unitarian Universalist and has been at Arlington Street Church for two years. This fall she will begin her second year at Andover Newton Theological School on a path towards UU ministry. At ASC she helped found the Young Adult Group, sang in the choir and is on the Worship Coordinating Committee. This summer she is traveling to Japan sponsored by the International Association for Religious Freedom and will be part of an exchange with UU's from Boston, Jews from New York and Buddhists from Japan.

# A Year of Rituals

## The Liturgical Calendar of ASC Autumn 2004

One of many things we learned from the long range planning process is that many of us love tradition, and some of us even love ritual; over the years, we have, indeed, committed to a cycle of observances and holidays. Here's an opening bid on the fall at Arlington Street. If it inspires thoughts, please share them with Kim or a member of the Worship Committee. ☺

- **Saturday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**  
Service of Remembrance and Healing
- **Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Homecoming and Water Service (Please bring a small container of water from your summer travels.)
- **Sunday, September 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Rosh Hashanah 5765: High Holy Day Sunday
- **Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Festival of the Booths: Sukkot
- **Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
Feast Day of St. Francis and Blessing of the Animals
- **Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup>**  
Day of the Dead
- **Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>**  
Thanksgiving Sunday, UU Service Committee *Guest at Your Table* Sunday... and, in 2004, our 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Sunday!
- **Wednesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
World AIDS Day service (in conjunction with Boston Living Center)
- **Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**  
Mitten Tree Sunday and Festival of the Lights: Chanukah
- **Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Sunday
- **Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**  
Christmas Eve

# Children's Religious Education

A REPORT FROM THE CRE COMMITTEE

ASC's Children's Religious Education Program concludes an active and fun year of learning and growing together. Our "Spirit Play curriculum has given our kids an opportunity to share stories and activities that teach the basic principles of Unitarian Universalism, as reflected in "promises" of respect, fairness and kindness that they make to one another. Our little "one room schoolhouse" fosters a sense of caring and close friendships among our kids, creating a nurturing and safe community that we hope becomes an important part of their spiritual development.

Our students were able to share their experiences and lessons with the broader congregation on May 9<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day, when they presented an original skit that highlighted the "Seven Promises" theme. As each of the UU Principles were illustrated with colorful symbols, many of our adult members were also reminded of the basic values of our liberal faith. We also celebrated our "Coming of Age" Ceremony that morning, as the "ASC Class of 2004" took to the pulpit to share their own interpretations of UU ideals through literary selections, original poetry and dance. Eli Ball, Anna

Carson and Jessye Crawford, all of whom grew up in this church, made us all proud with their graceful and confident presence. We all join in congratulating their families and offering them our love and best wishes for the future!

As this school year comes to an end, we want to acknowledge the retirement of our long-time CRE Committee Chairs, Wendy Ellertson and Liz Shaw. Both have served ASC's children for many years, and have provided our kids with caring and guidance. Our CRE Intern, Darrick Jackson also leaves his position as he continues his studies for

the UU ministry. We deeply appreciate the warmth and creativity he has brought to the program this past year. We also want to thank out Teacher Aides, Emily Deickman and Emily Parodi, and all of the parents who have volunteered their time and support this season. Finally, we also welcome our new Co-Chairs, Brian and Patty Sutton, who will now lead our revitalized CRE Committee, as we plan for the coming year. We wish all of our families a safe and happy summer, and look forward to a new year of growth and learning at ASC this fall! ☺





## A Thought on Membership

ALMA ANTONIOTTI

I think of membership at Arlington Street Church as both a privilege and a responsibility. It is a privilege because it is my choice. It is a responsibility because the membership of a church is the spiritual and financial foundation of the church, its heart and soul. Membership means I believe enough in the church to give it my financial support. The only way an organization can thrive and grow is through its members. Membership is my way of saying thank you to the church. ☺

## The MBTA Land Acquisition

HERB GLEASON AND PETER JOHNSTON

As you know, over the past two years we have been in discussion with the MBTA about the value of the rights they need to acquire in the property of Arlington Street Church, namely: two temporary easements of 229 and 3,917 square feet along the Boylston Street side of the Church for construction for a period of perhaps two years; and two permanent underground easements of 172 and 1100 square feet also along the Boylston Street side of the Church for the elevator lobby and passageway to the station concourse.

The project so far as it affects the Church, involves tearing up the side yard of the Church, installing an access ramp to an enlarged entry landing at the present office door, replacing the wall and fence on Boylston and Arlington Streets, reversing the subway entrance in front of

the Church, so that it will have a more appropriate appearance and open toward Boylston Street. The MBTA will require its contractor to take all necessary measures to protect the Church during construction and insure the Church against any damage.

The MBTA will pay for the replacement of the wall and fence and landscaping. The Church will pay for the access ramp and landing.

Negotiations over the price the MBTA will pay the church are reaching a conclusion, which we expect will be favor-

able to the church. A discussion of the MBTA land acquisition project will be held on Sunday, June 6<sup>th</sup> following worship, as part of the budget hearing. At the Annual Meeting of the Corporation, which will be held on Sunday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, we will ask the congregation to vote on the price, which the MBTA has set forth. The building committee is reviewing priorities for the use of the funds generated from the sale of the land.

Many thanks to Bob Brooks, Lisa Howe and Shawn Newton for their excellent work on these negotiations. ☺

## ASC's 275<sup>th</sup> 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

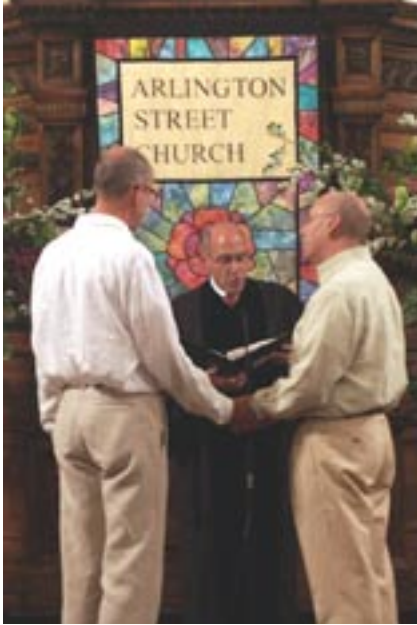
### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Anniversary weekend of **Celebration and Rededication**

Saturday, November 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 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!



## ANOTHER CHAPTER IN HISTORY...

**May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004 & May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

ASC celebrates some of the very first legal same-sex marriages in America.





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