

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 2003

Today's Events

ASC Survey

Today is ASC Survey Day! (Actually, November is ASC Survey Month.) Today and the next two Sundays, all are invited to fill out and submit a survey on ASC Communications and Long Range (Strategic) Planning. We seek congregation-wide input on what you most care about at ASC, and how well informed you feel about what's happening here. You can fill out your survey today following the worship service, or anytime at home using the ASC website or the print paper version you received this morning. Additional copies are downstairs for those who need one. Thanks in advance for your participation.

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.

Sermon Discussion

Fifteen minutes after the service in the Hunnewell Chapel

Still thinking about today's sermon? Join Nancy Price, our discussion leader, and others after today's service for connection and discussion in a small, intimate setting.

Gay Men's Support Group

12:30 PM in the Stage Right Room

Facilitated by Sam Goldfarb, PhD, 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.

Protect Democracy Now

Put your faith in action today! Sign the UUJEC statement supporting democracy, dignity, respect and justice for all. If you have questions or want more information, see Aileen Montour after today's service.

Upcoming Worship Highlights

Arlington Street Open House: Bring a Friend!

Sunday, November 16th, 11:00 AM

Do people ever ask you to do something on a Sunday morning, and get that frightened look in their eyes when you tell them you're going to church? Now you can really scare them: invite them to join you! No, we're not proselytizing; most people are looking for a stronger sense of community and the opportunity to deepen their spirituality, but many have no idea that there's an alternative to altar calls, full-immersion baptisms, or second collections! This will be a particularly wonderful Sunday to bring a curious friend, neighbor, co-worker, or family member to worship. Be brave!

Thanksgiving Sunday

Sunday, November 23rd, 11:00 AM

On this Sunday before Thanksgiving, we join together to celebrate and give thanks for the blessings of our community, our lives, and all those we hold dear. This day will feature the ASC Choir performing Stravinsky's *Mass* with a chamber wind ensemble accompaniment.

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.

UUs and Reform Jews

1st and 3rd Wednesdays (NOTE CHANGE)

Next: Wednesday, November 12th, 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM in the Sanctuary

In observance of this year's milestone commemorations – the bicentennials of Emerson's birth, Channing's ordination and the 350th anniversary of Jewish life in America, this course will explore the origins and development of two major liberal religious traditions in the United States, Unitarian Universalism and Reform Judaism. The common themes and issues, controversies and debates that emerged in both communities will be studied, as well as the major figures who shaped both Movements in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Arlington Street Zen Center

2nd and 4th Tuesdays (see ASCenter Program Guide)

Next: Tuesday, November 11th, 7:00 - 8:30 PM in the Clarke Room

An evening of meditation practice, led by Kim Crawford Harvie,

Calendar This Week

Sunday, November 9th, 2003

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM FTAA - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Gay Men's Support Group - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel
- 1:00 PM Soprano/Alto Choir Sectional - Clarke Room

Monday, November 10th, 2003

no congregation-related activities

Tuesday, November 11th, 2003

- 6:00 PM Buddah's Belly - Sr. Minister's Study
- 6:00 PM UU Affairs - Chapel
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center - Clarke Room

Wednesday, November 12th, 2003

- 6:00 PM "The Wednesdays" Literary Salon - Sr. Minister's Study
- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:30 PM UUs and Reform Jews - Sanctuary (NOTE CHANGE)

Thursday, November 13th, 2003

- 7:00 PM Interfaith Gathering for Global Justice - Sanctuary
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, November 14th, 2003

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

Saturday, November 15th, 2003

no congregation-related activities

Senior Minister. Sessions include seated & walking meditation, Dharma talk, and conversation. This practice is open to all, beginning and experienced practitioners.

"The Wednesdays" Literary Salon: Fall Series on Dante: *Hell*

Select Wednesdays throughout the Fall (see ASCenter Program Guide)
Next: Wednesday, November 12th, 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the Sr. Minister's Study

Keats and Shelley had The Tuesdays; Arlington Street has The Wednesdays! Join Kim and Professor Alan Helms for these fabulous literary salons. Past themes have included short story, Whitman, and memoir. This fall the topic is Dante! We'll begin with *The Inferno*, followed by *The Purgatory* and *The Paradise*.

Mini Intro to ASC and UU

Sunday, November 16th, 12:30 PM

This 30-minute program for newcomers provides a brief introduction to the church and Unitarian Universalism on Sundays after worship. Meet some other newcomers and Gene Navias, our retired Associate Minister, who conducts the program. Drop in to this special "Mini" for Bring-a-Friend Sunday!

Calendar Next Week

Sunday, November 16th, 2003

- 9:30 AM Choir Warm-up - Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:15 PM Mini Intro to ASC & UU - Clarke Room
- 12:30 PM Sermon Discussion - Chapel
- 12:30 PM Lesbian Support Group - Stage Right Room
- 1:00 PM Special Stravinsky Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Monday, November 17th, 2003

- 6:30 pm An Encounter with Native Am. Spirituality - Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 18th, 2003

- 6:00 PM Prudential Committee - Perkins Room

Wednesday, November 19th, 2003

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM The Wednesdays - Sr. Minister's Study
- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns - Perkins Room
- 6:30 PM UUs and Reform Jews - Sanctuary

Thursday, November 20th, 2003

- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, November 21st, 2003

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

Saturday, November 22nd, 2003

- 12:30 PM Rehearsal for Choir Sunday - Sanctuary

Music@ASC

New England Brass Band

Sunday, December 7th, 3:00 PM

Get into the season's mood with a Christmas concert by the New England Brass Band, sponsored by Music@ASC. This 30-piece, British style, all brass band is unique in New England. The Band is a recent prize winner of the 2003 North American Brass Band Association championships. The concert will feature a cornet solo by Terry Everson, euphonium solo by Leif Reslow, and trombone solo by Douglas Yeo. The Band is directed by Douglas Yeo of the BSO.

The Boston Choral Ensemble

Friday, December 12th, 8:00 PM

The Boston Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Thomas Cunningham, will perform music for the Christmas season from Italy in the architectural splendor of historic Arlington Street Church. Sponsored in part by Music@ASC, this 24-voice ensemble is excited to return to ASC to present their music. Don't miss this wonderful choral offering.

Committees & ASC Groups

A New Offering: Support and Networking Group for Professionals in Transition

Because many ASC members are unemployed during this time of economic turmoil, we have developed a new group. This program will help individuals process the difficult emotions associated with job loss and offer a setting in which to share strategies for redefining career goals, networking and interviewing. Another focus is to share ideas for meaningful personal growth and community service during periods of professional transition. If you are interested in participating, please contact Rabbi Berman.

Holiday Card Sale

Holiday cards designed for UUs are on sale today at the UU Service Committee Table at Coffee Hour. Designed especially for the UU Service Committee, the cards benefit the UUSC's world wide service work which especially focuses on women's issues of justice and equity, and helps women gain the training to organize and more adequately fend for their children and themselves.

Pitch In with the Parish Concerns Group

Sunday, November 16th, 12:00 PM in the Church Kitchen

Join the Parish Concerns group and create holiday cards to build up our supply for the upcoming holidays. Markers and materials will be provided, along with a great environment for fledgling to dramatic creative spirits! All are welcome! Hope to see you there!

Other Notices

A Better World Is Possible

Thursday, November 13th, 7:00 PM

Join us for an Interfaith gathering with guest speaker Dr. Char-

Calling All Angels!

Well, *Choir* Angels that is. The ASC Choir is planning a big performance for our entire community as part of the November 23rd Thanksgiving Sunday service. But, in order to make it happen, we're also going to need the *support* of the entire community. Expenses for the performance exceed \$1,400! If you can support music, at any level, it would be appreciated. Specific angels are also sought: a gift of \$120 makes you an "Instrumental Angel" and \$160 a "Section Angel." In the offertory plate, just leave a check or envelope with "Choir Angel" marked in the memo line. Your support is gratefully appreciated!

lie Clements, new president of the UU Service Committee, as we send off the UUJEC Caravan to the Miami FTAA Trade Ministers' meetings and kick off local economic justice events. Reception to follow.

Another Chance to Hear our Rabbi

Rabbi Howard Berman will be offering a sermon entitled "Thanksgiving: Claiming our Celebration" at the Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service 6:00 PM, Wednesday, November 19th at Old South Church on Boylston Street. Everyone is welcome.

Change on the Pru

As Wendy Weiger prepares to move to Maine, the Nominating Committee has been busy finding a suitable replacement to finish out her term on the Prudential Committee. The nominee to this good work of the church will be Sam Goldfarb, and the election will be held during the November Corporation meeting.

Mark Your Calendar: Corporation Meeting

Sunday, November 23rd, 1:00 PM

Agenda

- * I. Membership Update
- II. Financial Report
- *III. Prudential Committee Replacement Member – Sam Goldfarb (to fulfill Wendy Weiger's term)
- IV. Long-Range Planning Report
- V. MBTA Project Update

* means a vote is expected

THE ABCs OF ASC

ASC: Arlington Street Church
ASCP: Arlington Street Chamber Players
ARE: Adult's Religious Education
CRE: Children's Religious Education
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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