

INSIDE

ARLINGTON STREET CHURCH

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH, 2004

Homecoming Sunday

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 Archives 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.

Voter Mobilization Meeting

12:30 PM in the Stage Right Room

ASC Votes!, our church's voter registration and mobilization task force, invites you to be part of our vital effort to increase participation in the upcoming elections. We are an active group with many successes under our belt but have much important work to do before November 2nd. That's why we need you!

Our main areas of focus are:

- Registering local and out-of-state voters on college & university campuses
- Opposing electronic voting that is not voter-verified
- Registering voters from under-served communities
- Mobilizing voters in swing states

For more information, contact ASC Votes Co-chairs Judy Chambliss at 617-232-2245, jac.pelican@verizon.net or Jim Vetter at 617-947-6434, jbvetter@comcast.net.



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.

Buddha's Belly

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

Next: Tuesday, September 14th at 6:00 PM in the Chapel

The Buddha's Belly study group meets twice monthly to discuss issues of spiritual practice from a Buddhist perspective. Please contact Frank Bellistri at bellistrif@aol.com. for more information. Previously, the group has discussed works by Thich Nhat Hanh, Jack Kornfield, Sharon Salzberg, Pema Chödrön, Sylvia Boorstein, and others.

“But where do I put my legs?”

Arlington Street Zen Center Introduction

Tuesday, September 14th, 6:00 PM in the Chapel

Ever wanted to check out the Arlington Street Church Zen Center, but not sure what you're getting into? Join us for an introduction session and find out! For more info e-mail Frank Bellistri at bellistrif@aol.com.

Kundalini Yoga

Wednesdays, 6:00 PM in the Chapel

Kundalini Yoga, the Yoga of Awareness, consists of simple yogic techniques that can be enjoyed by everyone, no matter his or her age or physical ability. It is a complete system of yoga that includes breath (pranayam), yoga postures (asanas), sound, chanting (mantra) and meditation. It is designed to provide you with the experience of your highest consciousness through the raising of your Kundalini. **Note:** Please wear loose, comfortable clothing, preferably made of cotton or other natural, breathable fiber. Note: avoid eating immediately before class.

**A new opportunity...
High Holy Day Services
Boston Progressive Jewish Spirit**



- ◆ **Welcoming Interfaith and Multicultural Families, the GLBT Community, and All Spiritual Seekers**
- ◆ **Contemporary, Inclusive Worship in the Liberal Spirit of Reform Judaism**

Rosh Hashanah, September 15-16

Yom Kippur, September 24-25

led by

Rabbi Howard A. Berman and Rabbi Devon Lerner

Services will be held at the
Arlington Street Church, Boston

For reservations and further information
www.bostonjewishspirit.org or call (617) 522-4189

Calendar This Week

Sunday, September 12th, 2004

- 9:00 AM 275th Anniversary Committee - Chapel
- 9:30 AM Social Action Committee - Clarke Room
- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Voter Mobilization Meeting - Stage Right Room
- 12:30 PM Mini-Intro to ASC and UUism - Archives Room

Monday, September 13th, 2004

no congregation-related activities

Tuesday, September 14th, 2004

- 5:30 PM Finance Committee - Archives Room
- 6:00 PM Buddha's Belly - Chapel
- 6:00 PM UU Affairs Committee - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM Arlington Street Zen Center - Chapel

Wednesday, September 15th, 2004

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Parish Concerns - Perkins Room
- 6:00 PM Building Committee - Archives Room
- 7:00 PM Personnel Committee - Archives Room
- 7:30 PM Rosh Hashanah Service - Sanctuary

Thursday, September 16th, 2004

- 10:00 AM Rosh Hashanah Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Rosh Hashanah Children's Service - Sanctuary
- 6:00 PM ASC Chamber Choir Rehearsal - Chapel
- 7:00 PM ASC Adult Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, September 17th, 2004

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

Saturday, September 18th, 2004

no congregation-related activities

Children's Religious Education

News from the CRE Program

ASC's Children's Religious Education (CRE) program begins a new year of learning, caring, and fun this morning as our kids participate in the Ceremony of the Waters during the morning service. They then continue to share their experiences of the summer together in the Perkins Room. Our new ministerial intern, Linda Berez, will be taking an active role in CRE this year, and will meet students and their families today. Our new CRE committee co-chairs, Brian and Patty Sutton and Adrienne Fernandez, will be looking to greet our parents and encourage them to sign-up for the various volunteer tasks that will help support our program in the coming months. Next week, our kids will learn about the Jewish high holy days, continuing with the harvest festival of Sukkot on September 26th. The children will celebrate with the decoration of the Sukkah, and by thinking about how the earth cares for us with its richness. As you see our kids both during the service and afterward, take a moment to greet them and welcome them back to ASC for a new season!

Calendar Next Week

Sunday, September 19th, 2004

- 11:00 AM Worship Service - Sanctuary
- 12:30 PM Coffee Hour - Parish Hall
- 12:30 PM Associate Clergy Task Force Forum - Chapel
- 6:00 PM Chamber Choir - Clarke Room

Monday, September 20th, 2004

- 6:00 PM Associate Clergy Task Force Forum - Archives Room

Tuesday, September 21st, 2004

no congregation-related activities

Wednesday, September 22nd, 2004

- 6:00 PM Kundalini Yoga - Chapel

Thursday, September 23rd, 2004

- 6:00 PM ASC Chamber Choir Rehearsal - Chapel
- 6:30 PM Membership Committee - Perkins Room
- 7:00 PM ASC Adult Choir Rehearsal - Clarke Room

Friday, September 24th, 2004

- 5:00 PM Friday Night Supper Program - Parish Hall
- 7:30 PM Yom Kippur Service - Sanctuary

Saturday, September 25th, 2004

- 10:00 AM Yom Kippur Service - Sanctuary
- 12:00 PM Yom Kippur Children's Service - Sanctuary
- 3:00 PM High Holy Days Conclusion - Sanctuary

Music@ASC

Michael Balke, Piano and Jale Papila, Mezzo Soprano

Sunday, October 17th, 2:00 PM

This Germany-based piano/vocal duo is pleased to be making its New England debut here at ASC. The program will include repertoire selected from a list of works performed across Germany and in other US recitals. Ms. Papila comes to ASC having performed countless recitals and concerts throughout Germany, England, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Italy, Israel, and Greece. Her lied repertoire encompasses more than 350 songs from the baroque to contemporary compositions. Mr. Balke, having studied in the United States, has presented concerts in Germany, France, Italy and the USA where he performed as soloist, chamber musician (pianist of the Brunsvik Trio) and accompanist (with New York soprano Theresa Santiago among others).

This duo's performance is offered free with a suggested donation of \$10. All proceeds benefit the musicians' travel expenses.

Calling All Choir Angels

The year has just begun but it's never too early to begin thinking about music! In the past year, many ASCers took the extra step of becoming *Choir Angels*: friends of the music program here at ASC. Through their help, we achieved new heights including the performance of Stravinsky's *Mass* and an uplifting selection of African American gospel/

spiritual music – with a band! As we prepare for another fantastic year of music at ASC, 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. Alternately, you can use the pew envelopes similarly marked to give cash. Many thanks!

Covenant Groups

Dorchester Small Group First Meeting

Sunday, September 19th, 7:00 PM at 69 Ocean St, Dorchester

Calling all those in Dorchester, Quincy and Milton. The Dorchester Small Group will start the season with discussion and refreshments at the home of Rev. Gene Navias and Jim Buckley. Call 617-436-2128 for directions and more information.

Other Notices

The ASC Book Stall

Our Coffee Hour Book Table has a completely new look and mission! Under the supervision of David Bachmann, the Book Stall will now be a part of the ASCenter, our adult education program. The heretofore random selection of titles has been revamped with a broad and developing inventory of books on Unitarian Universalist history and thought, contemporary spirituality, world religion, and social-ethical issues. New titles will be added regularly including recommendations from our members on a broad variety of relevant themes. In addition, we will be adding a children's section, and a used book exchange as well. We also are hoping to organize reading groups to encourage the ASC community to deepen our commitment to spiritual growth and continuing study. As the UUA Bookstore slogan says, "Buying Books is a Spiritual Act." Plan to visit the new Book Stall at Coffee Hour each week, to build up your own personal library, find great gifts, and to engage in a fulfilling spiritual act!

A Young Adult Retreat: "Lighting the Way"

September 24th - 26th in Milton, Massachusetts

UU Young Adult groups in the Mass Bay District are hosting a retreat for UUYAs in New England this fall in Milton, Mass. Come join us for community building and fun, and an opportunity to explore our identities together. For more information contact Eve Lauria at lauria77@yahoo.com or visit www.mbdoua.org for a registration form.

Ordination of Eliza Blanchard

Sunday, September 26th, 4:00 PM at First Church, Belmont

The members of the First Church in Belmont cordially invite the members of Arlington Street Church to celebrate the ordination of Eliza Blanchard. RSVP to Ms. Heli Tomford, htomford@aol.com or 617-484-0170.

You Are Invited

A weekend of celebration and rededication in observance of the 275th anniversary of ASC.

A Gala Evening of Celebration

Saturday, November 20th, 7:00 PM

Plan to join us with your friends for a wonderful “Birthday Party” for ASC! This evening will feature music, entertainment, a light buffet supper, a very special birthday cake, and a benefit auction!

Anniversary Service of Rededication

Sunday, November 21st, 11:00 AM

Join us as we mark 275 years in this service – the highlight of the year’s celebration. This service will feature music from ASC’s past, including the premiere of a specially-commissioned anthem. Religious and civic leaders will join us, and the morning will include a procession across Arlington St. to rededicate the Channing Memorial statue.

Stay tuned for information about other educational programs and public special activities celebrating our 275th birthday! ⊕



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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