



The

Belfry

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Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church

Love is the spirit of our church, where ...

...we gather to worship...

...we create a welcoming, nurturing religious community for all...

This is a Four-Page-Addendum to August 24th Belfry.

Sunday, Sept. 11

Rev. J. Mark Worth, “Words, Words, Words.”

We will be unpacking some of the traditional words, such as God, Goddess, faith, heresy, worship, minister, etc. that sometimes give us difficulty. What do the words of Western Religion mean to us today, if anything? Also: Meet Daniel Payne, our new Director of Faith Formation.

Sunday, Sept. 18

Britt Argow, “The Cowfish Problem, or: How Can Those People Still Think That?”

The old saying about walking a mile in someone else's shoes is still true today. In these divisive times, what can we remember about ourselves and "the other" that can help us to communicate better and live together more peacefully?

Sunday, Sept. 25

Rev. J. Mark Worth, “Salvation by Astronomy.”

The old story of Salvation no longer makes sense to most of us. Yet our world is wounded. There is too much suffering. How do we find reconciliation and deliverance from conflict? If the dogma of the cross doesn't save us, what will?

Sunday, Oct. 2

Rev. Jory Agate, “Let Life Surprise”

Join us this Sunday for a special worship, luncheon and after church Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop to help us see beyond our assumptions as we envision the future of our professional ministry. Guest preacher and workshop leader, Rev. Jory Agate will invite us to explore and open ourselves up to let life surprise us. **(Please see the following page for details and a biography.)**

Sunday, Oct. 9

Amanda Grant Rose, Rev. J. Mark Worth “City Reach.” All ages service.

CityReach is an overnight urban outreach program for youth (with accompanying adults), young adults, and college students from churches of any denomination. The program gives these young people the opportunity to learn first-hand about homelessness from people who have experienced it. Some of our teens have participated in CityReach.

Sunday, Oct. 16

Rev. J. Mark Worth, “The No Hell Church.”

At a family gathering Mark's nephew, an Assemblies of God pastor, asked, “Is it true your church teaches that there's no hell?” Mark's answer reminds us of the Universalist side of our UU heritage. While we may be skeptical of any life beyond this one, Mark calls Universalism his fall back position.

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MSC Notes

Your Ministerial Search Committee has been very busy over the summer! After many meetings, we are ready to solicit your input, via online survey (paper copies available upon request) and Cottage Meetings (small group discussions with feedback). Our congregation is ready to learn more about ourselves with the upcoming BCT workshop as well (see below). And of course, feel free to speak directly with any of our committee members. Look for more information, coming soon!

-Britt Argow

BEYOND CATEGORICAL THINKING WORKSHOP - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 11:30-2:30

On Sunday, October 2nd the Harvard UU Church will participate in the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop led by Rev. Jory Agate. The BCT workshop is offered by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) for congregations involved in the search for a new minister. **The Ministerial Search Committee invites all congregational leaders, members, and friends to participate in this workshop.**

Beyond Categorical Thinking is a program designed to promote inclusive thinking and help prevent unfair discrimination in the search process for a new minister. This program includes a Sunday morning service with BCT workshop facilitators followed by a three hour workshop. **In the workshop, HUUC members will:**

- Consider the hopes, expectations, and concerns they have for a new minister
- Learn more about the ministerial search process, and
- Explore how thinking categorically about peoples sometimes interferes with choosing the best candidate.

The Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop is another opportunity for everyone in our congregation to be a part of the selection of a new minister. This experience will provide guidance for the search committee in our work. Come on Sunday, October 2nd at 10am for Worship and stay for the Workshop that will immediately follow the service! 11:30-2:30 in the Fellowship Building. Lunch and childcare in the will be provided by the Ministerial Search Committee.

-Ministerial Search Committee: Fernando Catalina (co-chair), John Chapman (co-chair)
Britt Argow, Cary Browse, Tom Daniells, Stacie Green, Darrell Wickman, Rebecca Wright

Rev. Jory Agate has been a UU minister since 1992. She served the First Parish in Cambridge as their Minister of Religious Education for 10 years and worked for the UUA for 10 years in Ministry and Religious Education departments.

She has served our denomination on the district and national level since her youth, and spent 11 years on the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee, for several years as its chair. She has led trainings throughout our movement on religious education leadership, Our Whole Lives, Renaissance Modules for religious educators, professional development trainings for clergy, and Beyond Categorical Thinking programs for congregations.

Rev. Agate grew up active in congregations in Connecticut and California and she is a graduate of Starr King School for the Ministry in Berkeley, California. She has also worked with our UU congregations in the Philippines where she also served as a Peace Corps volunteer.

Rev. Agate has shifted her ministry to work in the field of counseling and psychotherapy and has a specialty in working with clergy and clergy teams.

Reminder: The Glean Team is Seeking New Leadership

The Glean Team, a food rescue group that began at the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church (HUUC), has expanded to include many other people from many other places and towns. We have delivered hundreds of thousands of pounds of food to those in need. Sixty plus volunteers have picked up food from grocery stores and farm stands and picked food from fields and orchards and delivered that food, which would otherwise have gone to waste, to food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters.

The four current co-leaders, Lisa Oldham, Cary Browse, Ellen Joseph and Risa Goldman are grateful to have had this wonderful opportunity to work with an amazing group of volunteers who give back to the communities in which we live. However, after almost six years, we have decided to move on from Glean Team leadership. It is our hope that the Glean Team will continue on with a different group of co-leaders.

You are invited to a meeting on **September 8th at 7:00pm in the HUUC's Fellowship Building** to discuss this transition and, it is our hope, find a way for this important work to continue. This meeting is open to everyone with any interest in the Glean Team, whether you are interested in food rescue, think you might like to take on one of the leadership roles, or just want to learn more about what the Glean Team does. If you cannot attend but have comments or suggestions, please contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com. Thank you.

Electronic version: see attached pdf for current
September calendar.