



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
September 13th 2015

SHARING OUR PLATE: September Checks made out to **Loaves & Fishes** and 50% of the cash from the collection plate go to our local food pantry, which provides food, clothing, camper-ships and after-school enrichment scholarships, emergency shelter, resource referral, and other temporary services. Volunteer stewards and a trained mental health worker listen with understanding and empathy to the complex situations of clients and suggest actions to promote independence and increased self-reliance. Loaves & Fishes serves over 600 families in Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton, and Shirley.

This Week's Service September 13, 2015

10:00 a.m.

"Fear Not!"

Rev. J. Mark Worth

Welcome home to our first worship service of the new church year! Meet our new interim minister, Rev. Mark Worth, and join with Music Director Ted Johnson, the Senior Choir, and your friends, for a multi-generational celebration of life. In this time of change and new beginnings, Mark's message will be "Fear Not!"

Followed by an all church potluck, care of the Welcome Team.

Music: Sr. Choir

This Week in Faith Formation:

All Ages Worship in the sanctuary.

Next Week's Service, September 20, 2015

10:00 a.m.

Are You a Saint?

Rev. Nannene Gowdy, guest preacher

No? Are you sure? Philosopher William James might beg to differ.

Music: Eleanor Toth, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Back Potluck The Welcome Team will be hosting the first potluck of the church year on Sunday, September 13, in the Fellowship Building immediately after service. We hope you can join us for this chance to casually check-in with friends; meet Reverend Mark Worth, our interim minister; and kick-off another inspired year at HUUC. Potluck contributions can be dropped off in the FB kitchen to be kept warm before service. If you'd like to assist with set-up or break-down, please contact Paige, paigeob21@gmail.com, (978) 456-7980.

-Paige O'Brien, for the Welcome Team

Mark your calendar for October 6 Join us for an informal conversation with Rev. J. Mark Worth -- "Mark" -- who will be our interim minister for the next two years. He is the son of a Methodist minister, and became a Unitarian Universalist in 1970 when the UU Church in Pittsfield, MA, was running a draft counseling center. Mark wanted to know more about a church that cared about peace, so he started attending and felt at home right away. He owned a natural food store in the '70s and was a high school history teacher in the '80s. He has been a UU minister since 1991, and recently completed a 2-year interim ministry in Westborough. Mark has an apartment in Shrewsbury where he spends the church year. But because his wife lives and works in Maine, he makes sure that he gets home to Maine a few days every month. His wife, "Mickey" (Michelle), is a social worker. They've been married since 1979. All are welcome to attend the potluck at 6:30 and/or the program at 7:00. -Jan Goodell

Bargains in the Belfry It's time to clean out closets and think Bargains. Bargains in the Belfry is accepting men's and women's

lightly used clothing starting now. Items for consignment or donation may be left, with a note giving your name and phone number, in the church office or outside the Bargains door. The shop will be open each Tuesday 10-4 and the first and third Sundays 11:30-12:30, starting in October. Proceeds from the Shop benefit the church and the community.

In order to keep Bargains open on a regular basis, volunteers are needed for three-hour shifts (10-1 or 1-4) on Tuesdays or two hours (10-12) on Sunday. A commitment for one shift each month or every other month or just now and then would be an enormous help. It is easy work, and offers a wonderful way to meet people and socialize with other volunteers.

Contact Dorothy Solbrig, 978-772-9245, for more information about Bargains in the Belfry.

Join the Glean Team! The Glean Team is a group of more than 60 volunteers whose mission it is to reduce food waste, combat local hunger, raise community awareness and increase the availability of local produce at food pantries. Five days each week we pick up food from Roche Brother's in Acton that would otherwise be thrown away and donate it to Loaves and Fishes food pantry, WHEAT's food pantry in Clinton and Transitions at Devens (a temporary shelter for women and their children). In addition, during the harvest season, we pick up food weekly from Applefield Farm in Stow. We also glean food from fields and orchards whenever we are invited by the local farmers to do so. Gleaning is fun and gives folks a tremendous sense of satisfaction from making a simple yet concrete difference in people's lives. If you would like to join us, go to the church's website (uuharvard.org) and click on Roche Bros. Pick-up to sign up for a shift. If you'd like to get on the Glean Team's email list, contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com and she will make sure you receive notices of all Glean Team activities, including last-minute field gleaning opportunities. Thanks so much!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Sept. 13

10:00 a.m. Worship for All Ages

"Fear Not!"

Rev. J. Mark Worth

All Church Pot Luck

Welcoming Team

Tue. Sept. 15

Belfry Deadline

Sun. Sept. 20

10:00am Worship Service

Are You a Saint?

Rev. Nannene Gowdy

11:30-1:00 SHYG

Wed. Sept. 23

7:00pm Caring

Thu. Sept. 24

7:30pm Choir

Sun. Sept. 27

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

"Why I'm a Unitarian"

Rev. J. Mark Worth

11:20-11:50am Jr. Choir

11:45-1:00 Adult Faith Formation:

"The Bible As They Never Taught It In Sunday School"

Rev. Mark, in Sutherland Hall

October 4th is Loaves and Fishes Sunday

The first Sunday of every month, our church donates food and other necessities to Loaves and Fishes food pantry in Devens.

In recent years, we have focused our donations on one type of most needed item per month. For **Sunday, October 4th**, please bring in condiments such as **ketchup, mayonnaise and mustard**. If you have other items you would like to donate, Loaves and Fishes will gratefully accept those as well. Every donation finds a home and your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. Please place your donations in the designated baskets in the church's foyer and we will be sure to get your donations to Loaves and Fishes in a timely manner. Questions? Contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com.

Check the next Belfry for Fair Trade Faire news, planning for Sun. Nov. 22nd.