



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
September 20th 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 Sept. 20, 10:00 a.m.
Are You a Saint? Rev. Nannene Gowdy
No? Are you sure? Philosopher William James might beg to differ.

Faith Formation this Week The children will be starting in the FB this morning in their respective groups:

Butterfly Garden grades PreK-1st

Rock Garden grades 2nd-4th

Cosmic Garden grades 5th-6th

Building Bridges grades 7th-9th

Each group will be creating its own covenant, catching up from the summer break and establishing themselves as a group for the year. We invite all to help with the children's spiritual journey by volunteering in any way that feels comfortable. If interested, send an email to Lorrie at dff@uuharvard.org or talk with any of the people on the FFTeam: Marc Vilain, Laura Vilain, Sarah Stoddard, Kelley Taylor, Tim Clark, Stacie Green, Jon Green and Kate Stamm.

Next Week's Service, Sept. 27, 10:00 a.m.
"Why I'm a Unitarian" Rev. J. Mark Worth
When he was an eighth-grader and in Methodist Sunday school, a question about the biblical strong-man Samson converted

Mark to Unitarianism -- although he didn't know that word yet. Come hear how Mark became a Unitarian, and why it stuck. This is the first in a two-part sermon: the follow-up, "Why I'm a Universalist" will be in October.

Please note: For Oct. 4th "*Blessing the Animals*" stuffed animals are welcome!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Correction & Invitation: Adult Faith Formation: "The Bible As They Never Taught It In Sunday School" Who wrote the Bible? Is Eve the founder of human civilization? Did Moses write about his own death and burial? Was King David gay? We will discuss such questions in an adult class on the Hebrew Bible (or Old Testament) **after church on five Sundays Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18, and Nov. 1 (skipping Oct. 25)**. We'll meet in the Fellowship Building beginning at 11:45 a.m. and end each session at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday Service Squad That's what we're calling it until *you* come up with a better name to describe the indispensable tasks of Greeter, Usher and Hospitality! We are looking for people to sign-up for these Sunday morning roles. Visit the church website (uuharvard.org) and click the SignUp Genius link. It's easy! We are also looking for 3 individuals who would enjoy organizing "The Squad". This rewarding opportunity will have the congregation thanking you over and over again! Call, text or email Paige, (617) 515-9637; paigeob21@gmail.com.

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

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**. 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.

Mark your calendar for October 6 Join us for an informal conversation with Rev. J. Mark Worth -- "Mark." 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. --**Women's Alliance**

Next Pot Luck: November 8th hosted by The Building Bridges Youth Group, in the style of a "Hunger Banquet."

Fair Trade Faire The Women's Alliance and the Social Action Committee will be hosting the 6th annual Fair Trade Faire on Sunday, November 22. It is a festive event celebrating the work of women artisans cooperatives from all over the world and a perfect opportunity for some ethical holiday shopping. We are seeking help with set-up, break-down and greeting. If you would like to volunteer please contact Paige O'Brien, (617) 515-9637; paigeob21@gmail.com.

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. If you'd like to get on the Glean Team's email list, contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com. Thanks!

CHURCH CALENDAR

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 Network mtg.

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"

-Mark, in Sutherland Hall

John Chapman & Patty Ruze home concert Fri. 9/27 4 pm: Miro Sprague Trio. Tickets \$25, event is potluck (drinks provided), proceeds support the schools' music programs.

You're Invited to a UU Workshop for Strengthening Social Justice, in our Fellowship Building Oct. 24th from 1-5pm. For more information and to register, go to this link: [Workshop](#) or call 617-948-6429.