



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
October 4th 2015

SHARING OUR PLATE: October, UUSC Checks made out to UUSC and 50% of the cash from the collection plate go to UUSC for their support of refugees and migrants from Syria. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is trying to raise \$250,000 to help our crisis response team respond to this crisis, and to especially help the women and children who are most vulnerable. For more information, please go to: <http://www.uusc.org/topics/immigration> Social Action Committee is open to hearing of your ideas for helping support refugees. Contact Georgia Sassen or Rev. Mark.

Thank you so much for your compassion for those who are most vulnerable, and your willingness to help in this time of such great need.

This Week's Service Oct. 4, 10:00 a.m. Fellowship Building "Blessing the Animals" Rev. J. Mark Worth

We will meet in Sutherland Hall for a special inter-generational service as we bless the animals, which is traditionally done on Oct. 4th or the nearest Sunday, as it is the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis chose his name for this Roman Catholic Saint. Many Unitarian Universalists have picked up on the Catholic tradition of blessing animals, especially pets, on this day. Stuffed animals are welcome!

Youth Faith Formation Programs

October 4th: Intergen. Service: Blessing of the Animals **Nursery:** open at 9:45

SHYG Meeting: 11:30am.

Looking ahead to October 11th:

Nursery: open at 9:45

Butterfly Garden (PreK-1st): Promises Story

Rock Garden (2nd-4th Gr): Flaming Chalice story; collaborative art project about community

Cosmics (5th-6th Gr): St. Francis and the souls of animals

Building Bridges (7th-9th Gr): Introduction to Other Faiths

Next Week's Service Oct. 11, 10:00 a.m.

"Why I'm a Universalist" Rev. J. Mark Worth The second U in UU is Universalist. Our church in Harvard was a Unitarian church in the congregational tradition. Who are the Universalists? Mark tells how a Methodist Youth Fellowship field trip converted him to Universalism.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 four Sundays 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 Morning Volunteers There are still many slots to be filled this church year for Greeting, Ushering and Fellowship. Please visit the church's website (uuharvard.org) and click on the link for Sign-Up Genius.

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.

Social Action Committee Suggests ...

Here is the link to read more about what UUMassAction, our statewide UU social action group, is doing these days. (An email of the whole newsletter went out to all of you this week.) We can support any of these initiatives, if people do just a little bit of work on them.

<http://www.uumassaction.org/>

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. He has been a UU minister since 1991, and recently completed a 2-year interim ministry in Westborough. All are welcome to attend the potluck at 6:30 and/or the program at 7:00.

–Women’s Alliance

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.

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.

Sunday Services are now available on the Web We are now recording Sunday

Services and they are available on the church Web page (UUHarvard.org) under "other services." The entire service is recorded including the choir. You can access it with your computer, tablet or telephone. The Sunday service is uploaded the same week it is delivered, usually by Thursday. Only services in the sanctuary can be recorded. The recording facility can be utilized for other events such as the Xmas pageant, memorial services, annual meeting, etc. If you plan to make use of this ability please contact Elinor Stapleton, Bill Cordner or Otto T. Solbrig as it requires special recording equipment.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Oct. 4

9:45am Nursery open

10:00am Worship Service in the Fellowship Building

“Blessing the Animals”

Rev. J. Mark Worth

11:20-11:50am Jr. Choir

11:30-12:30 Bargains open

11:30-1:00 SHYG

11:45-1:00 Adult Faith Formation

12:00-1:00 Chimers

Tue. Oct. 6

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

6:30 & 7:30 Alliance Pot Luck & Program: Rev. J. Mark Worth

Thu. Oct. 8

7:30pm Choir

Sun. Oct. 11

9:45am Nursery open

10:00am Worship Service

“Why I’m a Universalist”

Rev. J. Mark Worth

11:45-1:00 Adult Faith Formation

Come hear our musicians play classical music while enjoying a cocktail and bitings at the Chapman-Ruze home at 42 Willow Road at 4 pm, October 18. Ted, Eleanor, Helen and John will entertain you with great music from the classical repertoire. This was an auction item, but we can still seat more people and the proceeds benefit the church. Suggested donation is \$25. Please let John know if you'd like to come: jpnchapman@yahoo.com or 978-456-0033.