



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
October 18th 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.

This Week's Service Oct. 18, 10:00 a.m.
"The Beauty of Imperfection" Rev. J. Mark Worth Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "There is a crack in everything God has made." In Western religious traditions it's understood that we're all imperfect, and that while we can improve, human perfection just isn't possible. Mark's sermon will draw on the wisdom of Taoism, Buddhism, Christian theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, Marilyn Monroe, and the close of the baseball season to find the beauty of imperfection.

Next Week's Service Oct. 25, 10:00 a.m.
Between the Bars Activists *Tony Smith*, director of New Start Project, and *Susan Tordella*, a volunteer prison program organizer, will share a message of justice, hope and courage as they describe their ministries to mentor incarcerated and formerly incarcerated people, and advocate on Beacon Hill for reform of our justice and corrections systems. Suggested reading: "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness" by Michelle Alexander, or her 23 minute TEDx talk, find by searching "The Future of Race in America."

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

October 18th: in the Fellowship Building

- Nursery: open at 9:45
- Butterfly Garden (PreK-1st): Promises Story: Introduction to our UU principles
- Rock Garden (2nd-4th Gr): What is a UU? Revisiting Our Principles (Promises Story; collaborative poetry project)
- Cosmics (5th-6th Gr): St. Francis, origin stories, poverty and hunger
- Building Bridges (7th-9th Gr): Faith 1: World Religions: Unitarian Universalist
- SHYG: Meeting at 11:30am; OWL 2015 Reunion at Littleton FCU, 5-7pm

Looking ahead to October 25th: begin in the sanctuary

- Nursery: open at 9:45
- Butterfly Garden (PreK-1st): Promises Story: William's Doll
- Rock Garden (2nd-4th Gr): Promises Story
- Cosmics (5th-6th Gr): Aboriginal origin stories - Q focus - the creator sang the world into existence.
- Building Bridges (7th-9th Gr): Field Trip

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Adult Faith Formation: "The Bible As They Never Taught It In Sunday School" Oct. 18, and Nov. 1 We'll meet in the Fellowship Building 11:45 – 1:00pm.

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.

Social Action Committee Suggests ...

Signing the petition that will be available at coffee hour today which is being supported by UUMassAction. It would put on the ballot a question regarding raising the Mass Income Tax for families making more than one million dollars a year in taxable income, to support education, transportation and our crumbling road infrastructure. This web site <http://raiseupma.org/constitutional-amendment-campaign/> (and printed info we will pass around) tells you more. Link to read more about what UUMassAction, our statewide UU social action group, is doing these days <http://www.uumassaction.org/>

Bargains in the Belfry has opened for the season, and will be open after the service today from 11:30-12:30. We offer lightly used clothing and household goods. Come and check it out! Bargains will be open each Tuesday 10-4 and the first and third Sundays 11:30-12:30. Contact Dorothy Solbrig, 978-772-9245, for more information about Bargains in the Belfry.

Thanksgiving Collection for Loaves and Fishes – Sunday, November 1st

Please consider donating non-perishable Thanksgiving-related food items, such as stuffing, gravy, broth, canned sliced pineapple, ham glaze, nuts, fancy crackers, yams, coffee, tea, cocoa, and 100% juice. You may leave your donations in the Loaves and Fishes baskets in the church's foyer. Questions? Please contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com.

Next Belfry Deadline is Tue. Oct. 20.

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

Sun., Nov. 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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Oct. 18

9:45am Nursery open
10:00am Worship Service
"The Beauty of Imperfection"
Rev. J. Mark Worth
11:20-11:50 Jr Choir
11:30-1:00 SHYG
11:30-12:30 Bargains open
11:45-1:00 Adult Faith Formation
Noon-1:00 Chimers

Tue. Oct. 20

Belfry Deadline
10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

Thu. Oct. 22

7:30pm Choir

Sat. Oct. 24

1-5pm Social Justice Workshop
(Please see OOS insert)

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"Save the Date for the UU Seder –
Friday, April 8, 2016 at 6pm"