



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
October 25th 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. (Nov. SOP will go to Our Father's House.)

**This 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."

**Next Week's Service Nov. 1, 10:00 a.m.**  
*"Is Satan Real?"* Rev. J. Mark Worth  
Western theology has a problem: If God is perfectly good, omnipotent, and omniscient, then evil cannot exist. But evil does exist, so we have a logical contradiction. We've been told that that Satan, the supernatural personification of evil, is the culprit. But does this really answer the question? Come and ponder this question with us on the day after Halloween.

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

**October 25<sup>th</sup> Nursery:** Open at 9:45  
**Butterfly Garden** (PreK-1<sup>st</sup>) and **Rock Garden** (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Gr): together again with Laura MacDonald for some active team work activities to help us explore our principles.

**Cosmics** (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Gr): Aboriginal origin stories - Q focus - the creator sang the world into existence.

**Building Bridges** (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Gr): Field Trip to First Church Unitarian, Littleton. Gather at Fellowship Building 9:00 a.m., return between 11:30-11:45 a.m.

### Looking ahead to November 1<sup>st</sup>

**Nursery:** open at 9:45

**Butterfly Garden** (PreK-1<sup>st</sup>): Promises Story: How the Zebra Got Its Stripes

**Rock Garden** (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Gr): Maria Mitchell: Infinity of questions

**Cosmics** (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Gr): All Soul's Day: Mexican and Celtic Traditions

**Building Bridges** (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Gr): Prepare for the hunger banquet

**SHYG Meeting:** 11:30 a.m.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Adult Faith Formation: "The Bible As They Never Taught It In Sunday School"**

**Nov. 1** We'll meet in the Fellowship Building 11:45 – 1:00pm. –Mark Worth

**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](http://uuharvard.org)) and click on the link for Sign-Up Genius.

**Thanksgiving Collection for Loaves and Fishes – Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** 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](mailto:risajan@aol.com).

**2016 HUUC Grand Prix!** The **2016 Harvard Unitarian Church Grand Prix** starts November 1! Teams will compete to win the coveted *Helping Hands* and *Loving Hearts Cup*, awarded to the first racers to finish the challenging HUUC Stewardship Course. The real winner, of course, will be the HUU Church community, which will benefit from the expected \$190,000 that will be raised during this year's race. The final purse fuels 75-80% of the Church's operating budget. What can you pledge to contribute for 2016? Get your racing gear ready and keep a look out for your car!

**Medicare for All in Massachusetts (bill S.579) The Alliance meeting Nov. 3 will feature Senator Jamie Eldridge**, who will be speaking on his efforts to establish Medicare for All in Massachusetts. His bill (S.579) would create a Medicare for All "single-payer" health care system for Massachusetts, guaranteeing first rate health care coverage for every resident of the state, while saving money for state and local government, businesses, and residents. 6:30pm Pot Luck & Meeting in Fellowship B.

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

**The 6th annual Fair Trade Faire** is Sunday, November 22, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you are interested in helping our hosts, The Women's Alliance and the Social Action Committee, with greeting, working the raffle table, setting up or breaking down, please sign up on the designated clip boards in the Sanctuary foyer or contact Paige O'Brien, [paigeob21@gmail.com](mailto:paigeob21@gmail.com)

**We are now recording Sunday Services. They are available on our church Web page ([UUHarvard.org](http://UUHarvard.org)).** Pull down from

"Other Information" to Sermons/Services. If you want a **printed copy** please let Elinor Stapleton know, 978-456-8752

**CityReach** Once again the SHYG will be participating in CityReach through the Common Cathedral in Boston. They will be working with others to provide clothing, food and kindness, while learning stories of homelessness. Please help our effort by donating winter clothing, or money to buy new socks and underwear. Collection bins will be in the Fellowship Building this weekend and the Sanctuary beginning in November. Stay tuned for a complete list and please support our youth in this bold undertaking.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Oct. 25

9:45am Nursery open

10:00am Worship Service

*Between the Bars*

*Tony Smith and Susan Tordella*

11:20-11:50 Jr Choir

Noon-1:00 Chimers

Tue. Oct. 27

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

Wed. Oct. 28

7:00pm Caring Network mtg.

Thu. Oct. 29

7:00pm Welcome Team mtg.

7:30pm Sr. Choir

**Sat. Oct. 31**

**Remember before you go to sleep: Set Clocks Back One Hour**

Sun. Nov. 1

Loaves & Fishes Food Items Collect

9:45am Nursery open

10:00am Worship Service

*"Is Satan Real?"*

*Rev. J. Mark Worth*

11:30-12:30 Bargains open

11:30-1:00 SHYG

11:20-11:50 Jr Choir

11:45-1:00 Adult Faith Formation

Noon-1:00 Chimers

**2:00pm Rita Lancaster**

**Memorial Service**

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