



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
November 1st 2015

SHARING OUR PLATE: November
Our Father's House, a private, nonsectarian agency providing shelter and related services to homeless men and women, with facilities in Fitchburg and Devens. Its programs encourage and assist each guest to become self-sufficient. Professionally trained staff offer client advocacy, assistance in searching for housing and employment, crisis counseling, and referral to community resources. 50% of cash donations will go to our church and 50% to Our Father's House, **make checks out to Our Father's House**. Social Action Committee will meet on Nov. 20 at 11:30 at the home of Georgia Sassen.

This 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.

Next Week's Service Nov. 8, 10:00 a.m.

Meck Groot

Justice Ministries Lead for the New England Regional staff, will explore with us the question of what we offer a broken world. What should we do when the gap between the world as it is and the world as it could be breaks our hearts? The good news is that it is not our job to fix, transform or save the world. Each of us only has one job: to deliver our gifts intentionally and generously to the communities that long for them. Come join us for a service to consider and celebrate that call.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

November 1st:

Nursery: open at 9:45

Butterfly Garden (PreK-1st): Promises Story: "How the Zebra Got its Stripes"

Rock Garden (2nd-4th Gr): Christopher Reeve – What does it mean to be a hero?

Cosmics (5th-6th Gr): All Soul's Day: Mexican and Celtic Traditions

Building Bridges (7th-9th Gr): Prepare for Hunger Banquet

SHYG Meeting: 11:30 a.m. (11/15: ongoing clothing collection for CityReach; 11/20-11/21: participation in CityReach)

Looking ahead to November 8th:

Nursery: open at 9:45

Butterfly Garden (PreK-1st): Promises Story: "That's Not Fair"

Rock Garden (2nd-4th Gr): Prep transitions, social action project and game drive

Cosmics (5th-6th Gr): Learn about and prepare for Hunger Banquet

Building Bridges (7th-9th Gr): Hunger Banquet: Fundraiser for Guest at Your Table, potluck with Glean Team

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

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.

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.

2016 HUUC Grand Prix! The **2016 Harvard Unitarian Church Grand Prix** starts Nov. 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 ready!

Bargains in the Belfry will be open this Sun., Nov. 1st, 11:30 - 12:30. There is some really good-looking clothing up there--men's as well as women's. Come on up and check it out. In addition to being open this Sunday, Bargains continues to be open on Tuesdays from 10 am - 4 pm.

Alliance meeting Nov. 3 will feature Senator Jamie Eldridge 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, to guarantee first rate health care coverage for every resident of the state, while saving money for state and local government, businesses, and residents. Fellowship Bldg Pot luck supper 6:30, program 7:30. All are welcome.

Hunger Awareness Potluck, Sunday, November 8, after service in the Fellowship Building This Potluck is hosted by the Building Bridges Youth Group, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders learning about World Religions. The mission of the event is to simulate the imbalanced distribution of food in our world. Potluck attendees are asked to bring a simple dish (rice, beans, vegetables and bread) to share. As they arrive at the

Fellowship Building, a handful of individuals will be randomly selected to enjoy a gourmet meal prepared by the Youth Group. For more information: bridges@uuharvard.org

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

We are now recording Sunday Services, available on our church Web page (UUHarvard.org). Pull down from "Other Information" to Sermons/Services. If you want **printed copy** call Elinor 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 are in the Fellowship Bldg and Sanctuary.

CHURCH CALENDAR (youth list pg. 1)

Sun. Nov. 1 Loaves & Fishes Collection
10:00am Worship Service
"Is Satan Real?"
Rev. J. Mark Worth
11:30-12:30 Bargains open
11:45-1:00 Adult Faith Formation
Noon-1:00 Chimers
2:00pm Rita Lancaster Memorial Service

Tue. Nov. 3
6:30, 7:30 Alliance Program
Senator Jamie Eldridge

Sun. Nov. 8
10:00am Worship Service
Meck Groot
11:30 All Church Potluck
Noon-1:00 Chimers

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