



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
November 29th 2015

SHARING OUR PLATE: November and December: *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*, **please make checks out to *Our Father's House***.

This Week's Service Nov. 29, 10:00 a.m.
"*Music Sunday*"

The choir and Rev. J. Mark Worth

We are pleased to help usher in the upcoming holiday season with a special service on November 29. Our Choir and musicians will perform the Christmas Cantata by Daniel Pinkham. Professor Pinkham was a long time member of the faculty at New England Conservatory of Music and Music Director/Organist at Kings Chapel UU Church in Boston. The cantata is quite contemporary and our choir will be joined by a wonderful Brass Quartet and Organ. In addition to the Cantata, the brass group will join in accompanying several seasonal hymns -- which are always thrilling to sing, especially with brass and organ. If you have friends and family here for Thanksgiving, this service will be an excellent way to give thanks and welcome the Advent and or Holiday season. Don't miss this exciting service! Thanks

Next Week's Service Dec. 6, 10:00 a.m.
"*Checkpoint at Bethlehem*"

Rev. J. Mark Worth

We celebrate Bethlehem as the traditional birthplace of Jesus. Today, Bethlehem is a city populated largely by Palestinian Muslims and a Palestinian Christian minority, close to Jerusalem. Mark will tell stories of Bethlehem, both ancient and modern. Hanukkah begins at sundown Dec. 6. Children begin in the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our words for the chalice lighting and lighting of the Advent candles are from Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman (1899-1981).

Thurman was an influential African-American pastor, author and theologian who co-founded and led the first truly multi-racial church in the United States, the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples, in San Francisco. He was Dean of Rankin Chapel at Howard University, and Marsh Chapel at Boston University. He advised the American Unitarian Association's early efforts regarding racial justice. A prolific author, Thurman's 1949 book Jesus and the Disinherited had a strong influence on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and other Civil Rights leaders.

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.

Holiday Food Collection for Loaves and Fishes – Sunday, December 6th On Monday, December 21st, Loaves & Fishes will hold its annual Holiday Dinner Distribution event. Families receive all of the fixings for their holiday celebrations

complete with stuffing, gravy, pie, cranberry sauce, juice, fresh vegetables and even a turkey, chicken or ham. Each year, we ask for your donations to help make this possible. For Sunday, December 6th, please bring in non-perishable holiday-related food, such as stuffing mix, gravy, broth, canned sliced pineapple, canned hams, ham glaze, nuts, fancy crackers, yams, coffee, tea, cocoa, and 100% juice and leave your donation in the Loaves and Fishes baskets in the church's foyer. Thank you so much! Questions? Please contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com.

All are welcome to come help the Women's Alliance and learn new skills at two Christmas greens workshops in December. This coming Tuesday, Dec. 1, the Alliance will meet at 6:30 P.M. in the Community Room at the Fellowship Building for potluck, and then at 7:30 we will cut up boxwood, and assemble ornaments for the Boxwood trees and for centerpieces. (Please bring small yard clippers if you have them.) On Friday, December 4, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall kitchen at 10 A.M. to make centerpieces and trees (Teddy Coffin will provide instructions.) Extra greens and holly cuttings, along with clippers, would be welcome. These sessions are a lot of fun, and raise funds for the church and Alliance. We hope to see you there; many hands make light work!

-Alice Rennie for the
Women's Alliance

There are more and more attractive clothing items to be found upstairs at Bargains, as well as books and knick-knacks. Shopping hours remain the same--Tuesdays 10 am - 4 pm, and every 1st and 3rd Sunday after church. Also during those hours new items can be dropped off for consignment or donation. Items marked with a green dot will be 10% off. We hope to see you up there!

-Audrey Ball

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. If you want to record a concert or event please plan to use your own 'thumb drive.' Thanks.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. Nov. 29
10:00am Worship Service
Music Sunday
The choir and Rev. J. Mark Worth
12:00-1:00 Chimers
- Tue. Dec. 1
10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open
6:30 Pot Luck & Program, Alliance
Boxwood Trees: Ornament and
Bow Making. Hostesses: Alice
Rennie & Teddy Coffin
- Thu. Dec. 3
7:30pm Sr. Choir
- Fri. Dec. 4
10:00am Alliance
Assembling the Boxwood Trees
- Sat. Dec. 5
7:30pm Concert: Harvard Pro Musica
- Sun. Dec. 6
L & F Food Collection
9:45am Nursery open
10:00am Worship Service
"Checkpoint at Bethlehem"
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11:30-12:30 Bargains open
12:00-1:00 Chiemrs

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