



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
September 25th 2016

SHARING OUR PLATE: September Checks made out to **Loaves & Fishes** and 50% of the cash from the collection plate go to our local food pantry, which provides food, clothing, camper-ships and after-school enrichment scholarships, emergency shelter, resource referral, and other temporary services. Volunteer stewards and a trained mental health worker listen with understanding and empathy to the complex situations of clients and suggest actions to promote independence and increased self-reliance. Loaves & Fishes serves over 600 families in Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton, and Shirley.

**This Week's Service Sunday Sept. 25
10:00 a.m. Rev. J. Mark Worth
"Salvation by Astronomy"**

The old story of Salvation no longer makes sense to most of us. Yet our world is wounded. There is too much suffering. How do we find reconciliation and deliverance from conflict? If the dogma of the cross doesn't save us, what will?

Music: Sr. Choir

Hospitality: Teddy Coffin, Janis Dyer

Greeters: Susie Macrae, Alice Rennie

Ushers: Cary Browse, Pat White

Sign up to be a Greeter, Usher, or do Hospitality at the Connections Table or [online](#)

**Next Week's Service, Sunday, Oct. 2
10:00 a.m. Rev. Jory Agate
"Let Life Surprise"**

Join us this Sunday for a special worship, luncheon and after church Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop to help us see beyond our assumptions as we envision the future of our professional ministry. Guest preacher and workshop leader, Rev. Jory Agate will invite us to explore and open ourselves up to let life surprise us.

FAITH FORMATION NOTICES

Faith Formation Information Meeting after church today, 11:30-12:15, in the Fellowship Building. Not just for parents! Parents + all who are interested are invited to attend.

Today marks the **beginning of the Coming of Age program** here at Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church. Chuck McCormack and Leslie Neville have an exciting curriculum planned for our participating 9th and 10th graders!

Join us for our **Potluck Family Game Night, October 1, from 5-8 pm in the Fellowship Building**. We'll enjoy tons of board games, card games, and group games for all ages. The FF team will provide an ice cream sundae bar for dessert. Bring a dish to share if you can!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay Connected! Stop by this Sunday to sign up for the upcoming New UU Classes, the Weaving Our Stories class, or to request a Name Button. You can also put your name down to Greet, Usher, and provide Hospitality. [Contact us!](#)
connections@uuharvard.org

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 5:30 P.M.
CHURCH-WIDE DINNER PARTY!
FUN • FOOD • COMMUNITY

KIDS PARTY, TOO!!
PIZZA, ENTERTAINMENT AND CHILD CARE
Stay tuned for more information!

On Sunday, Sept 25, at 7:00PM

Information about the crisis Palestinians and Israelis are living through, at the Fellowship Building to hear a report back about what happened at the General Assembly.
-Barbara Cerva, Dave Kendall, pat westwater-jong, and Sue McCombs (Lancaster UU Church)

The Caring Network supplements the minister's pastoral work by reaching out to parishioners in times of illness, loss or transition. Our group, with the help of our generous network of volunteers, can coordinate visits, meals, errands and cards for parishioners who are housebound, hospitalized, in nursing homes or are generally in need of support. If you or a loved one are in need of assistance, please contact us. The Caring Network welcomes all who wish to join our group or become part of our network of volunteers. No amount of time is too large or too small. *Our generosity and willingness to help one another is key to our community.* Caring Committee members – Rev. Mark Worth, Kerry Alexander, Sally Steele, Jane Thomsen, Sharon Briggs and Barbara Cerva.

Opening for Interim Clerk *The HUUC Board is looking for an individual to serve as an interim Clerk until the two-year position can be filled in the spring. This low-key position is an ideal way to learn more about the board by recording minutes during their monthly meetings (Oct-Jun) and, if available, at the Annual Meeting in May. That's all there is to it! If interested, please see Kate Jones, Susie Macrae, David Neville or Rebecca Wright from the Nominating Committee.*



MSC Notes: Next Sunday, October 2nd, we host UUA Rev. Jory Agate for Worship and the *Beyond Categorical Thinking* Workshop immediately following the service: 11:30-2:30 in the Fellowship Building. All members and friends of the church are invited! The workshop gets good reviews as meaningful and worthwhile, so please make every effort to attend! Lunch and childcare (including nursery) will be provided.

“Weaving the Stories of our Life’s Journey” Given a different topic each week, we will write about two pages during the week, weaving the memories from our past as they relate to each topic. The time

for the six week class will be determined by everyone’s availability. If you are interested, see Carol at the Connections Table to sign up or to ask questions.

Oct. 4th Alliance meeting: Leslie Neville, Eleanor Toth and Mary Donald will share their experiences from last summer’s General Assembly of the UUA. 6:30 p.m.

New UU Classes! Oct. 16 + Oct. 23 @ 11:30 - 1:00 Light lunch served and child care available. For anyone who is new, or who wants more information about Unitarian Universalism or our church, these classes are for you! Sign up today at the Connections Table. Both classes will be a place to meet other newcomers and a chance to connect with our wonderful interim minister, Reverend Mark Worth. (See insert for more details.)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Sept. 25
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Rev. J. Mark Worth
“Salvation by Astronomy”
 11:20-11:50 a.m. Jr. Choir
 11:30-12:30 Bargains takes consignments
 11:30-12:15 Parent meeting
 7:00 p.m. Coming of Age
 7:00 p.m. General Assembly Report Mtg

Mon. Sept. 26
 Office Closed

Tue. Sept. 27
 7pm Worship Team meeting

Wed. Sept. 28
 7pm Meditation

Thu. Sept. 29
 7:15pm Stewardship meeting

Sat. Oct. 1st: 5pm Family Game Night!

Sun. Oct. 2
 Loaves & Fishes Collection
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Rev. Jory Agate
“Let Life Surprise”
 11:20-11:50 a.m. Jr. Choir
 11:30-2:30 Workshop & Lunch
Beyond Categorical Thinking
 12:00-1:00 Chimers rehearse
 7:00 p.m. Coming of Age