



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

**SHARING OUR PLATE:** October Checks made out to *UU Urban Ministries* and 50% of the cash from the collection plate go to the UUUM. Since 1834, the UUUM has been providing ministry-at-large to the disadvantaged of Boston, working side-by-side with Boston's urban communities to create opportunities and instill hope for a brighter future. The ministry concentrates primarily in out-of-school-time programming for at-risk youth and shelter for those fleeing domestic violence. They seek to build bridges of understanding and mutuality to foster a human community that is peaceful and just. For more information, go to <http://www.uuum.org/>, call 617-318-6010

**This Week's Service Sunday, Oct. 23  
9:55 a.m. "Younger Than Yesterday"**  
*Rev. J. Mark Worth*

In 1964 Bob Dylan wrote a song called "My Back Pages." It's said that this song was a protest against his earlier protest songs! He had been so sure of himself as a younger man. He had seen the world in black and white, good and evil, them and us. As he began to mature more, he began to be less sure, less cocky, about the black and white picture some of his earlier songs had painted. As we grow and move beyond the past, how does religious faith change?  
**Music:** Sr. Choir

**Next Week's Service, Sunday, Oct. 30  
9:55 a.m. "Vida y Muerte" or "Days of the Dead"**  
*Reverend Marta I. Valentín*

Join Reverend Marta I. Valentín as she honors the Mexican tradition of celebrating their ancestors known as Days of the Dead, as well as give us the opportunity to remember our own ancestors. We will build an altar in the service so please bring a picture of a loved one (human or animal) that you would like remembered.

## *Faith Formation Notices*

\* Block 2 of Faith Formation begins October 30th and runs through December 11. If you would like to volunteer to teach or assist in any of our programs, please contact Daniel.

\* Stay tuned for updates on upcoming OWL (Our Whole Lives) dates and programming in the *Chalice Chat* and *Belfry*.

\* December 2, 7 pm, will be our Faith Formation Christmas Movie Party. More details to come!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Oct. 23 Welcome:** Kirsti Gamage  
**Ushers:** Cary Browse, Charles Redinger  
**Hospitality:** Alice Rennie; and Faith Formation Bake Sale for Haiti Relief

**There are MANY dates available in the upcoming weeks to Greet, Usher and provide Hospitality.** Three ways to sign up: online (see [www.uuharvard.org](http://www.uuharvard.org) home page); clipboards at the Sunday Connections Table; or send a message to [connect@uuharvard.org](mailto:connect@uuharvard.org). Thank you!

**Are your Pledge Payments up to date?** As we near the end of October, hopefully you have donated at least 80% of the amount you pledged for calendar year 2016. Kindly check your records to see how you are doing. The financial health of our church depends on your generosity!  
Thank you.  
Rick High, Treasurer

**On October 30th, the Rev. Marta Valentín, a Congregational Life Consultant for the UUA, will be our guest minister.** She will be preaching about Dias

de los Muertos or Days of the Dead, which is a mostly Mexican Latin American holiday that honors the ancestors. It is a celebratory holiday that both affirms life and gives us a chance to share our grief.

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**Meditation Reminder:** Every Wednesday at 7 PM in Fellowship Building. All are welcome! Contacts: David Kendall ([davidpkendall@gmail.com](mailto:davidpkendall@gmail.com)) Pam Frederick ([pwfrederick@gmail.com](mailto:pwfrederick@gmail.com))

**Please join us for the Women's Alliance meeting on Tuesday, November 1. Our new Director of Faith Formation, Daniel Payne, will speak to us** about his life journey and his plans for the children's R.E. program. The Alliance gathers for a potluck at 6:30 P.M. in the Community Room, followed by the program at 7:30. All are welcome.

**Thanksgiving Collection for Loaves and Fishes – Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** Every year, Loaves and Fishes has a Thanksgiving distribution for its recipients so that all of their clients can enjoy a delicious and special Thanksgiving. 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. Please leave your donations in the Loaves and Fishes baskets in the church's foyer. Thank you so much! Questions? Please contact Risa Goldman at [risajan@aol.com](mailto:risajan@aol.com).

**Funding UU Hopes and Needs** Pledge packets were mailed this week to everyone who did not pick one up at the FUUHN stewardship kick-off party last Saturday. If you did not get one, more materials are available on the Connections Table in the back of the sanctuary. Your pledge is particularly important this year, as the amount raised during this fall's campaign will determine how much we can offer perspective ministers. **Please return your pledge envelope by Sunday, November 20.** Thank you for being part of this church!

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Oct. 23

9:55 a.m. Worship Service  
***“Younger Than Yesterday”***

*Rev. J. Mark Worth*

11:20-11:50 a.m. Jr. Choir

11:30-1 SHYG mtg Sutherland Hall

11:30-1:00 New UU Class

12:00-1:00 Chimers

7:00-9:00 p.m. Coming of Age

Tue. Oct. 25

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

7:30pm “Weaving Our Stories”

Wed. Oct. 26

7pm Ministerial Search Committee

7pm Meditation

Sun. Oct. 30

9am Skype with Pat W-J, Palestine

9:55 a.m. Worship Service

***“Vida y Muerte” or***

***“Days of the Dead”***

*Reverend Marta I. Valentín*

11:00 Cottage meeting

11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir

12:00-1:00 Chimers

**Live, With Pat in Palestine** Walls divide, but hearts unite! As many of you know, Pat Westwater-Jong is on one of her frequent trips to Israel and Palestine, visiting, encouraging, and supporting the peaceful resistance to the 50 year old Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. A key, and growing, feature of the occupation is the dividing wall. Ostensibly required to protect Israelis from terror attacks, it mostly functions to separate Palestinians from their farmland, livelihood, and community. On Sunday, October 30th, (next Sunday) at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Building, we will symbolically break down the wall, as we Skype live with Pat and some of the people whose lives are being affected by it. See what it's really like for them every day. Although we might be able to ask questions, we mostly need to listen to them, and let them know that they are heard, and respected as human beings. Hearts unite, in spite of walls!