



The

Belfry

November 20th 2013

Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church

Love is the spirit of our church, where ...

...we gather to worship...

...we create a welcoming, nurturing religious community for all...

November 24th 2013

10:00 a.m.

Celebration Sunday!

Please join us for this All-Ages service of thanksgiving and celebration, as we express our gratitude for all that we are and all that we have been given. This morning is also the culmination of this year's Stewardship Campaign. Don't forget to bring your pledge envelopes to help us Fund our Values and our Vision in the coming year!

December 1st 2013

10:00 a.m.

"For Everything, There is a Season"

Aaron Stockwell with Charles Redinger as Host

During this very full holiday season, and this Sunday (3rd day of Hanukkah, 1st Sunday of Advent, and the list goes on), there's often the urge to do it all. This sermon will explore how to practice self-compassion, and how to accept holy imperfection.

December 8th 2013

10:00 a.m.

Music Sunday

Theodore Johnson, Music Director

Part II of Bach's *Christmas Oratorio*. This performance will feature our choir and soloists (including our own Carl Howe) along with an early music consort of friends and instrumentalists. The service will also include seasonal hymns and musical selections. Come, bring your friends and family and help us celebrate this season with music and whichever part of you finds joy in this season. (For more details, please see page 7 of this Belfry.)

December 15th 2013

10:00 a.m.

"Bridging Our Boundaries"

Rev. Kathleen McTigue, Director of the UU College of Social Justice, with Susie Macrae as Host

We will focus on the ways our faith calls us to see where we've created barriers that keep us separate from those unlike us (race, class, theological orientation). The UU College of Social Justice offers experiential learning partly in order to help us see and bridge those barriers in order to put our faith values to work in healing a broken world. (See page 5.)

December 22nd, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Solstice Service & Mummers Play

With Cary Browse as Host

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“From the Hearth”

With Thanksgiving just over a week away, we are in the midst of making plans for our Intergenerational Worship service on Sunday, November 24th, and I have been mulling over my “gratitudes.” I am grateful for my family and friends, of course, and for the food on our table and the roof above our head. I am also grateful for all of you and the time we’ve had together as minister and congregation during the last 12+ years. I look forward to many more!

Of course, I’m also feeling very thankful for my upcoming sabbatical, which will begin on Sunday, December 1st and continue through April. I will leave knowing that you are in very good hands – each other’s – and that the Sabbatical Minister, Aaron Stockwell, and the Sabbatical Team leaders are there to help when they are needed.

At their best, sabbaticals are times of rest, reflection and renewal – for both minister and congregation. During the month of December, I plan to dedicate myself to resting and to reflecting on the stories and symbols of the Advent season. In the Christian tradition, Advent marks the beginning of a new year, and is a celebration of hope, faith, love and joy during life’s difficult or fallow times. Below are some ideas for how you might join me in the resting, reflecting, and renewing that are part of both the season and the sabbatical:

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| Dec. 1 | Help someone you know. |
| Dec. 2 | Help someone you don’t know. |
| Dec. 3 | Bundle up and watch for shooting stars. |
| Dec. 4 | Slow down. |
| Dec. 5 | Send a card of appreciation or encouragement to someone. |
| Dec. 6 | Say no. |
| Dec. 7 | Mute the commercials. |
| Dec. 8 | Donate food to Loaves and Fishes |
| Dec. 9 | Learn to enjoy things without owning them. |
| Dec. 10 | Donate your unused winter coats. |
| Dec. 11 | Buy coffee for someone at your favorite coffee spot. |
| Dec. 12 | De-accumulate. Give something away. |
| Dec. 13 | Offer others the use of your possessions. Develop a network of exchange. |
| Dec. 14 | Be grateful for things large and small. |
| Dec. 15 | Take a walk. Enjoy the natural world |
| Dec. 16 | Fast from TV/media. |
| Dec. 17 | Read a book to a child or grandchild, yours or another’s. Skype if you have to. |
| Dec. 18 | Sign up to Glean or volunteer somewhere else in the New Year |
| Dec. 19 | Bake a batch of cookies and take them to a neighbor. |
| Dec. 20 | Donate a toy to someone in need. |
| Dec. 21 | Celebrate the Solstice and the return of the light. |
| Dec. 22 | Make a paper snowflake and hang it in a window. Enjoy it! |
| Dec. 23 | Smile at a stranger. |
| Dec. 24 | Feed the birds |
| Dec. 25 | Bring treats to a gas station attendant on Christmas day. |

Wishing you a happy Thanksgiving, a joyous Advent, and a blessed year to come! Rev. Wendy

Report from the Board

Realizing Our Vision

Over the last fifty years, this church has been through multiple visioning and long range planning processes. The two most recent ones date from February, 1997 when the Congregation voted to adopt a Mission and Covenant Statement and May, 2011 when a Congregation-wide process resulted in a Vision Statement. Our goal this year is to build on these efforts and draft a workable action plan with concrete steps that begin to fulfill our strategic vision. What would it look like if we were living out our vision? What would we be doing as a Congregation if we were “practicing UU’s?” These are the questions we seek to answer.

With the help of our consultant Alan Hurwitz, and the work of Wendy and 11 members of the congregation, we are making progress drafting an action plan. The plan focusses on three areas, setting specific objectives in the areas of Collective Social Action, Religious Education and Youth Development, and Spiritual Growth. When the draft is completed, it will be presented to the Congregation for review, revision as required and final approval. We are tentatively planning on a Congregational meeting after church on January 5, 2014. Please plan to attend and participate in this exciting process.

DRE Search to Commence

Melinda Green, our Interim Director of Religious Education, is well into her second and final year of work with the church. Melinda continues to work with the RE Committee and the Board to help us understand and better define the kind of program and DRE we want going forward. Board members are occasionally asked: “Why don’t we just hire Melinda as our DRE?” There are two reasons. First, the Interim DRE position is exactly that. It is designed as a special position for the interim period between DRE’s to help the church through the transition period. Much like an Interim Ministry, the position is filled with the knowledge and understanding of both parties that the Interim DRE will not be a candidate for the position at the end of the interim period. Second, Melinda’s career objective is to serve as an Interim DRE. So serving as our settled DRE (or any other church’s settled DRE) is not consistent with her current personal and professional goals.

Led by Board members Kate Stamm and Susie Macrae, a DRE job description is being developed in conjunction with the RE and Youth Leadership Development Committees. Soon the Board will appoint a search committee. The search will commence in earnest in the spring of 2014, with the intent of engaging a new director before the end of the church year.

Wendy’s Sabbatical Set to Begin

Wendy’s Sabbatical is scheduled to run from December through April. A brochure explaining more about the Sabbatical and what to expect has been distributed. Many thanks to all members of the Sabbatical Planning Committee, but especially to Betsy Williams and Charles Redinger who have worked diligently to make the Sabbatical as successful for the Congregation as it is to Wendy. And, of course, best wishes to Wendy in her well-deserved time away. (Q. What’s the difference between a bagpipe and an onion? A. No one cries when you chop up a bagpipe.)

For further information or questions on any of these topics, please contact me or any member of the Board. Rick High, President, (rhigh@charter.net)

Children and Youth Programming

Sharing Wow!

"I'm going to be a Stardust Fairy for Halloween!" And she was!

And this was my 'aha' moment, that Wow! was really happening.

Last block, we taught the younger children that "we are all made of stardust," and read *The Everything Seed*. It was a lesson on how the universe came to be. Taught with popcorn, and salt swirls. And for the older kids, Prof. Britt gave a wildly animated demonstration of the Big Bang. All well-received, but was our message getting through?



We asked the kids The Big Question of the week -- Where does everything come from? And at the end of the class, the younger kids could choose a "Wow!" "Thanks" "Hmmm" sticker after telling us their favorite part. The sticker would be a talking point with the parents and something to take home.

And it is these things that are at the heart of this year's curriculum -- To me, the Wow! is about opening doors to spiritual thinking. Together we are practicing skills of awe, courage, self-reflection, collaboration, empathy, and persistence in a safe and caring community.

We are following the principle to affirm and promote a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. And this is our "why." To be later evidenced through each kid's personal "statement of belief" in the Coming of Age program.

This is big stuff for a 5 year old and even for the older kids, but in fact the kids are experts at knowing what they know! As Guides, we nudge the kids towards being comfortable with the things they don't know, or things that are unknowable. The message is that not knowing is okay, and being curious is a good start in figuring out things for themselves.

I've found that the best way to stretch kids' thinking is by introducing many links, having patience, and throwing in some fun!

We talk, question, tell stories, use different mediums, create plays, do social projects, and give the kids time to learn. And we challenge them to speak their truth in such a way that they can live it.

"Enjoy your child's personal philosophy as it unfolds," says child-study professor George Scarlett of Tufts University. "Listen to the child's thoughts about God. Try to understand and show respect for their ideas, even while sharing your own. The point is to keep a dialogue about spiritual matters going."

Harold Howe, former U.S. commissioner of education and a UU, wrote, "Here's a definition of a Unitarian Universalist: a person who can ask children, 'What is God?' and listen seriously to their replies. P.S.: I once went to Sunday school for about 7 years, but no one asked me 'What is God?' Instead, they told me."

At the beginning of each class we sing **When I breathe in, I breathe in peace, when I breathe out, I breathe out love**. I find myself humming this all week long! And this is my Wow!

-Laura Vilain

Here we respect our diversity and seek to understand our differences ...

SHARING OUR PLATE: December 1, 8, 15, 22 – Our Father’s House

Each month 50% of the cash contributions in the collection plate go to a designated charity (the balance of the cash and checks made out to the church go to the church). Please make checks made out to Our Father’s House

Our Father’s House is a private, non-sectarian 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.

December 24 – both services – Loaves and Fishes

The members of the Social Action Committee are Georgia Sassen, Dave Andrew, Chris Ready, Pat Westwater-Jong, Iby Chiquoine. We meet once a month and welcome new members. Please contact any one of us for more information.

This Sunday is Celebration Sunday – November 24th

This weekend, let’s send Rev. Wendy off on her sabbatical while helping reach our annual funding goal that we will continue our financially stable church in her temporary absence. Please mail, or drop off or bring your completed 2014 pledge envelopes to the church on or by this Sunday for it to be counted towards the Stewardship Campaign. So join me, the Stewardship Committee, the Harvard UU membership and Rev. Wendy on November 24th for Celebration Sunday and help achieve our goal. See you there.

-Tim Coonahan
For the Stewardship Committee

Alliance Program December Boxwood Trees

Ornament & Bow Making at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday Dec. 3rd in the Charlanne Van Wormer Community Room in the Fellowship Building (Snow date on Wed. Dec. 4th)

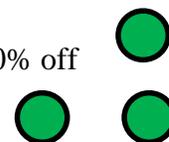


Assembling the Boxwood Trees at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday Dec. 5th in the Kitchen of the Fellowship Building. (Snow date Friday Dec. 6th)

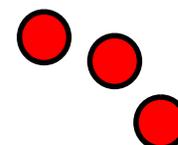
-Alice Rennie & Teddy Coffin

Bargains in the Belfry

Special sales are in effect, 10% off everything with a green dot right now.



Starting on December 10th everything with a red dot will be 10% off.

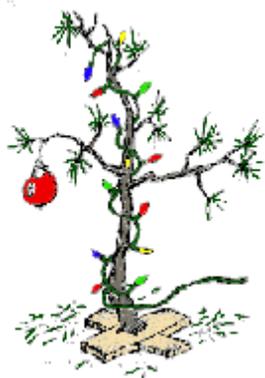


Bargains is open every Tuesday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and the first and third Sundays 11:30-12:30.

Presentation after the Dec. 15th Worship Service in Sutherland Hall from 11:30 –12:30 with Rev. Kathleen McTigue

The UU College of Social Justice is an exciting new collaboration between the UUA and the UU Service Committee (UUSC). The College has created a dynamic array of experiential learning programs to help individuals and congregations engage with faith-based justice work. Programs include service learning trips to locations within and outside of the United States; justice trainings for high school youth; and global justice summer internships for college-age young adults. **Come learn more about the ways the UU College of Social Justice can help us put our faith to work!**

December monthly building use cal. On the page for paper version. Please see the attached pdf for electronic calendar.



Holiday Caroling Night at Northeastern Correctional Center

“Isn’t there anyone who knows what Christmas is all about?” implores Charlie Brown, in the midst of the chaotic Christmas pageant rehearsal scene of the classic 1965 cartoon, “A Charlie Brown Christmas.”

For Unitarian Universalists the answer varies from person to person. Unitarian Universalist religious educator Margaret M. Sequeira writes:

For Unitarian Universalists, Jesus [can] serve as an example of the divine indwelling in all of humanity – that each person is made in the image and likeness of God. Sophia Lyon Fahs, Unitarian Universalist minister and religious educator wrote: ‘Each night a child is born is a holy night: A time for singing, A time for wondering, A time for worshipping, Each night a child is born is a holy night.’ So [at] Christmas[time] we honor each person born. Christmas [can] remind us that each of us has the capacity ‘To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.’ (Micah 6:8)

December is a time filled with to-do lists and frantic activity, and the meaning of the season can be easily over-whelmed. One touchstone of my holiday season is the Holiday Caroling Night at Northeastern Correctional Center, the minimum security/pre-release facility in Concord, MA. The passion with which the men in the prison holiday choirs sing, and the hospitality with which the men in the culinary arts program serve treats following the service, bring me in direct contact with the inherent worth and dignity and the divine

Music Sunday December 8th

The music presented this year will feature Part II of Bach’s Christmas Oratorio (BWV 248). The entire oratorio is written in six parts each intended for performance on one of the major feast days during the Christmas season. The focus of Part II is the “Second Christmas Day” which tells the story of the shepherds coming to celebrate the child’s birth, or what is often called *the annunciation of the shepherds*. Part II was first performed on December 26, 1734 at St. Nicholas Church in Leipzig Germany. Technically, an oratorio is a musical composition based on a sacred or semi-sacred subject for solo voices, chorus and orchestra. This performance will feature our choir and soloists (including our own Carl Howe) along with an early music consort of friends and instrumentalists. The service will also include seasonal hymns and musical selections.

As a UU musician, I wonder about the theology of Christmas in a community of critical thinkers such as UU’s. The Rev. Leslie Kee offers some thoughtful insights as to why UUs might celebrate Christmas: “Well, the pagan me has to have a tree; The generous me has to give the perfect presents; The sentimental me has to make one batch of oyster stew and grandma’s orange cookies; The bossy me has to have a formal sit-down dinner, complete with Great-aunt Norma’s Crystal and Grama Ava’s china; The self-indulgent me has to drink at least one whole quart of eggnog; The spiritual me has to sing, at least once, every single hymn I learned in church beginning with *A way in a manger*; And the UU me has to make sense of it all!”

Come, bring your friends and family and help us celebrate this season with music and whichever part of you finds joy in this season.

Ted Johnson
Music Director

Outside the church and in our town: Another great jazz concert on November 24th at 4 p.m. at the Chapman home at 42 Willow Rd in Harvard.

The concert is a fundraiser for Fanfare, the parents' volunteer organization supporting the music programs in the Harvard public schools. We are featuring the Pamela Hines Trio. John will also be unveiling some original compositions. The \$35 ticket includes this great performance, dinner and your wine and beer. Contact John for further information or order tickets online at <http://fanfareformusic.tix.com/Schedule.aspx?OrgNum=4584>

*Here we support individual and collective service to the larger community ...
And here we respect the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*

**Social Action Committee Suggests
Holiday Food Collection for Loaves and Fishes –
Sunday, December 1st**

On Monday, December 16th, 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 1st, 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 or anyone from the Social Action Committee.

**Loaves and Fishes
Shop for Your Kids Day**

On Thursday, December 19th, Loaves and Fishes will hold its annual Shop for Your Kids event at the Bob Eisengrein Community Center (formerly the Devens Community Center) in Devens. With the assistance of over 100 volunteers, Loaves and Fishes clients choose gifts, from toys to books, jewelry to gift cards, sports to arts and crafts, to give to their children. If you would like to donate **new, unwrapped** gifts for children from infancy to age 18, there are several ways to go about it. The Social Action Committee will gladly accept your toy donation during the regular Loaves and Fishes **Sunday, December 1st** and will make sure that Loaves and Fishes receives them along with our food donation. There are also special collection times and days where you can drop off gifts at the Community Center (Mondays Nov. 18th, Dec. 9th and Dec. 16th from 6-8pm). You can also deliver your gifts at any open pantry session or place your donation in the bin in the entry-way of the Harvard Police Station. For a detailed list of most requested items, go to loavesfishespantry.org. Questions? Contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com.

Our Thoughts are With ...

Weezie Potter: A candle of joy that her brother has recently married a woman he has been dating for 7 years.



Alice Rennie and Chuck McCormack: A candle of great joy that their youngest son John has just passed the bar,

Ted Johnson: A candle of sorrow about something called an obstruction that was recently called by an umpire.

Naomi Newell: A candle of joy because she has recently had two biopsies and both were negative.

Britt Argow: A candle of joy for the birth of Britt and Jesh's youngest daughter Petra.

Pam Frederick: A candle of hope for her granddaughter who has had a lot of ups and downs in her life.

Betsy Williams: A candle of sorrow and remembrance for her good friend Noreen Kimball who worked with Betsy in the UUA publishing world and has passed away at the young age of 68.

Liz Cooper: A candle of joy because she has found a new job with a wonderful commute - 1/3 mile to the Still River post office.

**Loaves and Fishes
Shop for Your Parents Day**

On Saturday, December 14th, Loaves and Fishes offers its youngest clients the opportunity to “shop” for holiday gifts for their parents. This program, now in its 13th year, has brought smiles to hundreds of children’s faces through the years. The event offers a full breakfast for each family, a visit with Santa and then a shopping trip for each child guided by volunteer “elves.” If you would like to donate new men’s and women’s items or gently used costume jewelry, you may bring those items to church with you during the regular Loaves and Fishes **Sunday, December 1st** and will make sure that Loaves and Fishes receives them along with our food donation. You may also deliver your gifts at any open pantry session or place your donation in the bin in the entry-way of the Harvard Police Station. Questions? Contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com.

December Birthday Wishes Go To:

Tom	Aciukewicz
Lily	Alfano
John	Atkinson
Rory	Browse
Owen	Coonahan
Charlie	Eiland
Ralph	Goodell
Olivia	Hemond
Donnalisa	Johnson
Benjamin	L'Ecuyer
Joe	Levering
Jem	Mix
David	Newsham
Paige	O'Brien
Connor	Oldham
Tyler	Stamm



If you missed the opportunity to give us your birthday month and would like to have it posted in our Belfry publications, please contact the church office: 978-456-8752, admin@uuharvard.org

Our Thanks Go To ...

Donnalisa Johnson for the gorgeous Autumn arrangement from your garden to the office.

David Kendall and Jon Green for their I.T./Google work!

And to **Bill Corder** for all his continuous work behind the scenes.

The FAIR TRADE Fair is

Sunday, November 24 from 11-3 in the Fellowship Building. This is an annual event co-sponsored by the Women's Alliance and Social Action Committee. It features several women-owned artisan cooperatives from around the world. Join us after Wendy's send off reception (also in the FB)! Great holiday shopping and a chance to give twice! Tell your friends. If you'd like to help promote with flyer and postcards, contact Paige O'Brien, paigeob@earthlink.net; 617-515-9637.



Sunday Morning Ushers, Greeters and Hospitality

The schedule of Sunday morning tasks is now available on SignUp Genius. You can easily access this from the home page of the church website: www.uuharvard.org. If the dates assigned to you are inconvenient, please arrange to swap with someone else for a Sunday that fits your schedule. You can make the swap yourselves on the SignUp Genius list, or you can let me know what the changes are and I will update the system. Thanks to all for your help. Cary Browse,

cbrowse@earthlink.net

Chancel Decorations

Would you like to decorate the Chancel one Sunday? Please sign up through the Sunday Morning Volunteer link on the church website:

www.uuharvard.org. Questions? contact Cary Browse, cbrowse@earthlink.net

Nov. 24

Welcome: Kate Stamm

Hospitality: Fair Trade Fair

Ushers: Audrey Ball

Greeters: Tom & Lisa Aciukewicz

Chancel: Stewardship Committee

Dec. 1

Welcome: Rick High

Host: Charles Redinger

Hospitality: Charlotte Winchell, Darrell & Willie Wickman

Ushers: Bill & Diane Corder

Greeters: Fifi Ball

Chancel: Willie Wickman

Dec. 8 Music Sunday

Welcome: Susie Macrae

Ushers: Pat White

Greeters: Tim & Cheryl Coonahan

Chancel:

Coffee Hour: Senior High Youth Group

Dec. 15

Welcome: Rebecca Wright

Host: Susie Macrae

Hospitality: Bill & Diane Corder, Holly Grant

Ushers: Lynn Crowley

Greeters: Janice & Ralph Goodell

Chancel:

Bios of Upcoming Sabbatical Sunday Leaders

Dec. 1: **Aaron Stockwell** is the Sabbatical Minister at the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church. He was educated at the Parker Charter School, Lesley College, and Andover Newton Theological School. Aaron and his spouse live in Maynard, MA.

Dec. 15: **Rev. Kathleen McTigue** is the Director of the UU College of Social Justice, a new collaboration between the UUA and UUSC. The mission of the College is: "To help UUs catalyze the work of justice by offering experiential learning, grounded in our theology and contemplative practice." Rev. McTigue served as a parish minister for 25 years before taking her current position.



Rev. Kathleen McTigue

What's Coming Up, Church Events

The Messiah! December 22 at 5 p.m.
Don't miss our annual Sing along directed by our **Music Director, Ted Johnson, with professional soloists, and our fabulous orchestra, including strings, oboes, trumpet, bassoon, organ, harpsichord, tympani and you!** **Filling our sanctuary with the music of Handel- singers from surrounding communities, and instruments, is always a spiritual high!!!**



No Potluck in December, But ...

On December 8, 2013 we will have **coffee hour in the Sanctuary with a special performance.** Parents of the Senior High Youth Group will provide Hospitality.

Worship Leaders for December 2013		
Date	Worship Leader	Host
1st	Aaron Stockwell, sabbatical minister	Charles Redinger
8th	Music Sunday, led by Ted Johnson, our music director	Ted Johnson
15th	Rev. Kathleen McTigue, minister of the Unitarian Society of New Haven, in Hamden, Conn. Children start in FB	Susie Macrae
22nd	Solstice Service	Cary Browse
24th	Aaron Stockwell and Melinda Green, Interim DRE, lead the Christmas Eve services (see Chalice Chat for details)	Melinda Green and Charles Redinger
29th	Worship Committee	Worship Committee

What's Coming Up, Church Events

- Sun. Nov. 24
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Celebration Sunday
All Ages Service
11:00-3:00 Fair Trade Fair
- Tue. Nov. 26
10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open
7:30 p.m. Visioning mtg.
- Sun. Dec. 1
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
"For Everything, There is a Season"
Aaron Stockwell
With Charles Redinger as Host
11:30-12:30 Bargains in the Belfry open
- Tue. Dec. 3
10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open
6:30 p.m. Alliance Boxwood Trees
Ornament & Bow Making
- Thu. Dec. 5
10:00 a.m. Alliance Boxwood Trees
Assembling the Trees
- Sun. Dec. 8
10:00 a.m. Worship Sunday
Music Sunday
Ted Johnson, Music Director
Coffee Hour & Entertainment
- Tue. Dec. 10
10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open
- Wed. Dec. 11
7:30 p.m. Board mtg
- Sun. Dec. 15
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
"Bridging Our Boundaries"
Rev. Kathleen McTigue
11:30-12:30 Presentation about the
UU College of Justice
3:30 & 4:30 Town Pageant & Tree Lighting

NEW Belfry Deadlines all Tuesdays

- Dec. 17
Jan. 21
Feb. 18
Mar. 18
Apr. 15
May 20
June 17

MUSIC NOTES



Musicians:

- November 24- Sr. and Jr. Choirs
- Intergenerational Thanksgiving
and Celebration
December 1- Chimers
December 8- Choir a11-3rd Chamber Orchestra- Mu-
sic Sunday
December 15- Bill Cordner and Friends
December 22- Jr. and Sr. Choirs for Intergenerational
Solstice Service
December 24- Christmas Eve Choir

Jr. Choir-

I hope you've been listening to your CD. Please come to the church this Thursday at 7:40 p.m. until 8 p.m. to rehearse our thanksgiving song with the Sr. Choir. On Sunday, November 24, plan to be at church at 9:30 a.m. to warm up and sing in the service.

Our solstice song is easy, but please learn the words. On December 22, we'll meet in the Belfry at 9 a.m. to run through our song and warm up before we have our scheduled rehearsal time "on stage" with Ted. As you know the morning of the Solstice service is extremely busy and active.

Chimers:

Your reward for learning your music so thoroughly is having this Sunday, November 24th off!

We will begin rehearsing promptly at 9 a.m. on Sunday, December 1, and then be the special musicians of the day. After that- enjoy the holidays!

Sr. Choir:

Much music to prepare! Please arrive at this Thursday, November 21 rehearsal promptly at 7:30. The Jr. Choir will join with us until 8 p.m. Together we will celebrate at the service on November 24th. There will be rehearsals on December 5, 12. The rehearsal on December 19 will be for the Christmas Eve Choir.

December 8 is our Music Sunday, when we will be doing Bach's Christmas Oratorio with a chamber orchestra.

There is probably time for a little Christmas party in there somewhere.

-Eleanor Toth

Sabbatical Minister's Office Hours

I am in the office most Wednesdays from 1-5:30. You may call (office: 978.456.9021, cell: 978.302.5220) or e-mail (minister@uuharvard.org) to schedule an appointment during Wednesdays, or to find another time that might work.

Aaron Stockwell

Admin Office Hours

Mon. 9:00 a.m.—Noon
Tue. 10:00-3:00
Wed. Noon-3:00
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Fri. 9:00 a.m.—Noon
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