



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
September 27th 2015

**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 Sept. 27, 10:00 a.m.**  
*"Why I'm a Unitarian"* Rev. J. Mark Worth  
When he was an eighth-grader and in Methodist Sunday school, a question about the biblical strong-man Samson converted Mark to Unitarianism -- although he didn't know that word yet. Come hear how Mark became a Unitarian, and why it stuck. This is the first in a two-part sermon: the follow-up, "Why I'm a Universalist" will be in October.

**Faith Formation this Week** The children will be starting in the sanctuary this morning. We invite all to help with the children's spiritual journey by volunteering in any way that feels comfortable. If interested, send an email to Lorrie at [dff@uuharvard.org](mailto:dff@uuharvard.org) or talk with any of the people on the FFTeam: Marc Vilain, Laura Vilain, Sarah Stoddard, Kelley Taylor, Tim Clark, Stacie Green, Jon Green and Kate Stamm.

**Next Week's Service Oct. 4, 10:00 a.m.**  
**Fellowship Building** *"Blessing the Animals"* Rev. J. Mark Worth  
We will meet in Sutherland Hall for a special inter-generational service as we bless the animals, which is traditionally

done on Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> or the nearest Sunday, as it is the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Pope Francis chose his name for this Roman Catholic Saint. Many Unitarian Universalists have picked up on the Catholic tradition of blessing animals, especially pets, on this day. Stuffed animals are welcome!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Jr. Choir** will meet for the first rehearsal from 11:20- 11:50 in the eecummings room at the Fellowship Building this Sunday. All interested singers in Grades 1-6 are invited. -Mrs. Toth

**Sunday's Postlude:** *Procession* Edwin T. Childs, was recently performed by Ted Johnson for the Building and Organ Restoration project at UUUM's First Church Roxbury.

**Refugee Crisis** The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is trying to raise \$250,000 in ten days to help our crisis response team respond to this crisis, and to especially help the women and children who are most vulnerable. If you are able to donate, please go to the UUSC site at <http://www.uusc.org/> and click on "Donate – Support the UUSC-UUA Refugee Crisis Fund." Or call 617-868-6600. **Or go to this site: [uua response to refugee crisis](#)**

**Adult Faith Formation: "The Bible As They Never Taught It In Sunday School"**  
Who wrote the Bible? Is Eve the founder of human civilization? Did Moses write about his own death and burial? Was King David gay? We will discuss such questions in an adult class on the Hebrew Bible (or Old Testament) **after church on five Sundays Sept. 27, Oct. 4, Oct. 11, Oct. 18, and Nov. 1 (skipping Oct. 25)**. We'll meet in the Fellowship Building beginning at 11:45 a.m. and end each session at 1:00 p.m.

**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](http://uuharvard.org)) and click on the link for Sign-Up Genius.

**Bargains in the Belfry** It's time to clean out closets and think Bargains. Bargains in the Belfry is accepting men's and women's lightly used clothing starting now. Items for consignment or donation may be left, with a note giving your name and phone number, in the church office or outside the Bargains door. The shop will be open each Tuesday 10-4 and the first and third Sundays 11:30-12:30, **starting in October**. Proceeds from the Shop benefit the church and the community. Contact Dorothy Solbrig, 978-772-9245, for more information about Bargains in the Belfry.

**October 4<sup>th</sup> is Loaves and Fishes Sunday**  
The first Sunday of every month, our church donates food and other necessities to Loaves and Fishes food pantry in Devens. In recent years, we have focused our donations on one type of most needed item per month. For **Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**, please bring in condiments such as **ketchup, mayonnaise and mustard**. Please place your donations in the designated baskets in the church's foyer and we will be sure to get your donations to Loaves and Fishes in a timely manner. Questions? Contact Risa Goldman at [risajan@aol.com](mailto:risajan@aol.com).

**Mark your calendar for October 6** Join us for an informal conversation with Rev. J. Mark Worth -- "Mark." He is the son of a Methodist minister, and became a Unitarian Universalist in 1970 when the UU Church in Pittsfield, MA, was running a draft counseling center. He has been a UU minister since 1991, and recently completed a 2-year interim ministry in Westborough. All are welcome to attend the potluck at 6:30 and/or the program at 7:00.  
—Women's Alliance

**You're Invited to a UU Workshop for Strengthening Social Justice**, in our

Fellowship Building Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> from 1-5pm. For more information and to register, go to this link: [Workshop](#) or call 617-948-6429.

**Next Pot Luck:** November 8<sup>th</sup> hosted by The Building Bridges Youth Group, in the style of a "Hunger Banquet."

**Fair Trade Faire** The Women's Alliance and the Social Action Committee will be hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Fair Trade Faire on Sunday, November 22. It is a festive event celebrating the work of women artisans cooperatives from all over the world and a perfect opportunity for some ethical holiday shopping. We are seeking help with set-up, break-down and greeting. If you would like to volunteer please contact Paige O'Brien, (617) 515-9637; [paigeob21@gmail.com](mailto:paigeob21@gmail.com).

**Join the Glean Team!** The Glean Team is a group of more than 60 volunteers whose mission it is to reduce food waste, combat local hunger, raise community awareness and increase the availability of local produce at food pantries. Contact Risa Goldman at [risajan@aol.com](mailto:risajan@aol.com). Thanks!

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Sept. 27

10:00am Worship Service

*"Why I'm a Unitarian"*

Rev. J. Mark Worth

11:20-11:50am Jr. Choir

11:45-1:00 Adult Faith Formation:

*"The Bible As They Never*

*Taught It In Sunday School"*

Thu. Oct. 1

7:30pm Sr. Choir rehearsal

Sun. Oct. 4

10:00am Worship Service in the

Fellowship Building

*"Blessing the Animals"*

Rev. J. Mark Worth

11:20-11:50am Jr. Choir

11:30-12:30 Bargains open

11:30-1:00 SHYG

11:45-1:00 Adult Faith Formation:

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12:00-1:00 Chimers