



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
October 11th 2015

SHARING OUR PLATE: October, UUSC Checks made out to UUSC and 50% of the cash from the collection plate go to UUSC for their support of refugees and migrants from Syria. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is trying to raise \$250,000 to help our crisis response team respond to this crisis, and to especially help the women and children who are most vulnerable. For more information, please go to: <http://www.uusc.org/topics/immigration> Social Action Committee is open to hearing of your ideas for helping support refugees. Contact Georgia Sassen or Rev. Mark. Thank you so much for your compassion.

This Week's Service Oct. 11, 10:00 a.m.
"Why I'm a Universalist" Rev. J. Mark Worth
The second U in UU is Universalist. Our church in Harvard was a Unitarian church in the congregational tradition. Who are the Universalists? Mark tells how a Methodist Youth Fellowship field trip converted him to Universalism.

Next Week's Service Oct. 18, 10:00 a.m.
"The Beauty of Imperfection" Rev. J. Mark Worth
Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, "There is a crack in everything God has made." In Western religious traditions it's understood that we're all imperfect, and that while we can improve, human perfection just isn't possible. Mark's sermon will draw on the wisdom of Taoism, Buddhism, Christian theologian Reinhold Niebuhr, Marilyn Monroe, and the close of the baseball season to find the beauty of imperfection.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Oct. 11th

- Nursery: open at 9:45.
- Butterfly Garden (PreK-1st): Promises Story.

- Rock Garden (2nd-4th Gr): Flaming Chalice story; collaborative art project about community.
- Cosmics (5th-6th Gr): St. Francis and the souls of animals.
- Building Bridges (7th-9th Gr): Introduction to Other Faiths.

Oct. 18th

- Nursery: open at 9:45.
- Butterfly Garden (PreK-1st): Promises Story: William's Doll.
- Rock Garden (2nd-4th Gr): What is a UU? Revisiting Our Principles (Promises Story; collaborative poetry project)
- Cosmics (5th-6th Gr): St. Francis, origin stories, poverty and hunger.
- Building Bridges (7th-9th Gr): Faith 1: World Religions: Unitarian Universalist.
- SHYG: Meeting at 11:30. OWL 2015 Reunion at Littleton FCU, 5-7pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Action Committee Suggests ...

Signing the petition that will be available at coffee hour today which is being supported by UUMassAction. It would put on the ballot a question regarding raising the Mass Income Tax for families making more than one million dollars a year in taxable income, to support education, transportation and our crumbling road infrastructure. This web site <http://raiseupma.org/constitutional-amendment-campaign/> (and printed info we will pass around) tells you more. Link to read more about what UUMassAction, our statewide UU social action group, is doing these days <http://www.uumassaction.org/>

Adult Faith Formation: "The Bible As They Never Taught It In Sunday School" after church Oct. 11, Oct. 18, and Nov. 1 (skipping Oct. 25). We'll meet in the Fellowship Building 11:45 – 1:00pm.

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.

You're Invited to a UU Workshop for Strengthening Social Justice, in our Fellowship Building Oct. 24th from 1-5pm. For more information and to register, go to this link: [Workshop](#) or call [617-948-6429](tel:617-948-6429). The HUUC will pay the cost of admission for up to six congregants.

Bargains in the Belfry is accepting men's and women's lightly used clothing. 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. Proceeds from the Shop benefit the church and the community. Contact Dorothy Solbrig, 978-772-9245.

Come hear our musicians play classical music while enjoying a cocktail and bitings at the Chapman-Ruze home at 42 Willow Road at 4 pm, October 18. Ted, Eleanor, Helen and John will entertain you with great music from the classical repertoire. **This was an auction item, but we can still seat more people and the proceeds benefit the church.** Suggested donation is \$25. Please let John know if you'd like to come: jpnchapman@yahoo.com or 978-456-0033.

Thanksgiving Collection for Loaves and Fishes – Sunday, November 1st 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. You may leave your donations in the Loaves and Fishes baskets in the church's foyer. Questions? Please contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com.

Next Belfry Deadline is Tue. Oct. 20.

Next Pot Luck: November 8th 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 6th annual Fair Trade Faire on Sun., Nov. 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.

Sunday Services are now available on the Web We are now recording Sunday Services and they are available on the church Web page (UUHarvard.org) under "other services." The entire service is recorded including the choir. You can access it with your computer, tablet or telephone. Only services in the sanctuary can be recorded. The recording facility can be utilized for other events. If you plan to make use of this ability please contact Elinor Stapleton, Bill Cordner or Otto T. Solbrig.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Oct. 11

9:45am Nursery open

10:00am Worship Service

"Why I'm a Universalist"

Rev. J. Mark Worth

11:45-1:00 Adult Faith Formation

Mon. Oct. 12 Office closed

Tue. Oct. 13

10-4 Bargains open

Thu. Oct. 15

7:30pm Board mtg.

Sun. Oct. 18

9:45am Nursery open

10:00am Worship Service

"The Beauty of Imperfection"

Rev. J. Mark Worth

11:20-11:50 Jr Choir

11:30-1:00 SHYG

11:30-12:30 Bargains open

11:45-1:00 Adult Faith Formation

Noon-1:00 Chimers