



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
November 8th 2015

SHARING OUR PLATE: November

Our Father's House, a private, nonsectarian 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. 50% of cash donations will go to our church and 50% to Our Father's House, **please make checks out to Our Father's House**.

Social Action Committee will meet Nov. 20 at 11:30 at the home of Georgia Sassen.

This Week's Service Nov. 8, 10:00 a.m.

"Your Deep Gladness...And" Meck Groot Justice Ministries Lead for the New England Regional staff, will explore with us the question of what we offer a broken world. What should we do when the gap between the world as it is and the world as it could be breaks our hearts? The good news is that it is not our job to fix, transform or save the world. Each of us only has one job: to deliver our gifts intentionally and generously to the communities that long for them. Come join us for a service to consider and celebrate that call.

Next Week's Service Nov. 15, 10:00 a.m.

"The Shoemaker's Window" Rev. J. Mark Worth In Chartres Cathedral there are many beautiful stained-glass windows; at the bottom of one of these great windows there is a small frame that shows a cobbler, a shoemaker huddled over his worktable. This is the shoemaker's window, installed in 1201, and is considered one of the most beautiful of all. It was a gift from the shoemakers of every village in France. What lesson can we learn from the shoemaker's window?

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

November 8th:

Nursery: open at 9:45

Butterfly Garden (PreK-1st): Promises Story: "The Girl Who Loved Animals"

Rock Garden (2nd-4th Gr): Prep for Transitions social action project and game drive

Cosmics (5th-6th Gr): Learn about and prepare for Hunger Banquet

Building Bridges (7th-9th Gr): Hunger Awareness Potluck

Looking ahead to November 15th:

Nursery: open at 9:45

Butterfly Garden (PreK-1st): Prayer Beads: What am I thankful for?

Rock Garden (2nd-4th Gr): Visitor from Transitions

Cosmics (5th-6th Gr): Hunger/Poverty - debrief Hunger Banquet

Building Bridges (7th-9th Gr): Play Day!

SHYG (10th-12th Gr): 11:30 meeting - Ongoing clothing collection for CityReach. (11/20-11/21: participation in CityReach)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hunger Awareness Potluck, Sunday, November 8, after service in the

Fellowship Building This Potluck is hosted by the Building Bridges Youth Group, 7th, 8th, and 9th graders learning about World Religions. The mission of the event is to simulate the imbalanced distribution of food in our world. Potluck attendees are asked to bring a simple dish (rice, beans, vegetables and bread) to share. As they arrive at the Fellowship Building, a handful of individuals will be randomly selected to enjoy a gourmet meal prepared by the Youth Group. For more information:

bridges@uuharvard.org

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.

The 2016 Grand Prix race is underway! Join the race to fuel the church's programs and build our future together!

The Fair Trade Faire is Sunday, November 22, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Fellowship Building The Women's Alliance and the Social Action Committee of HUUC invite you to come to this wonderful event, now in its 6th year. With the mission of celebrating and supporting women artisan cooperatives in developing countries, the Fair Trade Faire offers charming wares and beautiful handicrafts from all over the world. Get a start on your holiday shopping and make a difference!

If you are interested in helping our hosts, The Women's Alliance and the Social Action Committee, with greeting, working the raffle table, setting up or breaking down, please sign up on the designated clip boards in the Sanctuary foyer or contact Paige O'Brien, paigeob21@gmail.com

We are now recording Sunday Services, available on our church Web page (UUHarvard.org). Pull down from "Other Information" to Sermons/Services. If you want **printed copy** call Elinor 456-8752. If you want to record a concert or event please plan to use your own 'thumb drive.' Thanks.

CityReach Once again the SHYG will be participating in CityReach through the Common Cathedral in Boston. They will be working with others to provide clothing, food and kindness, while learning stories of homelessness. Please help our effort by donating **winter clothing for adults**, or money to buy new socks and underwear. Collection bins are in the Fellowship Bldg and Sanctuary.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Nov. 8
10:00am Worship Service
*"Your Deep Gladness...And"
Meck Groot*
11:30 All Church Potluck
Noon-1:00 Chimers

Tue. Nov. 10
10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

Wed. Nov. 11
7:30pm Board mtg

Sun. Nov. 15
10:00am Worship Service
*"The Shoemaker's Window"
Rev. J. Mark Worth*
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Tue. Nov. 17
Belfry Deadline

Holiday Food Collection for Loaves and Fishes – Sunday, December 6th On Monday, December 21st, 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 6th, 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.

Save the Date for the UU Seder –
Friday, April 8, 2016 at 6pm