



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
December 13th 2015

SHARING OUR PLATE: December
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***.

This Week's Service Dec. 13, 10:00 a.m.
"Good King Wenceslas"

Rev. J. Mark Worth

Good King Wenceslas, or Wenceslaus, was actually a Bohemian Duke named Vaclav. He was murdered by his brother, Boleslav the Cruel, in 935. Wenceslas is a national hero and saint today in the Czech Republic. Come and hear how Duke Vaclav became the centerpiece of one of our favorite Christmas carols. Children begin in the Fellowship building.
With the Chimers.

3:30 & 4:30 p.m. Ecumenical Christmas Pageant

Next Week's Service Dec. 20, 10:00 a.m.
Intergenerational Solstice Service

Come join our dancers and mummies and singers as together we celebrate the arrival of winter.

Messiah Sing-In 5:00 p.m.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

December 13th

Nursery opens at 9:45; all children/youth begin in Fellowship Building.

Butterfly Garden (PreK-1st): Solstice theme (Nativity Spirit Play)

Rock Garden (2nd-4th Gr): TBD

Cosmix (5th-6th Gr): Mummies Play practice

Building Bridges (7th-9th Gr): Mummies Play practice

Looking ahead to December 20th

Nursery opens at 9:45; Solstice Story for All Ages in the Sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meditation for December Wednesdays at 7:00pm. Feeling overwhelmed, rushed or disconnected? Come join us for 30 minutes of meditation and perhaps a reading. We will sit together in the quiet and peaceful silence. You may leave feeling more present, perhaps with clarity and/or a sense of connectedness to our community and to this moment in time. We welcome all who care to join us, in the Fellowship Building: Charlanne Van Wormer Community Room (CR) or Sutherland Hall (SH): Dec. 16 CR, Dec. 23 SH, Dec. 30 CR
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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.

Our words for the chalice lighting and lighting of the Advent candles are from Rev. Dr. Howard Thurman (1899-1981).

January 3rd is Loaves and Fishes Sunday

While many people remember to donate food during the holiday season, sometimes it is easy to forget that the need is great after the holidays as well. If you are able, please bring in **boxed or canned pasta and jars or cans of tomato sauce**, which are some of their most needed items, and leave them in the Loaves and Fishes donation area in the church's foyer. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.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.'

Music instructor with over 20 years playing experience and 10 years teaching will be providing **lessons at the Fellowship Building** in guitar, bass, drums/percussion and piano. For more information please email michaelgeezil@gmail.com

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Sun. Dec. 13th "Christmas Vespers" at 5 PM Featuring Camille Saint Saëns' Christmas Oratorio This very special Candlelight Vesper service will include a beautiful string orchestra prelude and the Christmas Oratorio by Camille Saint Saëns sung by the First Parish Adult Choir with guest soloists and accompanied by a string orchestra and organ. The service will also include carols for all to sing and a reflection on the music offered. We will conclude the service by remember those affected by terrorist attacks around the world and together pray and sing for peace. This musical service is our holiday gift to the greater community. Please let people in the community know about it and bring your friends and neighbors. The music will be under the direction of Mike Pfitzer with Malcolm Halliday, organist, and The Rev.

Tom Rosiello and Intern Minister Ilene Gillispie leading worship.

Save the Date! HUU Church Auction: March 5

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Dec. 13

9:45am Nursery open

10:00am Worship Service

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3:30 & 4:30pm Performances

in our sanctuary of the town's

Ecumenical Christmas Pageant

Wed. Dec. 16

7-7:30pm Meditation

Sun. Dec. 20

9:45am Nursery open

10:00 Solstice Service

Intergenerational

Mummers & Sword Dancing

11:30-12:30 Bargains open??

5:00 p.m. Messiah

Interfaith Community Sing-In

Our own Emma Sullivan (graduated last year) is continuing her UU traditions by joining a service trip sponsored by the Center for Service, Spirituality, and Social Justice at Dickinson College. She is one of 15 people heading for Cameroon, in Central Africa, to work with the local schools and orphanages of this bilingual population. The trip is focused on social justice and understanding the inequities of their educational system. She hopes to bring back what she has learned to the larger Dickinson community. To help make this mission possible for her, she would greatly appreciate any financial support we can give her. If you are willing and/or able please send in your tax deductible check made out to Dickinson College, with Emma Sullivan in the memo, and send it to the Center for Service, Spirituality, and Social Justice; PO Box 1773; Carlisle, PA 17013 by December 17th.