



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2016

## **SHARING OUR PLATE: January** Please make checks out to “*UUSC*”.

The January Sharing Our Plate collection will be donated to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. The UUSC advances human rights and social justice in the United States and around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies.

## **This Week’s Service Jan. 3, 2016** **10:00 a.m.**

*"Less Drama, More Dharma"*

*Rev. J. Mark Worth*

Making New Year's resolutions for 2016? Consider the wisdom of Buddhism to guide your decisions in the coming year.

**Musicians:** John Chapman, guitar, kalimba, electric piano, jazz organ and harmonica; Helen Batchelder, vocals

## **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](mailto:risajan@aol.com).

## **Next Week’s Service Jan. 10, 2016**

*Emotions, feelings, thoughts. How they work, why they are important.*

*Kerry Alexander*

**Music:** Senior Choir

## **YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS**

January 3rd: start in the Sanctuary  
BG: Ferdinand & the Blue promise  
RG: Lydia Marie Child: gender and racial equality  
CG: Promises verses hopes; creed verses covenant; resolutions for a new year.  
BB: Attending Church Service  
SHYG: meeting 11:30-1:00

January 10th: start in the FB  
BG: A lesson on MLK & the indigo promise  
RG: Ruby Bridges: the orange promise  
CG: Mindfulness--partial viewing of the movie *Inside Out*. A continuation of our free and responsible search for truth and meaning, on a personal level.  
BB: Catholicism begins  
SHYG: does not meet today.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Tuesday Jan. 5th 2016 at 6:30 p.m.**  
**Potluck followed by Program.** Fellowship Building. Alliance. “We will recreate our Campfire Days. Joys to greet the winter. Come join the circle for songs and stories!”  
-Donnalisa Johnson & friends. Hostesses Diane Cordner and Lisa Zhao. Snow date is Jan. 12<sup>th</sup>

**Save the Date! HUU Church Auction:**  
**March 5**

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

**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](mailto:michaelgeezil@gmail.com)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Jan. 3, 2016

Loaves & Fishes Collection  
10:00am Worship Service  
*"Less Drama, More Dharma"*  
Rev. J. Mark Worth  
11:20-11:50am Jr. Choir

Tue. Jan. 5

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open  
6:30 & 7:30pm Alliance

Sun. Jan. 10

10:00am Worship Service  
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important.*  
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11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir  
12:00-1:00 Chimers

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### SHARING OUR PLATE: January

UUSC. The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC), is helping refugees from Syria and Afghanistan in Turkey, Europe and helping communities welcome them in the US if/when our government helps them get here. Since this crisis is reaching enormous proportions, the SAC has decided to give as much as possible to help our Service Committee in this work.

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee advances human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies. UUSC focuses on four major program areas in their efforts to advance human rights and social justice.

They work in partnership with local grassroots organizations in the United States and around the world, standing with these communities as they confront unjust power structures and challenge oppressive policies. In each program area, they focus

especially on issues of race, class, and gender and their roles in perpetuating injustice and human rights abuses.

*Protecting rights in humanitarian crises.* UUSC responds strategically to disasters, whether natural or man-made, focusing especially on defending the rights of marginalized and oppressed populations. People who are marginalized within a society before an earthquake hits or a war begins will find themselves even further down the ladder after the crisis. The Rights in Humanitarian Crises unit works to defend the rights of marginalized groups to relief assistance, participation in reconstruction, and full recovery. They form partnerships with local or national organizations working with marginalized people and work together to strategize about how to best defend their rights to relief and recovery.

*Advancing economic justice.* Economic justice is essential for securing basic human rights, alleviating local and global poverty, and achieving a more peaceful and just world. As a human rights and social justice organization, UUSC embraces a vision of economic human rights, recognizing that workers' rights are human rights.

*Defending civil liberties and access to democratic processes.* UUSC partners with civil liberties organizations and civil society groups working to defend freedom and rights from abuse by government power by strengthening individual liberty and democratic processes in the Global War on Terror.

*Promoting environmental justice.* UUSC's primary focus in this area is promoting and defending the human right to water, especially in communities facing water-service privatization and resource depletion. The human right to water entitles everyone to sufficient, safe, acceptable, physically accessible and affordable water for personal and domestic use.

More information is available at <http://www.uusc.org>.