



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
January 24th 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. 24, 10:00 a.m.

*"What's Right With Islam"*

*Rev. J. Mark Worth*

A majority of Americans tell pollsters that they admit to being prejudiced against Islam. At the same time they admit that they know almost nothing about the beliefs of Muslims. Not all Muslims think alike; Islam is as diverse, just as Christianity is diverse. However, Muslims and conservative Christians generally agree on such topics as modesty, alcohol, and family values. This is the first of two sermons on Islam.

## Next Week's Service Jan. 31, 10:00 a.m.

*"Islam: Jihad or Reformation?"*

*Rev. J. Mark Worth*

Recent attacks in Paris, and in San Bernardino, CA, have left many people jittery. However, more Americans drown in the bathtub, or are killed by falling furniture, than die in terrorist attacks. In this, the second of two sermons on Islam, Mark will discuss why Islam has such high regard for Jesus, and whether or not a Muslim Reformation is possible.

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS January 24<sup>th</sup>

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

Butterfly Garden (PreK-1<sup>st</sup>): Promise Story:  
"The Empty Pot"

Rock Garden (2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Gr): Maria Mitchell –  
Infinity of Questions

Cosmix (5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Gr): Virtues Video –  
Compassion

Building Bridges (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Gr): Christianity 2

SHYG (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Gr): 11:30am -  
Spirituality, Service and Snacks

## Looking ahead to January 31<sup>st</sup>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Coming Soon:**

### **The Auction!**

Our theme this year is

### **Building Fellowship**

And the date is

**March 5, 2016**

Be creative, involve your kids, join with others in the fun of creating an event, or a party, or something new and different! And look for a new way to have some fun – coming next week!! Donation and reservation forms are now in the foyer and on line. Donation forms are due February 7. So get those creative juices flowing.

## Loaves and Fishes Sunday is February

7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 As you might imagine, high winter heating bills can cause a lot of financial stress on Loaves and Fishes clients. You can help by donating cans of **hearty soup** (or other food or toiletry

items), which will allow clients to spend less money on food and more on keeping their homes warm for the winter. Please leave your donations in the Loaves and Fishes baskets in the foyer of the sanctuary for **Sunday, February 7th**. If you have questions, please contact Risa Goldman at [risajan@aol.com](mailto:risajan@aol.com). Thank you.

**Helping People Care for Themselves on Valentine's Day** As has become an annual tradition, the children in Faith Formation would like to provide everyone who visits Loaves and Fishes during the week of Valentine's Day with a complete set of personal hygiene products. The children will decorate and pack these Valentine's Day bags on **February 7th** so please bring in your donation on or before that date. A list of suggested items to give to men, women and children is below. Please leave your donation in the marked box in the church's foyer and thank you in advance for your participation...

- Body wash
- Soap
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Deodorant
- Emery boards
- Chap stick, pocket size tissue
- Disposable razors
- Shaving cream
- Hand lotion
- Body lotion
- Comb
- Cough drops
- Toothbrush, toothpaste

**Potluck Hungarian Brunch 14 February**

*Can't think what to cook, your best bet  
"Hungarian food" on the Internet  
The first third of the alphabet, bring entrées  
or bread,  
The second third veggies, yellow, green or  
red,  
The last yummy desserts and we'll all be  
well fed.  
If you are averse to any of these,  
just bring yourself and whatever you please.  
-Mary Donald*

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sun. Jan. 24  
 9:45 a.m. Nursery open  
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
*"What's Right With Islam"*  
*Rev. J. Mark Worth*  
 11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir  
 11:30-1:00 SHYG  
 12:00-1:00 Chimers

Tue. Jan. 26  
 10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

Wed. Jan. 27  
 7-9pm Caring Network mtg.

Thu. Jan. 28  
 7:15-9:15pm Welcome Team mtg.

Sat. Jan. 30  
 9:00-2:00 Blood Drive in FB

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**Blood Drive in our FB Sat. 1/30 9:00-2:00**

Collections were lower than expected over the holidays, and we are consequently facing a blood shortage. We are having a difficult time meeting patient needs. Due to the critical and urgent nature of the blood supply we are encouraging any and all eligible donors to roll up their sleeves and donate blood this January.  
 -Gary Beaton, Account Manager, Northern Worcester County; American Red Cross, Biomedical Services; 381 Plantation Street Worcester, MA 01605; (508) 277-6712 (cell); [gary.beaton@redcross.org](mailto:gary.beaton@redcross.org)

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

