



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
April 3rd 2016

SHARING OUR PLATE: April **Sharing Our Plate – Growing Places**

Each week 50% of the plate cash contributions, plus checks made out to them, go to a designated charity. (The balance of the cash and checks made out to the church go to the church.) Growing Places Garden Project is a non-profit founded in Harvard which fights food insecurity in low-income households. GPGP donates gardens and provides support services to enable people to grow fresh vegetables, herbs and edible flowers for themselves and their loved ones. Our contributions will be used to fund materials for building those gardens. For more information, please call 978-598-3723 or visit <http://growingplaces.org/>

Please make checks out to GPGP.

This Week's Service Apr. 3, 10:00 a.m.
"At Home in the Universe" Rev. J. Mark Worth Margaret Fuller, the 19th century Unitarian, transcendentalist, and feminist author and editor, once proclaimed "I accept the universe!" And her contemporary, the Scottish essayist and philosopher Thomas Carlyle, responded sharply, "By gad, she'd better." The late Rev. Forrest Church writes, "[Carlyle] was thinking of the universe as housing for our bodies; Fuller celebrated it as her soul's true

Next Week's Service Apr. 10, 10:00 a.m.
"Dark Secrets" David Rynick None of us are completely honest – with ourselves, with our partners, or with each other. Fortunately, most secrets are harmless. But there are other secrets, dark secrets that pull us into their orbit and recruit us into a silence that diminishes us all. How do we work effectively with the powerful forces that maintain these harmful secrets? How can we live in a way that is more honest and that reflects the love and compassion we want to stand for?

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

April 3rd

Nursery opens at 9:45; all other children/youth begin in the Sanctuary.

Story for All Ages by SHYG about the Walk for Hunger

Butterfly Garden (PreK-1st): "The Little Creek"

Rock Garden (2nd-4th): NC Wyeth: Art as a spiritual practice

Cosmix (5th-6th): Origins of the Universe: Constellations as mythology

Building Bridges (7th-9th): Social Action Sunday: Seder prep

SHYG (10th-12th): 11:30am: Spirituality, Service & Snacks

Looking ahead to April 10th

Nursery opens at 9:45

Reminder: Faith Formation Family Field Trip to Heifer Farm leaves from the Fellowship Building at 9am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our next Social Justice Ministries Council (SJMC) meeting will be on Sunday, April 3 from 11:45-1:15 in the Fellowship Building (CR). I would like to propose three items for our agenda. Please send me additional agenda items if you are so moved to: farough.steve@gmail.com.

I. Discuss what we mean by social justice

II. Establish our Charter (see suggested goals below)

III. Select our first social justice project (i.e. Presidential Elections, Ending Gun Violence in America, Support Black Lives Matter movement.)

-Steve Farough

We have posted the job for Director of Faith Formation on INDEED.com, Idealist.org and with LREDA, and the

UUA. We know, from listening to other churches that have recently been through this search, that the number of applicants is likely to be few and that many churches are looking to fill the same position. I am asking you to spread the word. Think of people you have known, who might know someone, who might be perfect. On our website is an explanation of who we are as a church and as a Faith Formation program <http://uuharvard.org/FaithFormationSearchPacket>. It also includes our job description. All you have to do is direct possible candidates to our website. We would appreciate all the help we can get in finding that perfect person.

-Thank you, Kate Stamm

The Annual UU Family Passover Seder will be held on Friday, April 8, 2016 from 6:00pm-9:00pm in the Fellowship Building.

Our seder is open to all members of our community, young and old alike. The Seder includes stories, music and a potluck dinner. Please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert – plan to bring enough to serve 8-10 persons. Come enjoy delicious matzoh ball soup (chicken and vegetarian) prepared by our Youth Group!

(<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harvard-uu-family-seder-2016-tickets-22695243083> or go to eventbrite.com and search for Harvard UU Seder) or contact Ruth Silman 978-456-9115 or rsilman@nixonpeabody.com

David Rynick's Workshop following the April 10 Worship: The Secret To Happiness: Accepting What Is Already Here

In this workshop, we will explore the basics of Zen mindfulness meditation as a path of accepting what is already here. In considering the possibility of dropping our ancient struggle against the way things are, we can begin to glimpse a new way of being that is available to us in each moment.

Through guided meditations, reflection and silence, we will practice the possibility of cultivating a basic happiness right where we are. David is a long-time friend, preacher and workshop leader here at the Harvard UU church. He is founding Abbot of Boundless Way Zen Temple

(www.worcesterzen.org) where he lives with his wife and fellow Zen teacher, Melissa Myozen Blacker. David is also a Life and Leadership Coach and author of **THIS TRUTH NEVER FAILS: A ZEN MEMOIR IN FOUR SEASONS**. You can learn more about him and read his blog at www.davidrynick.com

Next Social Action Committee meeting will be April 15 at 11 am. Call Georgia at 456 3545 for more info. Thanks.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Apr. 3

Loaves & Fishes Collection

8:45 a.m. Chimers

9:45 a.m. Nursery open

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

At Home in the Universe"

Rev. J. Mark Worth

10-11:30 Matzoh Ball Soup prep

Bargains in the Belfry open

11:30-1:00 SHYG (clsm)

11:45-1:15 SJMC (CR)

Tue. Apr. 5

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

Fri. Apr. 8

6:00 p.m. Family Passover Seder

Sat. Apr. 9

6:00 p.m. Family Game Night

Sun. Apr. 10

9:45 a.m. Nursery open

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

"Dark Secrets"

David Rynick

Workshop: The Secret To Happiness: Accepting What Is Already Here

Annual Reports are due to me by April 29 (with edits or corrections due the first week of May). If you want me to send you the text file of your committee's report from last year or a previous year, please let me know. An attached Word file and/or pasted text in the body of the email works fine. Please let me know if you have any questions. Thanks. -Elinor Stapleton 978-456-8752 admin@uuharvard.org