



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
April 10<sup>th</sup> 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. 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?

**The Chimers for this Sunday are:** Carol Barnes, Audrey Ball, Meg Burt, Diane Cordner, John Chapman, Jin Hong, Julie Anne Medjanis, Patti Ruze, Dorothy Solbrig, Carol Storrs, Cassandra Werthman  
Anthem- "Buddhist Chimes" by Donnalisa Johnson, Director- Eleanor Toth

## **Next Week's Service Apr. 17, 10:00 a.m.** **"Earth Day"**

Rev. J. Mark Worth

A multi-generational Earth Day service.

## **YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS**

**April 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Nursery opens at 9:45.*

**Heifer Farm Family Field Trip**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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](http://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](http://www.davidrynick.com)

### **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. It includes our job description: <http://uuharvard.org/FaithFormationSearchPacket>.** 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.

-Kate Stamm

***“Courage & Compassion in the Holy Land and in our Church”*** Pat Westwater-Jong will speak on the current situation in Palestine on Tuesday April 12<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room in the Fellowship Building. We will have pot-luck at 6:30, and the program will begin at 7:30. All are welcome.

-Alice Rennie

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

**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  
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**There will be a Blood Drive Saturday April 23rd in Sutherland Hall from 9:00-2:00.**

**Coming Up: Walk for Hunger Pep Rally, Sunday, April 24, Coffee Hour.** Join the Senior High and Building Bridges Youth Groups for hospitality in the Fellowship Building. Let’s show our support for the Harvard Hunger Resistance Team!!

-Paige O’Brien

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Apr. 10

9:15 a.m. Chimers rehearse

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**

Tue. Apr. 12

10-4 Bargains in Belfry open

6:30, 7:30 p.m. Potluck & Program

Alliance: ***“Courage & Compassion in the Holy Land and in our Church”***

Wed. Apr. 13

7:00 p.m. Faith Formation Team

Thu. Apr. 14

7:00-9:00 p.m. Board meeting

Sun. Apr. 17

9:45 a.m. Nursery open

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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**The Worcester Chamber Music Society performs “Madness in Reason” Friday, April 15, 7:30 PM in our sanctuary.**

Featured artists: world-renowned pianist Bernadene Blaha, piano and Omar Chen Guey, violin (a member of the Grammy nominated A Far Cry). The program will feature music by Martinu, Mozart and Schumann. There will be a pre-concert talk at 7:00 PM. Tickets: Adults \$32, Seniors \$27, Students \$10 and Youth under 17 free admission A limited number of free tickets are available at the Acton/Boxborough, Ayer, Bolton and Harvard senior centers and public libraries. This concert is generously sponsored by grants from the Acton/Boxborough, Bolton and Harvard Cultural Councils, local agencies funded by the Massachusetts Cultural Council. For more information, visit

[WorcesterChamberMusic.org](http://WorcesterChamberMusic.org)

or call 508-217-4450