



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
April 17<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. 17, 10:00 a.m.** **"Earth Day" Intergenerational Service** Rev. J. Mark Worth

The Athabasca Glacier, in the Canadian Rockies, is receding by about 8 feet per year. It has only half the volume that it had 125 years ago. Faced with global climate change, how do we live out our Seventh Principle, "We covenant to affirm and promote respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part"?

## **Next Week's Service Apr. 24, 10:00 a.m.** **"Why Agnostics Go to Church"** Rev. J. Mark Worth

T. H. Huxley coined the term, "agnostic," in 1869. For Huxley agnosticism was as demanding as any moral, philosophical, or religious creed. He expressed this principle positively as: "Follow your reason as far as it will take you," and negatively as: "Do not pretend that conclusions are certain which are not demonstrated or demonstrable."  
(Coffee Hour Hospitality in the Fellowship Building: Walk for Hunger Pep Rally)

## **YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS**

### **April 17<sup>th</sup>:**

**Intergenerational Service about Earth Day.** (Although there is no nursery care today, you are free to bring your whole family including babies, to the service.)  
**SHYG** (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>): 11:30am: Spirituality, Service & Snacks

### **Looking ahead to April 24<sup>th</sup>:**

*Nursery opens at 9:45; all children begin in the Fellowship Building-*

**Butterfly Garden, Rock Garden & Cosmix:** Spiritual Practice: Donnalisa - Sacred Drumming

**Building Bridges** (7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>): 10am-12p: Social Action Sunday: Walk for Hunger Pep Rally with SHYG; Hospitality after Service.

**SHYG will join in the Walk for Hunger Pep Rally with Building Bridges**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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

**Annual Reports are due to me 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.

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**There will be a Blood Drive Saturday April 23rd in Sutherland Hall from 9:00-2:00.** If you have any questions, please call Gary Beaton at 508-277-6712

**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

**May 1, 2016 Loaves and Fishes is In Need of Cereal** Please consider looking through your cabinets or going out to purchase an extra box or two of cereal for Loaves and Fishes. They request no oatmeal or Cheerios but any other kind is fine. As always, if you have something other than cereal to donate, Loaves and Fishes will gratefully accept that also. Once you have gathered your donation, please leave it in the Loaves and Fishes labeled baskets in the church foyer for **Sunday, May 1st**. If you have questions, please contact Risa Goldman at [risajan@aol.com](mailto:risajan@aol.com). Thank you.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Apr. 17  
10:00 a.m. Intergenerational  
Worship Service  
**"Earth Day"**  
*Rev. J. Mark Worth*  
Bargains in the Belfry open

Mon. Apr. 18  
Office Closed

Tue. Apr. 19  
Belfry Deadline  
10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

Sat. Apr. 23  
9:00-2:00 Blood Drive

Sun. Apr. 24  
9:45 a.m. Nursery open  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
**"Why Agnostics Go to Church"**  
*Rev. J. Mark Worth*  
Coffee Hour in Fellowship Bldg:  
**Walk for Hunger Pep Rally**