



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
September 18th 2016

SHARING OUR PLATE: September Checks made out to **Loaves & Fishes** and 50% of the cash from the collection plate go to our local food pantry, which provides food, clothing, camper-ships and after-school enrichment scholarships, emergency shelter, resource referral, and other temporary services. Volunteer stewards and a trained mental health worker listen with understanding and empathy to the complex situations of clients and suggest actions to promote independence and increased self-reliance. Loaves & Fishes serves over 600 families in Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton, and Shirley.

**This Week's Service Sunday Sept. 18
10:00 a.m. All Ages Service**

Britt Argow

“The Cowfish Problem, or: How Can Those People Still Think That?”

The old saying about walking a mile in someone else's shoes is still true today. In these divisive times, what can we remember about ourselves and "the other" that can help us to communicate better and live together more peacefully?

Music: Eleanor Toth, piano

Hospitality: Leslie Neville

Greeter: Mary Donald

Sign up to be a Greeter, Usher, or do Hospitality at the Connections Table or [online](#)

**Next Week's Service, Sunday, Sept. 25
10:00 a.m.**

Rev. J. Mark Worth

“Salvation by Astronomy.”

The old story of Salvation no longer makes sense to most of us. Yet our world is wounded. There is too much suffering. How do we find reconciliation and deliverance from conflict? If the dogma of the cross doesn't save us, what will?

Music: Sr. Choir

FAITH FORMATION NOTICES

** If any committees are in need of child care for meetings on Sundays or throughout the week, please contact Daniel Payne at dff@uuharvard.org to make arrangements.

** The Coming of Age program is looking for someone who is CPR-certified and available to co-chaperone the Coming of Age youth during an overnight retreat on **November 11**. Please contact Leslie Neville or Chuck McCormack if you or someone you know may be interested in volunteering.

** There will be a youth social event tonight, **September 18, 5-7 pm**, at the Stow/Acton UU Church. This event is open to ALL youth in grades 7-12. It will be a fun time of games, snacks and socializing with other UU youth from the area!

** There will be a short Faith Formation parent meeting after worship service on **September 25, 11:30 - 12:15**. All parents with children and youth in the FF programs are highly encouraged to attend.

Please join us Saturday, October 1st, 5-8pm, for a Family Game Night in the Fellowship Building! The FF Team will provide an Ice Cream Sunday bar. Potluck Dinner. You can contact Leslie Neville at [978-456-9870](tel:978-456-9870) or ffteam@uuharvard.org with any questions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stay Connected! Thanks to all who visited the new Connections Table last Sunday. We hope you found it to be a helpful way to learn about upcoming HUUC events and programs. Stop by this Sunday to sign up for the upcoming New UU Classes, the Weaving Our Stories class, or to request a Name Button. You can also put your name down to Greet, Usher, and provide Hospitality. We always welcome new members. [Contact us!](#) connections@uuharvard.org

Social Justice Ministries Council (SJMC)

Two opportunities to participate after church services today (9/18)! The *first* is the SJMC will meet in the Community Room of the Fellowship Building from 11:45-1pm to continue our planning of justice projects for the church year. The *second* is there will be a petition available that asks the UUA to request the Boy Scouts remove their requirement that all scouts must believe in God; please go to the Welcoming Table after services if you feel so moved. Contact Steve (farough.steve@gmail.com) All welcome!

New UU Classes: Oct. 16 and Oct. 23, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Want to learn more about Unitarian Universalism? Join Rev. Mark Worth for one or both of these Sunday classes designed as an introduction or a refresher to our UU faith. For more information, please contact minister@uuharvard.org. Sign up at the Connections Table or send a message to Paige O'Brien, paigeob21@gmail.com.

On Sunday, Sept 25, at 7:00PM the little HUUC group that organized events from last winter through the summer to inform us about the crisis Palestinians and Israelis are living through, invites you to meet in the Fellowship Building to hear a report back about what happened at the GA re the UUJME Business Resolution that many of us signed. We will discuss and choose future actions - films, book or discussion group/s, talks, political action. Refreshments. Sign up only for what will be spiritually satisfying for you to do. Barbara Cerva, Dave Kendall, pat westwater-jong, and Sue McCombs (Lancaster UU Church)

October 2nd is Loaves and Fishes Sunday

The first Sunday of every month, our church donates food and other necessities to Loaves and Fishes food pantry in Devens. In recent years, we have focused our donations on one type of most needed item per month. Please bring in **condiments** such as **ketchup, mayonnaise, mustard, pickles** and **salad dressing**. If you have

other items you would like to donate, Loaves and Fishes will gratefully accept those as well. Please place your donations in the designated baskets in the church's foyer. -Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com.



MSC Notes: The Congregational survey to determine what we value and are looking for in a minister is available online and in paper form (contact Cary Browse or another MSC committee member to arrange for a paper copy or help completing the survey). Sign-ups for Cottage Meetings (small group discussions to share your views on our ministerial search) are available in the lobby—please take advantage of this fun and social opportunity to participate! We meet regularly and will keep you updated.
-Your Ministerial Search Committee

**Save the Date – Saturday, October 15
CHURCH-WIDE PARTY!**

Music! Entertainment! Fun! Food! Wine!
More Information coming soon.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Sept. 18

10:00 a.m. Worship for All Ages

***Britt Argow* “The Cowfish Problem, or: How Can Those People Still Think That?”**

11:30-12:30 Bargains clothing accepted

11:45-1:00 Social Justice Ministries mtg.

7:00 p.m. Coming of Age

Tue. Sept. 20 Belfry Deadline

Wed. Sept. 21

7 p.m. Meditation

Thu. Sept. 22

6:30 p.m. Caring Network mtg.

All welcome.

Sun. Sept. 25

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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11:20-11:50 a.m. Jr. Choir

11:30-12:15 Parent meeting

7:00 p.m. Coming of Age

7:00 p.m. GA Business Res. mtg