



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**SHARING OUR PLATE:** October Checks made out to *UU Urban Ministries* and 50% of the cash from the collection plate go to the UUUM. Since 1834, the UUUM has been providing ministry-at-large to the disadvantaged of Boston, working side-by-side with Boston's urban communities to create opportunities and instill hope for a brighter future. The ministry concentrates primarily in out-of-school-time programming for at-risk youth and shelter for those fleeing domestic violence. They seek to build bridges of understanding and mutuality to foster a human community that is peaceful and just. For more information, go to <http://www.uuum.org/>, call 617-318-6010

**This Week's Service Sunday, Oct. 16  
9:55 a.m. Rev. J. Mark Worth  
"The No Hell Church"**

At a family gathering Mark's nephew, an Assemblies of God pastor, asked, "Is it true your church teaches there's no hell?" Mark's answer reminds us of the Universalists, the second U of our UU heritage. While we may be skeptical of any life beyond the present one, Mark calls Universalism his fallback position.

**Next Week's Service, Sunday, Oct. 23  
9:55 a.m. Rev. J. Mark Worth, "Younger Than Yesterday"**

In 1964 Bob Dylan wrote a song called "My Back Pages." It's said that this song was a protest against his earlier protest songs! He had been so sure of himself as a younger man. He had seen the world in black and white, good and evil, them and us. As he began to mature more, he began to be less sure, less cocky, about the black and white picture some of his earlier songs had painted. As we grow and move beyond the past, how does religious faith change?

## *Faith Formation Update*

\* We are continuing to invite teacher and assistant teacher volunteers to sign up to teach future blocks in our Faith Formation programs. If you are interested in teaching our children and youth, or helping in other ways, please contact Daniel Payne at [dff@uuharvard.org](mailto:dff@uuharvard.org).

\* OWL Facilitator Meeting @ Stow/Acton UU Church tonight, 6pm-8pm.

\* Senior High Youth Group has moved their City Reach event to November. Please bring clothing donations to put in the City Reach donation boxes.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Greeters:** Cary Browse & Carol MacFarlane. **Ushers:** Marie Sobalvarro & Pat White. **Hospitality:** Willie Wickman.

**There are MANY dates available in the upcoming weeks to [Greet](#), [Usher](#) and provide [Hospitality](#).** Three ways to sign up: online (see [www.uuharvard.org](http://www.uuharvard.org) home page); clipboards at the Sunday Connections Table; or send a message to [connect@uuharvard.org](mailto:connect@uuharvard.org). Thank you!

SAVE THE DATE  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 5:30 P.M.  
**CHURCH-WIDE DINNER PARTY!**  
**FUN • FOOD • COMMUNITY**

**KIDS PARTY, TOO!!**  
PIZZA, ENTERTAINMENT AND CHILD CARE  
Stay tuned for more information!

**New UU Classes!** Oct. 16 + Oct. 23  
@ 11:30 - 1:00 Light lunch served and child care available. For anyone who is new, or who wants more information about Unitarian Universalism or our church, these

classes are for you! Sign up today at the Connections Table. Both classes will be a place to meet other newcomers and a chance to connect with our wonderful interim minister, Reverend Mark Worth.

**Please join us for a classical cocktail** at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday October 16 at the Ruze/Chapman home on 42 Willow Rd for this annual event (and **auction item**). Ted, Eleanor, Helen and John will entertain you with classical music, along with drinks and appetizers. Suggested donation of \$25. Please let John know if you would like to come: [jpnchapman@yahoo.com](mailto:jpnchapman@yahoo.com) or 978-456-0033.

**REMINDER: Bargains in the Belfry** is open Tuesdays, 10 AM – 4 PM. Bargains is accepting consignments and donations of men's, women's and children's like-new used clothing, shoes and accessories, such as scarves and handbags. We will also be open first & third Sundays after the service, 11:30-12:15.

**On October 30th, the Rev. Marta Valentin, a Congregational Life Consultant for the UUA, will be our guest minister.** She will be preaching about *Dias de los Muertos* or "Days of the Dead," which is a mostly Mexican Latin American holiday that honors the ancestors. It is a celebratory holiday that both affirms life and gives us a chance to share our grief.

Rev. Marta has asked that we decorate our sanctuary with marigold flowers which are traditional. If you are able, please **bring a small bunch of marigolds** in a vase or long stemmed ones that can go on our decorated altar. She also asked that each congregant bring in a **photo or memento of a loved one who has died**. Those photos will also be placed on the altar by the pulpit. Children will be starting in the sanctuary and then heading off to their classes. The ceremony with the photos will take place while the children are still in the sanctuary so if they have photos or drawings of relatives or pets that they would like to bring in, they are welcome to do that as well. This holiday is celebratory

and should not be depressing or sad for the children.

**Thanksgiving Collection for Loaves and Fishes – Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** Every year, Loaves and Fishes has a Thanksgiving distribution for its recipients so that all of their clients can enjoy a delicious and special Thanksgiving. Please consider donating non-perishable Thanksgiving-related food items, such as stuffing, gravy, broth, canned sliced pineapple, ham glaze, nuts, fancy crackers, yams, coffee, tea, cocoa, and 100% juice. Please leave your donations in the Loaves and Fishes baskets in the church's foyer. Thank you so much! Questions? Please contact Risa Goldman at [risajan@aol.com](mailto:risajan@aol.com).

## CHURCH CALENDAR

- Sun. Oct. 16  
9:55 a.m. Worship Service  
Rev. J. Mark Worth  
**"The No Hell Church"**  
11:00-1:00 New UU class  
11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir  
11:30-12:30 Bargains open  
12:00-1:00 Chimers  
4:00 p.m. Classical Cocktail  
7:00-9:00 p.m. Coming of Age
- Tue. Oct. 18  
Belfry deadline  
10-4 Bargains open  
7-9 p.m. "Weaving the Stories of our Life's Journey"
- Wed. Oct. 19  
7-8 p.m. Meditation  
7:15-9:15 p.m. Stewardship
- Fri. Oct. 21  
6:00 p.m. Cottage Meeting
- Sun. Oct. 23  
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