



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
October 30<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. 30**  
**9:55 a.m.** "*Vida y Muerte*" or "*Days of the Dead*" Reverend Marta I. Valentín

Join Reverend Marta I. Valentín as she honors the Mexican tradition of celebrating their ancestors known as Days of the Dead, as well as give us the opportunity to remember our own ancestors. We will build an altar in the service so please bring a picture of a loved one (human or animal) that you would like remembered.

**Music:** Ted Johnson, Eleanor Toth

**Next Week's Service, Sunday, Nov. 6**  
**9:55 a.m.** "*The Faith of an Unrepentant Liberal*" Rev. J. Mark Worth

In the 1950s Rev. A. Powell Davies, who served All Souls Unitarian Church in Washington, D.C., opposed McCarthyism and called himself "an unrepentant liberal." In the decades since, liberalism has been criticized to the point that some liberals won't admit to being liberal. What does it mean to be a political or religious liberal? What are the values our nation needs today?

## *Faith Formation News*

- The Faith Formation Team and Kids will be holding a Bake Sale for Haiti this morning on the Common, across the street from the Harvard General Store. Please come down after church to donate and pick up some goodies!

- Our Monthly Movie Night will be November 4, 7 pm, in Sutherland Hall. We will be watching "*Occupation 101: Voices of a Silenced Majority*," a documentary of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict. Running time is 88 minutes, and the content is not appropriate for children under 13. We hope you can join us for this penetrating look into the conflict and discussion to follow.

- Parent Orientations for Our Whole Lives (OWL) will be November 3 and November 6, 7pm-9pm, at the Stow/Acton UU Church. If your youth is participating in OWL, attendance is mandatory at one of these orientations.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Your Ministerial Search Committee has reopened the online survey, until Nov 6.** We started analyzing the data and realized it's not fully representative--86% of the respondents are over 50, and 38% have been affiliated with HUUC for >21 yrs! Thank you so much to everyone who has taken the survey – you have really done a terrific job! New folks, friends of the church, and parents: your voices matter too, and we want to hear from you! Help us to find a minister who can best serve all of our congregation by telling us your needs, wants, and beliefs. Finally, your last chance to attend a Cottage Meeting is this Sunday, October 30, right after the service. Childcare, a child-friendly lunch, and food

for adults will all be provided. There is still room, so come on over to the Fellowship Building after the service.

**Social Justice Ministries Council (SJMC)** will meet after church on Sunday, October 30 from 11:30-1pm in a classroom in the Fellowship Building. The Council will continue our work on building congregational support for the Black Lives Matter movement. All are welcome! If you would like more information, please contact Steve Farough ([farough.steve@gmail.com](mailto:farough.steve@gmail.com)).

**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!

**Are your Pledge Payments up to date?** As we near the end of October, hopefully you have donated at least 80% of the amount you pledged for calendar year 2016. Kindly check your records to see how you are doing.

**Please join us for the Women's Alliance meeting on Tuesday, November 1. Our new Director of Faith Formation, Daniel Payne, will speak to us** about his life journey and his plans for the children's R.E. program. The Alliance gathers for a potluck at 6:30 P.M. in the Community Room, followed by the program at 7:30. All are welcome.

**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).

**Funding UU Hopes and Needs** Pledge packets were mailed this week to everyone who did not pick one up at the FUUHN stewardship kick-off party last Saturday. If you did not get one, more materials are available on the Connections Table in the back of the sanctuary. Your pledge is particularly important this year, as the amount raised during this fall's campaign will determine how much we can offer perspective ministers. **Please return your pledge envelope by Sunday, November 20.** Thank you for being part of this church!

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Oct. 30

8:45 a.m. Skype with Pat

9:55 a.m. Worship Service

*“Vida y Muerte” or*

*“Days of the Dead”*

*Reverend Marta I. Valentín*

11:00 Cottage meeting

11:30-1:00 SJMC

11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir

12:00-1:00 Chimers

7:00 p.m. Coming of Age

Tue. Nov. 1

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

6:30, 7:30 p.m. Alliance Pot Luck &

Program: Daniel Payne, new DFF

7:00 p.m. Faith Formation Team

Wed. Nov. 2

6:30 p.m. Caring Network

7:00 p.m. Meditation

Thu. Nov. 3

7-9pm Parent Orientation OWL

Fri. Nov. 4

7-10 p.m. Movie Night

Sun. Nov. 6 Loaves & Fishes Collection

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