



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
November 6th, 2016

SHARING OUR PLATE: Most of November's Sharing Our Plate will go *Family Resource Ctr-SayDaNar*, an organization in Lowell that supports refugees from Myanmar/Burma where minorities and Muslims are now being persecuted. The Family Resource Center has an after school program that they run with SayDaNar, a group that provides advocacy, education and services promoting self-efficacy and empowerment of new immigrants and refugees to enhance their economic, health, educational and employment status in the United States to become active citizens contributing positively to their new community.

This 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?

Music: Sr. Choir **Usher:** Pat White

Next Week's Service, Sunday, Nov. 13
9:55 a.m. *"What Makes You Happy?"* Rev. J. Mark Worth

What makes you happy? Perhaps the election results will make us happy, but even if it does, that's a very temporary happiness. What makes us happy in the long run? The Dalai Lama writes, "The purpose of spiritual practice is to fulfill our desire for happiness. We are all equal in our wish to be happy and overcome our suffering and I believe we all share our right to fulfill this aspiration."

Faith Formation News

* The Faith Formation Team is happy to announce that we raised just under \$900 for Free the Kids in Haiti over the last two weeks. We will be hosting more fundraisers throughout the church year to continue helping the orphans in Haiti who were devastated by Hurricane Matthew. Thanks to all who baked, bought, and helped out!

* The final mandatory parent orientation for OWL parents is tonight, November 6, 7-9 pm at the Stow/Acton UU Church. If your youth is enrolled in OWL and you have not attended a parent orientation yet, tonight's meeting is the last chance.

* OWL youth participants should attend a mandatory social event on November 20, 5-7 pm, at the Stow/Acton UU Church. This will be a chance for OWL youth to start forming bonds with other participants.

* Harvard UU Faith Formation will be hosting a Deep Fun YUuth Overnight Party in the Fellowship Building, December 9-10, 7pm - 8am, for grades 7-12. If your teen plans to come, please let Daniel know at dff@uuharvard.org. Youth may invite friends from school or neighborhood.

* If you would like to volunteer to teach, assist, or speak in one of our Faith Formation classes, please contact Daniel at dff@uuharvard.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Social Justice Ministries Council (SJMC) will meet after church on Sunday, November 6 from 11:30-12:30pm 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).

Funding UU Hopes and Needs

Have you turned in your pledge? If not, stewardship materials can be found in the back of the church. Review the Brochure and Giving Guide, and pick up a pledge envelope. We have been asked, if possible, to increase our 2017 pledges. Our church needs \$30,000 more than last year in order to offer our new minister the minimum salary commensurate with UUA Fair Compensation Guidelines. Please pledge as generously as you are able. We need your pledge by Sunday, November 20. Thank you for being part of this church!

PLEASE HELP! Greeters, Ushers, and Hospitality hosts are needed for several upcoming Sundays. Sign up at the Connections Table, online (www.uuharvard.org), or send a message to connect@uuwayland.org. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Collection for Loaves and Fishes – Sunday, November 6th 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.

Fair Trade Faire is Sunday, November 20. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Paige O'Brien (paigeob21@gmail.com) if you can help with setting up (Sat., Nov. 19), selling raffle tickets, or cleaning up.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Nov. 6

Loaves & Fishes Collection
9:55 a.m. Worship Service
"The Faith of an Unrepentant Liberal"
Rev. J. Mark Worth
11:30-12:30 Bargains open
11:30-1:00 Senior High Youth
Group meets in Community Room
11:30-12:30 Social Justice
Ministries Council meeting to support Black Lives Matter, in Sutherland Hall or classroom
12:00-1:00 Chimers
7:00 p.m. Coming of Age
7-9pm Parent Orientation OWL

Mon. Nov. 7

7:30 p.m. Connections Team

Tue. Nov. 8

10-4 Bargains open

Wed. Nov. 9

7:00 p.m. Board mtg.
7 p.m. Ministerial Search Cmte.
7 p.m. Meditation

Sat. Nov. 12

7:00 p.m. Coffeehouse/Concert:
*Don White with Special guests
Bridge and Davies*
Wachusett Music Series

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Our congregation is also invited to a special celebration at Heifer Farm, We are the Earth: Public Prayer for the Planet, on Sunday, Nov. 13 from 3 to 5 p.m. This inspiring service to celebrate Creation and lift up our moral call to protect it is being hosted by leaders of the Episcopal, UCC, and Lutheran churches. For more information or to RSVP, call [\(508\) 886-5000](tel:5088865000) or e-mail heather.packard@heifer.org
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