



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, 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. 13**  
**9:55 a.m. "The Moral Arc of the Universe"** Rev. J. Mark Worth

Five times in the history of the United States the voters have chosen one candidate for president, but the Electoral College, or in one case the U.S. House of Representatives, has chosen someone else. As we ponder the results of this fifth time the voters have chosen one candidate, and the Electoral College will choose a different person to be president, what gives us hope for the future?

**Next Week's Service, Sunday, Nov. 20**  
**9:55 a.m. "The Welcome Table"**  
Rev. J. Mark Worth

In our stories about the Pilgrims, we remember that the Wampanoag people welcomed the Pilgrims, taught them how to fish and hunt and fertilize their crops, and then participated in the first Thanksgiving. The Pilgrims, of course, were immigrants and refugees who did not share the local religion or speak the local language. How does this story resonate today?

## *Faith Formation News*

\* OWL youth are required to attend a social event at First Parish Church Stow/Acton, November 20, 5pm-8pm. If your youth is enrolled in OWL this year, please make sure they are present.

\* Some of our Building Bridges youth (7th-8th grades) will be sharing their experience of visiting the Islamic Center in Boston during worship on November 27. Please join us as we explore Islam during worship that day.

\* If your child or youth is not enrolled in one of our Faith Formation programs, and wishes to participate, please contact Daniel about enrollment at [dff@uuharvard.org](mailto:dff@uuharvard.org).

\* Our Coming of Age youth will be "graduating" during worship on December 4. Please be sure to attend to congratulate them on their accomplishment!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Post Election Listening Hour**

Perhaps you are finding the results of the election difficult to process and understand. If so, the Board, SJMC and Rev. Mark are sponsoring a Listening Hour and discussion after the church service today in the Fellowship Building. Mark will share a reading and we will share our thoughts and concerns. The discussion will be conducted in the context of our UU Principals and we hope will provide some coping strategies for those in attendance. Start time is 11:30am and will be targeted for completion by 12:30pm.

**One More Week!**

The **Funding UU Hopes and Needs** stewardship drive ends next Sunday, Nov. 20. You have only one more week to send in your pledge for 2017. We have asked everyone to consider raising their pledge by 10% or more if possible, or to move into a higher quartile on our “healthy church” graphic. That will help us reach our goal of \$200,000, which is \$30,000 more than we raised last year. We need this increase in order to offer our new minister the minimum salary commensurate with UUA Fair Compensation Guidelines. Please help us to reach this goal by next Sunday! Pledge envelopes are on the Connections Table at the back of the sanctuary. Thank you all for your generous contributions!

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

If you have received a poster/letter from one of our Cosmix 5th and 6th graders, please return your reply to the basket in the lobby if you have not already done so. Connect with your secret pen pal next **Sunday Nov. 20** right after the service, during coffee hour! Identities will be revealed!

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

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

- Sun. Nov. 13
  - 9:55 a.m. Worship Service  
*“The Moral Arc of the Universe”*  
Rev. J. Mark Worth
  - 12:00-1:00 Chimers
  - 7-9 p.m. Coming of Age
- Tue. Nov. 15
  - 10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open
- Wed. Nov. 16
  - 7-8 p.m. Meditation
- Thu. Nov. 17
  - 7:00 p.m. Ministerial Search Cmte
- Sun. Nov. 20
  - 9:30 a.m. Jr. Choir rehearse
  - 9:55 a.m. Worship Service  
*Thanksgiving Service*  
Rev. J. Mark Worth
  - 11:00-3:00 Fair Trade Faire**
  - 11:15-12:15 Social Justice Ministries Council mtg.
  - 11:30-1 Senior High Youth Group
  - 11:30-12:30 Bargains open
  - 12:00-1:00 Chimers

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**Being a Muslim in the United States These Days** This panel discussion will be held on Thursday, November 17, 7:30pm at Follen Church, 755 Mass Ave, Lexington. Panelists are Aishah Abdul-Mussawir, Tahir Chaudhry and Saadia Amad. Maggie Herzig will moderate. Questions? Contact: Marcia Butman at [mbutman@gmail.com](mailto:mbutman@gmail.com). Here is a link to more info. <http://follen.org/muslim-us-days-panel-discussion/> Come learn how three Muslim Americans have experienced the past several months of political discourse, including the anti-Muslim sentiments stirred up during the presidential campaign. This event is free and open to the public. Followed two days later by a [\*\*tour of the Islamic Center of Boston Community Center.\*\*](#)

-Pat Westwater-Jong (who plans to attend and can drive others: [westwaterp@gmail.com](mailto:westwaterp@gmail.com))