



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
November 20th, 2016

SHARING OUR PLATE: November 20th **Loaves & Fishes** 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, 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?

Music: Sr. & Jr. Choirs

Next Week's Service, Sunday, Nov. 27
"as-salāmu 'alaykum"

Daniel Payne, Director of Faith Formation

We'll be doing worship a little bit differently. First of all, we'll be worshipping over in Sutherland Hall in the Fellowship Building. The service will start at 10 am, and will be comprised of two components: a 45 minute worship service for All Ages, which will flow into a 45 minute RE time for All Ages (a total worship experience of 90 minutes). We will be exploring Islam,

and will be hearing a little from the Building Bridges youth (7th-8th graders) about their experiences when they visited the Islamic Center in Boston a couple weeks ago. I hope to see all of you there for this exciting worship experience!

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.

* 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

Deadline this Sunday!

The Funding UU Hopes and Needs stewardship drive ends Sunday, Nov. 20. 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! 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), or send a message to connect@uuwayland.org. Thank you!

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.

Please note, looking ahead: Dec. 3 (Saturday) 10 AM – Coming Of Age Credo rehearsal in the church Sanctuary Dec 4 – Coming Of Age Credo presentations during the church service

Holiday Food Collection for Loaves and Fishes – Sunday, December 4th On Monday, December 19th, Loaves & Fishes will hold its annual Holiday Dinner Distribution event. Families receive all of the fixings for their holiday celebrations complete with stuffing, gravy, pie, cranberry sauce, juice, fresh vegetables and even a turkey, chicken or ham. Each year, we ask for your donations to help make this possible. For **Sunday, December 4th**, please bring in non-perishable holiday-related food, such as stuffing mix, gravy, broth, canned sliced pineapple, canned hams, ham glaze, nuts, fancy crackers, yams, coffee, tea, cocoa, and/or 100% juice and leave your donation in the Loaves and Fishes baskets in the church's foyer. Thank you so much! If you have questions, please contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com.

Loaves and Fishes: Shop for Your Kids Day On Thursday, December 15th, Loaves and Fishes will hold its annual Shop for Your Kids event at the Bob Eisengrein Community Center in Devens. With the assistance of over 100 volunteers, Loaves and Fishes clients are able to choose gifts from an assortment of toys, books, jewelry, gift cards, sports equipment, and arts and crafts items, to give to their children. If you would like to donate **new, unwrapped** gifts for children from infancy to age 18, please bring them to HUUC on **Sunday, December 4th** and place them in the Loaves and Fishes baskets in the church's foyer. We will make sure that Loaves and Fishes receives the gifts along with any food donations that are received that day. Feel free to contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com with any questions.

CHURCH CALENDAR

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
11:30-12:30 Bargains open
12:00-1:00 Chimers

Mon. Nov. 21
7:00 p.m. Ministerial Search Cmte

Tue. Nov. 22
10-4 Bargains open

Wed. Nov. 23
7pm Ministerial Search Cmte
7pm Meditation

Thu. & Fri. Nov. 24 & 25 Offices closed

Sun. Nov. 27
10:00 a.m. in Fellowship Building
"as-salāmu 'alaykum"
Daniel Payne, DFF

Local Music *Sounds of Stow Chorus and Orchestra performance at 3:00 Sunday, Nov. 20.* Open Rehearsal, Sat. 1:30-4:55. Hale Middle School in Stow Center. Tickets available at the door, or soundsofstow.org