



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
December 4th, 2016

SHARING OUR PLATE December will go to *Abby's House*, a multi-service non-profit organization in Worcester, serves homeless and battered women and children. Abby's House is committed to ending homelessness, and in this spirit, in addition to the emergency shelter, they also manage service-enriched affordable housing. Abby's House collaborates with many organizations in the community that provide specific services, such as housing, legal services, mental and physical health services, and education to assist their clients. We encourage you to give generously to this charity. **Please write checks to Abby's House.**

This Week's Service Sunday, Dec. 4
"Coming of Age—Credo Service"

Music: Chimers

Greeters: Risa Goldman, Gary Madison

Usher: Imre Toth

Hospitality: Kate Stamm, Heidi Bachmann

Next Week's Service, Sunday, Dec. 11
Music Sunday

During the service, our choir will be performing Morten Lauridsen's "*Lux Aeterna*" -- eternal light. The movements of "*Lux Aeterna*" are based on references to light from sacred Latin texts: perpetual light, light risen in the darkness, redeemer-born light from light, light of the Spirit, and most blessed light-- all supporting an earthbound spirit seeking mercy, understanding, and renewal. The choir will be supported by a chamber orchestra and singers from the Stow Festival Chorus. Children are invited to be present during the first two movements before going to their classes. Please come and enjoy a richly inspired composition as part of our worship, and our rich cascade of December music celebrations.

Faith Formation News

* Congratulations to the Coming of Age graduates this morning! We are very proud of you, and encourage you to remember the journey is often more important than the destination.

* Please join us for a Candlelight Peace Vigil on the Common tonight at 5 pm to stand against the recent bigotry painted on the Bromfield Rock, and to make a public witness for acceptance and inclusion in our community. (If bad weather, meet in sanctuary.)

* Don't forget the Harvard UU Faith Formation Christmas Party, December 23, 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Food and drinks will be provided, and we'll be watching *The Polar Express*. Invite a friend!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



All are welcome to come learn how to make boxwood trees, and help the Women's Alliance at two Boxwood Tree workshops in December. On

Tuesday, Dec. 6, the Alliance will meet at 6:30 P.M. in the Parlor for potluck, and then at 7:30 we will cut up boxwood, and assemble ornaments for the trees. (Please bring small yard clippers if you have them.) On Friday, December 9, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall kitchen at 10 A.M. to put the trees together. These sessions are a lot of fun, and are a major fund-raiser for the church and Alliance. We hope to see you there; many hands make light work!

Join the Junior Choir: Instructor: Mrs. Toth; we start meeting again after the Solstice Service; we meet right after Sunday School in the room with the piano (Cosmix Room). You don't have to be good. Yes there is food. Come Join Us! We need members!

-Megan Neville and Gevin Sniderman

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!



The Music Committee Presents the
**Anne-Marie Arnold Memorial
Messiah Sing**

The 52nd Annual Community
Sing-In of George Frederick Handel's
Messiah Oratorio
Directed by Dr. Theodore Johnson
Sunday, December 18 at 4:30 p.m.

Join your voice with a room full of other exuberant singers, including professional soloists, youth singers, a chamber orchestra with harpsichord, organ and tympani. Or just come to listen. This fabulous tradition leads us beautifully into Christmas.

-Eleanor Toth



CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. Dec. 4

Loaves & Fishes Collections:

Holiday Food and

Gifts for Children

9:55 a.m. **Coming of Age**

Credo Service

11:30-12:30 Bargains open

5:00-6:30 p.m. Candlelight

Peace Vigil on the Common

(or in the sanctuary if necessary)



Tue. Dec. 6

10-4 Bargains open

6:30, 7:30 p.m. Alliance

Boxwood trees

7:00 p.m. Faith Formation Team

7:00 p.m. Board meeting

Wed. Dec. 7

6:30 p.m. Caring Network

7:00 p.m. Meditation

Thu. Dec. 8

7:30 p.m. *A New Day* meeting

Fri. Dec. 9

9:30 a.m. Alliance Boxwood trees

Fri.-Sat. Dec. 9-10

Youth Groups overnight

Sat. Dec. 10

Sanctuary:

7-11 a.m. Pageant rehearsal

11-1:00 Music Sunday rehearsal

1-5 pm Recital

Sun. Dec. 11

9:55 a.m. Worship Service

Music Sunday

"Lux Aeterna"

3:30 & 4:30 Ecumenical Christmas

Pageant performances