



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
December 11th, 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. 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. A chamber orchestra, and singers from the Stow Festival Chorus will support the choir. 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.

Next Week's Service, Sunday, Dec. 18 *All Ages Solstice Celebration*

Come join our dancers, mummers and singers as we celebrate the arrival of winter.

Faith Formation News

* Many of our Cosmix and Bridges youth are working hard on the Mummers Play and Sword Dancing for this year. Please join us on December 18, 10 am, to enjoy this production.

* Faith Formation youth will be selling soup after the Mummers Play on December 18. All donations will be given to the UUSC "Guest at Your Table" campaign.

* Please join us for popcorn, snacks and to watch *The Polar Express* at our Faith Formation Christmas Movie Night, December 23, 6:30 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Decorating the church for Christmas

For too many years to count, Teddy Coffin has been driving into Boston to pick up wreaths, Poinsettias, and greens for our church at Christmas. Her flower business allowed her to get good prices and saved us lots of money. If you see Teddy during this holiday season, please thank her for the many years of service!

-The decorating team this year: Willie + Darrell Wickman, Barbara Kemp, Ginger Kendall. (Thank them too!) Pam + Glen Frederick, Buildings + Grounds

Join the Junior Choir: Instructor: Mrs. Toth. 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
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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!



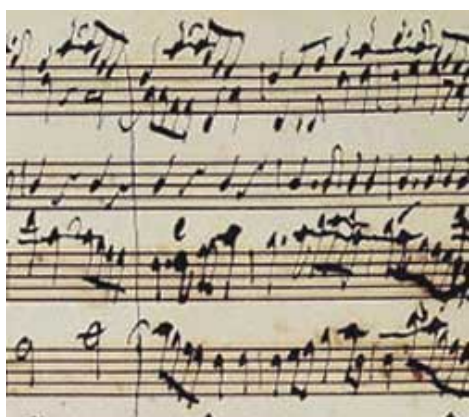
The Music Committee Presents the
**Anne-Marie Arnold Memorial
Messiah Sing**

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. 11
9:55 a.m. Worship Service
Music Sunday
"Lux Aeterna"
11:30-12:30 Social Justice
Ministries Council
3:30 & 4:30 Ecumenical Christmas
Pageant performances
- Mon. Dec. 12
7-9 p.m. Ministerial Search Cmte.
- Tue. Dec. 13
10-4 Bargains open
7:30 p.m. Connections Team
- Wed. Dec. 14
7-8 p.m. Meditation
- Sun. Dec. 18
9:55 a.m. Worship Service
All Ages Solstice Celebration
Soup for sale
11:30-12:30 Bargains open
11:30-1 Senior High Youth Group
4:30 p.m. **Messiah Sing**

Looking ahead, this busy time of year:

- Tue. Dec. 20
Belfry Deadline
10-4 Bargains open
- Wed. Dec. 21
7:00 p.m. Meditation
7:00 p.m. Ministerial Search Cmte.
- Fri. Dec. 23
6:30-10:00 p.m. Christmas Movie
Night in Fellowship Building
- Sat. Dec. 24
4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service for
Young Families
6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Service of
Lessons and Carols
- Sun. Dec. 25
No service. Offices closed.
- Mon. Dec. 26
Office Closed
- Fri. Dec. 30
Office Closed
- Sun. Jan. 1, 2017
9:55 a.m. Worship Service
Rev. J. Mark Worth