



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
December 18th, 2016

SHARING OUR PLATE today: *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. 18
9:55 a.m. Welcome & Announcements
Intergenerational Solstice Celebration

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

Greeters: Hugh & Laura Silk

Ushers: Imre Toth, Brint Ferguson

Hospitality: Nancy Meyer, Georgia Sassen, Stacie Green

Next Week's Service Saturday Dec. 24th
4:00 p.m. *Christmas Eve Service for Young Families*

5:30 p.m. *Pre-Service Concert*
John Chapman, Christmas Eve Singers, Ted Johnson

6:00 p.m. *Christmas Eve Service of Lessons and Carols*
Rev. J. Mark Worth
Rev. Daniel Payne

No Service Sunday Dec. 25th

First Service of the New Year
Sunday January 1st, 2017, 9:55 a.m.
Rev. J. Mark Worth

Faith Formation News

* Join us for our Faith Formation Christmas Movie Party on December 23, at 6:30 pm. We'll be watching the Polar Express, and will provide snacks and popcorn. Also, please bring a non-perishable food item for our food collection drive.

* Please buy some soup after the service today. It was made by our Cosmix and Bridges youth, and all proceeds will go to the "Guest At Your Table" campaign.

* If your child or youth is new to one of our Faith Formation programs, please register at <http://uuharvard.org/learning/faith-formation-student-registration/>

* Parents with children or youth in the Faith Formation programs will have a feedback/informational meeting after worship on January 15, 11:30 am, in the Fellowship Building.

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

SJMC Meeting After church

The Social Justice Ministries Council will meet at 11:30 after church on Sunday in a

classroom at the Fellowship Building. We will be discussing Black Lives Matter. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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. 18

9:55 a.m. Worship Service
All Ages Solstice Celebration

Soup for sale

11:30 SJMC meeting

11:30-12:30 Bargains open

11:30-1 Senior High Youth Group

4:30 p.m. **Messiah Sing**

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

Reminder statements were mailed out this past week with your pledge and total contributions this calendar year to the Annual Fund. Please let me know if you have any questions. Final tax statements will be mailed at the end of January.

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