



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
April 30th, 2017

SHARING OUR PLATE April

Growing Places Each week 50% of the plate cash contributions, plus checks made out to them, go to a designated charity. (The balance of the cash and checks made out to the church go to the church.) Growing Places Garden Project is a non-profit founded in Harvard which fights food insecurity in low-income households. GPGP donates gardens and provides support services to enable people to grow fresh vegetables and herbs for themselves and their loved ones. For more information, please call [978-598-3723](tel:978-598-3723) or visit <http://growingplaces.org/>

Please make checks out to GPGP.

Sunday April 30th 9:55 a.m.

Blessing the World

Rev. J. Mark Worth

As we move toward the end of one ministry at HUUC and toward the beginning of another, we may well ask where we are going. One world view says we are self-interested individuals, unconnected and unconcerned with one another. Another says we are connected with one another, and caring for others is fundamental to our existence. The purpose of life, then, is to discover the joy or well-being that both pleases us and blesses our neighbor.

Music: Choir; and Eleanor Toth, piano, Ted Johnson, organ. **Ushers:** Nancy Meyer, Dick Case. **Hospitality:** Connections Team.

Sunday May 7th 9:55 a.m.

Thoughts on Being Part of a Community

Kerry Alexander & Caring Network
The Reverend John Saxon states, “A religious community is like a river formed from the many streams of our lives that meet and merge and flow to the sea”. This Sunday (May 7) come gather together in community to rest from our labors, to greet our neighbors, and to **open our hearts to the church community we share.**

Faith Formation News

* Next week, May 7, is the Walk for Hunger in Boston. For families not planning to walk, we will be having Faith Formation classes.

* May 21 is Faith Formation Sunday! The service will be held in the Fellowship Building, and Daniel will be preaching on “Why We Don't Need More Volunteers.” Join the worship service to explore more about Religious Education and to celebrate the teachers who've given of their energy and time this year.

* We are continuing with our Guest at Your Table drive through June 4. Donation boxes and brochures are located in the back of the sanctuary. Be sure to pick up one of each to take home.

* The Tom Denney Nature Camp is offering a \$50 discount to all new HUUC campers who register this summer! Contact Daniel at dff@uuharvard.org for more details.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



MSC Notes: We are already engaged in Round 2 of the selection of our new minister. The committee is receiving applications, and will move forward soon with interviews. We thank the congregation for your continuing openness to, and patience with, this ongoing process.

--your Ministerial Search Committee

Walk for Hunger — Due to too many conflicts, we will not have a bus or a potluck this year :(If you are planning to go, please contact Susie Macrae susie_macrae@icloud.com, so we can arrange carpooling.

Annual Reports due May 3rd with corrections due Friday May 12th, printing May 15th. Let me know if you want an electronic file of your committee's report from last year. Thanks. –Elinor Stapleton admin@uuharvard.org 978.456.8752

Health Insurance in Massachusetts

Senator Jamie Eldridge & Representative Jen Benson will speak about Health Insurance Bills that they have introduced to bring high quality, affordable health care to every person in Massachusetts.

Thursday May 4th from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. -Janice Goodell. Sponsored by the League of Women Voters.

“**American Madrigals**” will be presented by Harvard Pro Musica in our sanctuary on Saturday, May 6 at 7:30. Directed by Cary Shunskis, the program includes “Five Hebrew Love Songs” by Eric Whitaker, music by Randall Thompson, Libby Larsen, PDQ Bach and spirituals. Come and enjoy this quirky and beautiful music! Tickets can be purchased from Eleanor Toth, John Chapman, Kathy Hewett or other HPM members or at the door. Adults- \$20, Students/Seniors- \$15, Children under 12 free.

ALLIANCE NEWS There will be no evening meeting on May 2nd. Instead our May meeting will be an 11:30 a.m. tour of the UUA Boston headquarters on Thursday, May 11th followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. For further information and to reserve a spot, contact Diane Cordner at [978-456-3072](tel:978-456-3072) or DianeCordner@charter.net. Additional drivers are needed.

Waking Up White Book Group June 4

James Baldwin wrote, “Being white means never having to think about it.” *Waking Up White*, by Debbie Irving is a compelling read and an invitation to readers to begin to think about race in a more personal and informed way. This book was selected last fall by the Social Justice Ministries Council as an all-church read. You are invited to join a discussion of *Waking Up White* on

Sunday, June 4 at 11:30. If you have not read the book there is still plenty of time to do so! If you would like a copy, please contact a member of the SJMC.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday April 30

8:30 a.m. Choir warm up
9:55 a.m. Worship Service
Blessing the World
Rev. J. Mark Worth
11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir
11:30-1:00 SHYG
12:00-1:00 Chimers

Tuesday May 2

10-4 Bargains open
7:00pm Faith Formation team

Wednesday May 3

Annual Reports due
6:30 Caring Network
7-8pm Meditation

Saturday May 6

6:00pm Dinner
Senior High Youth Group
Auction Item

Sunday May 7

9:55 a.m. Worship Service
Thoughts on Being Part of a Community
Kerry Alexander
Bargains in the Belfry open
11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir
12:00-1:00 Chimers

20th Annual Memorial Pancake Breakfast

Once again, volunteers from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church will be preparing and serving the famous “Ed Pieters special” pancake breakfast for the Harvard community on Monday, May 29 (Memorial Day), from 8:00 to 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Building. Donations are: \$8 for adults, \$4 for children under 12 years, or \$20 for a family of three or more.

Anyone wishing to help out with cooking, set-up, publicity, and/or clean-up should contact Chuck McCormack (decisionrm@comcast.net; 978-634-1717). Proceeds will benefit Loaves & Fishes.