



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
November 26th, 2017

Sharing Our Plate: November 26th– Household Goods, Inc.

Household Goods provides a full range of donated furniture and household items, free of charge, to help people in need make a home. Household Goods has served over 35,000 individuals and families since its inception in 1990, always mindful of maintaining an environment of dignity and respect for each and everyone involved. The people served by Household Goods have at least one thing in common — they need help during a difficult time. They might be: recently homeless, veterans, fleeing domestic violence, children, youth or elderly, living with a disability or illness, victims of a fire or trying to get by on minimum wage. If you would like to write a check that will go directly, please make it out to Household Goods, Inc.

Paying it Forward Household Goods: A Spirit-Filled Organization November 26th Barbara Smith, Founder.

December 3rd Music Sunday “Daniel Pinkham’s Christmas Cantata” and “Hope” by Rev. Jill Cowie

Brian D. McLaren writes, *“Politicians compete for higher offices, business tycoons scramble for bigger pieces of the pie, armies march and scientists study, preachers preach, and laborers sweat. But in that silent baby, lying in the humble manger, there pulses more potential power and wisdom and grace and aliveness than all the rest of us can imagine.* Come listen as our choir lifts this truth in melody in this most beautiful cantata that will be embellished with advent readings and a sermon on hope.

Religious Education.....

November 26 is a Sanctuary Start, so all children and teachers will start in the sanctuary, then go to the Fellowship Building together after the Story for All Ages. Please see below for the weekly theme for each RE age group:

- * Butterfly Garden: Spirit Action (making principles bracelets)
- * Rock Garden: "How Kindness Leads to Great Joy"
- * Cosmix: Making a UU Principles Board Game
- * Bridges: Session 8 in *Compass Points* - "Where Does Our Congregation Stand?"

Upcoming Services

December 3: Sanctuary Start
December 10: Fellowship Start
December 17: Mummings Play

During the first block of RE this church year, Donnalisa Johnson, Helen Hill and Kate Stamm worked with the Cosmix kids to create the beautiful 7 Principles Banner you see above. It now hangs proudly in our sanctuary for all to enjoy!

Our next Middle School (Bridges) and High School Youth (with Groton, Stow/Acton, Littleton) **gathering is December 3, 4:30 pm, at the Catholic Church in Harvard.** We will attend Mass for the first Sunday in Advent, then a representative from the Catholic Church will join us back in our Fellowship Building for pizza and conversation/debrief. I hope all of our middle and high school youth will be able to attend. If your youth can attend this “Neighboring Faith” journey, please email Daniel at dre@uuharvard.org and let him know.

“Creating an Inclusive RE Culture” Seminars Sign Up As part of our journey together going forward, I would like us to have conversations about how we can continue working to co-create the most inclusive culture possible within our RE program. To this end, RE is offering two hour-long seminar dates on “Creating an Inclusive Culture in RE.” The available dates are January 21 and February 18, from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. All parents are invited to attend, and all teachers signed up for this year or looking to teach in the future are highly recommended to attend at least one of the seminars. Please select your date by clicking on the link below. Thanks!
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4ea4a82ca13-creating>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We currently have 3 very important volunteer positions that need to be filled immediately:

- 1) Fellowship Hour Coordinator
- 2) Website Content Manager
- 3) Button Maker

Please contact Paige O’Brien, paigeob21@gmail.com, to find out more about any of these essential roles.

Notes from Rev. Jill

I am in the office on alternate Monday and Tuesdays, and all Wednesdays and Thursdays. I welcome lunch, or dinner to get to know you. My cell is the best way to reach me- [617-697-0922](tel:617-697-0922). I look forward to connecting. *Fall Walks with Minister* every Wednesday 10:00-11:30 a.m. Meet at the church and call [617-697-0922](tel:617-697-0922) with questions.

Time to make the Boxwoods! Come learn how to make Boxwood trees and centerpieces. The Women's Alliance will have two Boxwood tree workshops in December. On Tuesday December 5, we'll meet at 6:30 P.M. in the Van Wormer room at the Fellowship Building for a potluck dinner. Then at 7:30, we'll cut up boxwood, and assemble ornaments (bring

small yard clippers if possible.) Then on Friday, December 8, at 10 A.M., we'll assemble the trees in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. You'll have fun helping with a major fundraiser for the church. We hope to see you there. Questions? Call Alice Rennie [978-634-1717](tel:978-634-1717)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday November 26
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Household Goods: A Spirit-Filled Organization
Barbara Smith

Monday November 27
7:30 p.m. Stories

Tuesday November 28
10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

Wednesday November 29
7-8 p.m. Silent Meditation
7:00 p.m. Social Justice Ministries Council

Thursday November 30
7-8 p.m. Seven Path Meditation

Saturday December 2
10:30-12:30 Choir & instruments dress rehearsal for Sunday

Sunday December 3
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Music Sunday “Daniel Pinkham’s Christmas Cantata” and “Hope”
by Rev. Jill Cowie
11:30-12:30 Bargains open
1:30-3:00 p.m. Harvard Humanists