



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
December 2, 2018

Sharing Our Plate: Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry – December 2, 9, 16

Each month, half of the contributions in the collection plate, other than those specified for pledges, go to a designated social justice organization or local charity.

Loaves and Fishes is a food pantry in Ayer, MA whose mission it is to serve nutritious food in an atmosphere of kindness and respect to individuals in need who reside in Ayer, Devens, Groton, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley. More than 350 volunteers help over 900 client families who are food insecure. For more information about Loaves and Fishes, please go to loavesfishespantry.org. If you would like 100% of your donation to go to Loaves and Fishes, please make your check out to Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, Inc.

December 2 *Come Love, Greater Than My Longing*, Rev. Jill Cowie. In the Christian tradition, this season comes with a promise of peace. Christian theologian Henri Nouwen says, “We can only wait for what has already begun in us.” The Buddhist teacher, Jack Kornfield says “Come O Noble Born back to your true nature.” In this service we will invite the presence of peace as we explore the practices of forgiveness as taught in both traditions. Youth start in the Fellowship Building. Joys and Sorrows will happen in worship.

December 9 *Music is Our Sanctuary*, Matt Meyer. Music gives us enduring power to learn about ourselves and each other. When music is the vehicle for transcending the material world and exploring our spiritual sanctuaries, we start to build the kind of Beloved Community we know in our hearts to be possible. Let's gather in worship that invites the mind as well as the spirit to grow in love. Youth start in the Sanctuary

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 2: Fellowship Building
December 9: Start in Sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

'Tis the Season to Be Giving Thanks for Thanksgiving donations to Loaves and Fishes. Now time to help out for holiday season. Please bring food and leave in front foyer by **December 16**. Theme this month is all things hearty - beef soup, hamburger/tuna helper, pasta sauce, tomato paste, boxed flavored rice, canned pasta, baked beans, canned chili, ramen, and pancake mix and syrup. Thanks so much.

-Hugh and Maddy Silk

ALLIANCE

December 4 Boxwood Tree Bow making and Greenery Cutting. Help prepare the tree decorations and cut the greenery. 6:30 potluck, 7:30 program.

December 7 at 10:00 a.m. Assembling the Boxwood Trees and Centerpieces in the Fellowship Building Kitchen. Be creative as you decorate trees and centerpieces.

Hostesses: Teddy Coffin and Alice Rennie



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--SUPPORT THE GUEST AT YOUR

TABLE (GAYT) EFFORT

Have you picked up your GAYT box yet? Please take one and begin sharing your loose change and bills to support the UU Service Committee efforts for human rights and social justice around the globe. And remember that **all donations will be**

matched 100% and gifts of \$125 or more will be quadrupled!! Boxes will be collected at the Christmas Eve service or the next Sunday.

CHECKS: make out to HUUC or UUSC with GAYT in the memo. Put in the collection plate, Elinor's office or mail to the church any time. Thank you for your support.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The next meeting of the Social Justice Ministries Council will tentatively be Sunday December 9 at 11:30 a.m.

-Ginger Kendall, Steve Farough,
Risa Goldman.

◆◆◆ Gem of the Week ◆◆◆

Next Sunday, December 9 from 4 to 6 pm, The Silver Unicorn Book Store at 12 Spruce Street in Acton is hosting a conversation between author Jabari Asim, whose book *We Can't Breathe* came out in October, and Linda K Wertheimer, a reporter and former education editor at the Boston Globe. Asim's book is a series of eight wide ranging essays that explore topics such as the twisted legacy of jokes and falsehoods in black life, the importance of black fathers and community, and the beauty and pain of the black body. Asim is the Graduate Program Director for Creative Writing at Emerson College and a critically-acclaimed author of both adult and children books. The event is free. Call 978.274.2757 for more information.

-SJMC

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday December 2

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Come Love, Greater Than My Longing

Rev. Jill Cowie

10-12 Mummers rehearsal

11:15-1:00 Newcomers Luncheon

Tuesday December 4

6:30 p.m. Alliance, Boxwoods

Wednesday December 5

7-8pm Meditation

Friday December 7

10:00 a.m. Alliance, Boxwoods

Saturday December 8

10:00 a.m. Mummers Rehearsal

Sunday December 9

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Music is Our Sanctuary

Matt Meyers

10:30 Mummers rehearsal

11:30 a.m. Social Justice Ministries Council meeting?

3:30 & 4:30 p.m.

Pageant Performances in our sanctuary. There are @10 HUUC children in the pageant this year, we hope you will attend.