



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
December 9, 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 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

December 16

Solstice Service & Mummings

Whole Congregation worship

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 9: Start in Sanctuary

December 16: Whole congregation in the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Building Bridges youth are conducting a food drive to support our church's involvement in Loaves and Fishes collecting food items this Sunday, December 9 and next December 16. The drop off location is in the bins in the sanctuary foyer as always. Our goal is to collect 200 items and our BB youth will deliver and stock the shelves for Christmas inventory on December 16. Please contribute what you can. Suggestions include: Holiday snacks, Cookies and cake mixes, Cranberry sauce, Stuffing mix, Turkey and chicken broth, Coffee, tea, cocoa, Pickles and olives.

Thank you to everyone for your generous support of our Fair Trade Faire baked goods and craft items sale. \$305 was donated to the ACLU.

-Tim Coonahan

'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



--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



Our congregation supports racial justice! The SJMC is happy to announce a new Black Lives Matter banner to be raised on the Ayer Road side of the HUUC Sanctuary. **Black. Lives. Matter. Banner. Returns on Sunday, December 16. Stay Tuned...** --The Social Justice Ministries Council (SJMC)
Next SJMC meeting: Sunday, January 6th, 2019 (All are welcome!)

Ecumenical, Christmas Pageant. There are @ten HUUC children in the Harvard Christmas Pageant this year. We hope you will attend Sunday December 9, at 3:30 or 4:30 p.m. in our sanctuary, followed by tree lighting on the Common and caroling, cocoa & cookies.

<http://harvardchristmaspageant.com/>

Join us in the Fellowship Building at 6:30 on Thursday December 13 as we celebrate International Health Coverage Day. We will view the 35 minute film *Now Is The Time-Healthcare for Everybody*, followed by a discussion led by Dr. William Taylor who has worked for Medicare and Medicaid Services as Director, Division of Quality Improvement as well as for the CDC and in emergency medicine. The film explains what single payer is, how it differs from ACA, and how it saves money. Learn the facts in order to distinguish them from the misinformation and fiction that we will hear over the next two years.

This is but one of the many celebrations worldwide to commemorate

the third anniversary of the first unanimous United Nations resolution that called for all countries to provide quality affordable health coverage to everybody. In September 2019 the UN will hold a high level meeting on Universal Health Coverage in NYC.

Dr. Michelle Dorsey, a UN observer for the LWV reported, "The United States is falling behind many industrialized countries in the adoption of Universal Health Care. We can and must do better." There will be refreshments and all are welcome.

-Janice Goodell, Chair, Healthcare Committee. LWV Harvard

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

Tuesday December 11

6:00 p.m. Board meeting

Wednesday December 12

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday December 13

6:30 p.m. *Now Is the Time--Healthcare for Everybody* Film and discussion

6:30 p.m. Caring Network meeting

7:30 Choir

Saturday December 15

1-3:30 Mummers rehearsal

Sunday December 16

8:30 a.m. Mummers rehearsal

10:00 a.m. Solstice Service & Mummers

4:30 p.m. Messiah Sing In

Monday December 24

5:30 A Christmas Eve Celebration for all

ages. A choral and jazz preconcert will begin at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary and a cookie decoration and cider party for all ages will start at 4:45 in the Fellowship Building. The ushers have promised to save the front row of the sanctuary for families.