



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
December 23, 2018

Sharing Our Plate: December 23, 30, & January 6 Our Father's House

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.

Our Father's House, Inc., is a private, non-sectarian agency providing shelter and related services to homeless men and women, with facilities in Fitchburg and Devens. Its programs encourage and assist each guest to become self-sufficient. Professionally trained staff offer client advocacy, assistance in searching for housing and employment, crisis counseling, and referral to community resources.

Transitions at Devens is managed by Our Father's House. It provides transitional housing services for up to sixteen families, each headed by a single female with between one and four children.

For more information about Our Father's House, please go to: ofhshelter.org. If you would like 100% of your donation to go to Our Father's House, please make your check out to Our Father's House.

December 23

Get Some Sleep

Rev. Jill Cowie

"We give this advice hoping that sleep will provide sanctuary and restoration. And yet, rest is often elusive and our dreams are perplexing. Sleep consumes roughly one-third of our lives, but how well do we understand it and how does it relate to our spiritual lives?" Youth start in the Sanctuary.

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.

Sunday December 30

In Transition

Rev. Jill Cowie

Come to honor the ending of this year and to welcome the New Year. This is an all-ages worship service of reflection and ritual that honors all that is present for you in this in-between moment.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 23: Youth start in the sanctuary.
December 30: Whole Congregation

SOCIAL JUSTICE

◆◆◆ Gem of the Week ◆◆◆

For those who want to learn more about the founding of Black Lives Matter, consider watching the documentary "Stay Woke: The Black Lives Matter Movement Documentary." It is streaming for free on YouTube (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIoYtKOqxeU>).

-SJMC

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Table

There is just one more week to add your left over coins and bills to your Guest at Your Table box. As you do, remember the UUSC efforts to protect the most vulnerable people around the globe. Whether it's the indigenous people in Alaska or the southern Pacific watching as the rising waters reclaim their homeland; the survivors of hurricanes in Haiti and the earthquake in Nepal; the refugees in Serbia, Macedonia and Croatia; or the victims of ethnic cleansing in Burma, our support is desperately needed.

The GAYT boxes will be collected at the Christmas Eve service or the following Sunday.

Please support this important expression of our UU faith.

-Glen & Pam Frederick

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday December 23

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Get Some Sleep

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Monday December 24

4:45 p.m. Cookie decoration and cider party for all ages in Fellowship Bldg

5:00 p.m. Choral & Jazz Concert

5:30 A Christmas Eve Celebration

all ages

Tuesday December 25

Admin office closed.

Jill will not be having lunch at

Harvard General Store.

Wednesday December 26

Admin office closed

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday December 27

9:00-1:00 Admin office open

Friday December 28

8:00-11:00 a.m. Admin office open

Sunday December 30

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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Monday & Tuesday January 1 & 2

Admin Office Closed