



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
December 30, 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: ofshelter.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 30

In-Between

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.

January 6, 2019

What Does it Mean to Be A People of Possibility?

The Worship Committee

At this time of year, it is common to take time and reflect on our New Year's Resolutions. Often this means we choose to correct what is wrong, to try to be better, do more. The members of the Worship Committee have chosen to challenge ourselves; consider our own possibilities: to lean into the work of unfolding, rather than fixing. We strive to keep ourselves open to new possibilities by engaging in an ancient practice of picking one word to use in daily meditation. We will be exploring what we have found in the first month of this journey.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

December 30: Whole Congregation in sanctuary.

January 6: Children begin in the sanctuary.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**UUSC -- GAYT BOXES
BEING COLLECTED
TODAY**

Hopefully you have turned in your GAYT boxes today but if not there is still time. Bring them next week or send a check with GAYT in the memo space. And remember that **all donations will be matched 100%** and gifts of \$125 or more will be quadrupled!!

Thank you for your support of this effort to extend our UU values to the most marginalized people around the globe.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Our next meeting is Sunday January 6, 2019 @11:30-12:30 in the Charlanne VanWormer Community Room, in the Fellowship Building.

◇◇◇ 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 (Social Justice Ministries Council)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday December 30

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

In-Between

Rev. Jill Cowie

Monday & Tuesday December 31 and
January 1: Admin Office Closed

Wednesday January 2

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday January 3

7:30pm “Weaving Our Stories”

7:30pm Choir rehearsal

Sunday January 6

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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The Worship Committee

11:20-11:50am Jr. Choir

11:30-12:30 Social Justice Ministries

Council meeting

Tuesday January 8

6:00pm Board meeting

6:30 & 7:30pm Pot Luck Supper

and Alliance meeting

“Indian Tragedy” Naomi Newell

Hostess, Mary Donald

COMMUNITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

Harvard's “2nd First Night” New Year's Eve Celebration. Ring in 2019 at Harvard's acclaimed “2nd First Night” New Year's Eve party celebrating community, caring and all things local to benefit the Harvard Friends of the Council on Aging. Returning after a sold out first year, “2nd First Night” promises to be a sensational evening of socializing, music and dancing to be held on Monday, December 31, 2018, from 8 PM to 12:30 AM at Fellowship Hall, 7 Elm Street, Harvard, MA. The Bare Hill Band will headline the event this year.

The evening will feature delicious savory and sweet passed hors d'oeuvres and an abundant buffet of ‘delectables’ all night long. It is a BYOB event. All proceeds benefit the FCOA.

Tickets to the event are \$50 a person and are available at

<https://firstnightharvard.tix.com>

Donations may also be made there by clicking through to ticket purchase. Tickets are limited and will be sold on a “first come, first served” basis. More information is found on the Friends’ Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/FHCOA/events/> or by contacting Co-Chair Heidi

Siegrist at

<mailto:firstnightharvard@gmail.com>

Woman’s March in Ayer January 19,

2019. For those of us who can't handle the crowd or the transportation issues to get to the Woman's March in Boston, January 19, there is another smaller and much more family friendly March in Ayer, MA. Bob and I joined in the Ayer March last time and enjoyed the speakers and the spirit. Here is the info: Click here for details and to RSVP:

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/ayer-womens-march?source=email&>

Three local Ayer women pulled this together for the 2017 March. There were about 200 people. State Representative and Senator spoke.

-Claudia Jarratt