



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
January 6, 2019

Sharing Our Plate: 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.

What Does it Mean to Be A People of Possibility? January 6, 2019

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.

Climate Change! January 13th, 2019

Rev. Jill Cowie

A 2015 poll conducted by Yale revealed that two-thirds of American voters think that global warming is happening, yet two-thirds of Americans rarely or never discuss it. Mea Culpa, I am one of them. I haven't preached on climate change in three years. But the latest UN and Federal reports and the results of the Paris Agreement's most recent Conference of the Parties in Poland (COP24), as well as the mobilizing action underway by people of faith in Massachusetts inspire me to face my heart-break and break my silence to join the many voices in a growing cacophony for change.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 6: Children begin in the sanctuary.
January 13: Children meet in the Fellowship Building.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Our next meeting is today 11:30-12:30 in the Fellowship Building. All are welcome!

◆◆◆ 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." Streaming for free: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eIoYtKQqxeU>.

-SJMC (Social Justice Ministries Council)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alliance Meeting January 8, 2019

Tues 6:30 at the fellowship hall next door

Come for potluck hear "Chief" Roland

Jerome speak on *Indian lore*.

Hostess Mary Donald



**-- THANK YOU FOR
A VERY
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We appreciate every dollar and every coin you donated to the UU Service Committee this year. For those who were able to make contributions of \$125 or more, we are deeply grateful...and for the Shelter Rock Church who made it possible to quadruple those donations. We will have a final accounting in February which will give anyone who needs it, a little extra time to get a donation to Elinor.

Be assured that your generosity will make a difference to some of the most marginalized people in the world.

With thanks,
Glen and Pam

Help Warm Up the Less Fortunate with Hearty Food This month for the Loaves and Fishes food drive, we are suggesting donating all things warm and hearty for the winter season: Ramen, Hearty Beef Soup, Coffee, Baked Beans, Canned Chili, Cake Mixes, Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix and Syrup. Of course you can donate other things too. Deadline is Sunday January 27.
Hugh and Maddy Silk

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday January 6

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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The Worship Committee

11:20-11:50 a.m. Jr. Choir

11:30-12:30 Social Justice Ministries

Council meeting

Tuesday January 8

6:00 p.m. Board meeting in Jill's office

6:30 p.m. Alliance Pot Luck/Program

Indian Lore. Hostess, Mary Donald

Community Room in FB

Wednesday January 9

7:00-8:00 p.m. Meditation

Thursday January 10

6:30-8:00 p.m. Caring Network

7:30-9:30 p.m. "Weaving Our Stories"

Sunday January 13

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Climate Change!

Rev. Jill Cowie

11:20-11:50am Jr. Choir

12:00-1:00 Chimers

Tuesday January 15

10:00 a.m. Belfry Deadline

6:00 p.m. Worship Team meeting

7:00 p.m. Soul Matters

COMMUNITY EVENTS OF INTEREST

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