

The chalice

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DECEMBER WORSHIP SERVICES

10:00am Family Service/ / 10:30am Worship Service

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December 1

10:30 AM Intergenerational Worship: Gratitude and Hope
Worship Committee chair Ellen Bordman will lead us in a “chalice circle” on the theme of gratitude and hope. Our chalice circles follow the usual format of our worship services, with time for reflection and sharing from those present instead of a full sermon. Lay-led service.

December 8

10:00 AM Family Worship: Wintercake We will enjoy the book Wintercake by Lynne Ray Perkins and we will reflect on happy accidents in our lives.

10:30 AM Worship: Moving from Grief to Justice In a world where devastation is palpable every day, it is often difficult not to default to despair and fear. Though this despair is so present, there is hope in letting yourself grieve. Join us in investigating the importance of not defaulting to fear and despair, but to find space to grieve and then move from grief to justice work, finding joy and wonder in it all, sustaining ourselves and our communities. Guest preacher: Rev. Jo Murphy.

Preacher Bio: Rev. Jo is the Executive Director for UU Mass Action and is busy mobilizing and organizing with the many UU Mass Action campaigns. She is also quite busy with her one year old daughter, Simone, and doing per diem work as a chaplain at Beth Israel. She loves liberation, dreaming, the ocean, and a fine roast chicken dinner

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December 15

10:00 AM Family Worship: Getting Ready for Hanukkah

Though Hanukkah doesn't start till December 25 this year, we are going to take some time in family worship and in our World Blessings class to reflect on the meaning of this Jewish holiday.

10:30 AM Worship: The Sense of Wonder According to Albert Einstein, "There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." But honestly, sometimes life is just... life. What practices can help us cultivate a sense of wonder in our everyday lives? Rev. Jolie preaching.

December 22

10:30 AM Intergenerational Worship: Revels, With a Twist! For decades, the children and youth of UCS have helped us reflect on the holidays and holy days of the winter season with a very special worship service we call Revels. This year we will do this through a participatory, no-rehearsal Nativity Pageant (fear not: we will have a narrator and a script!). We will also enjoy our traditional Santa Lucia ceremony, though with no current 8th graders in our program, there will be no candles on anyone's heads this year. Rev. Jolie and our RE Program will lead worship today, with help from Meg Dussault and Rebecca Kinraide.

December 24

4 PM & 5:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service All ages are welcome to this service in which we reflect on the meaning and message of Christmas as Unitarian Universalists. Carols, candles, Rev. Jolie preaching. Both services will be about 50 minutes long and identical.

CHURCH NEWS

Art Wall

Having received no other takers, I decided to hang my art work recently. After hanging a large portrait of my late aunt, uncle and mother, which was well received, I replaced it with something I've been working on more recently, which I titled "Hope" and another one I've been working on over the years which I titled "Change." I am heartened that people have responded to the abstract expressionist work positively, recognizing the motivation to persevere and overcome adversity in the art-work, and seeing the beauty therein.

Also hanging currently are two small works by MaryAnn Cahan, a former UU member, who still hangs out with us occasionally at the coffeehouse and at casual music jam. They are realist in style, and also expressive and beautiful.

Do let me know if you have art work to share on the artwall.

Dinah Altman

Tai Chi

Great news! Starting on December 7 our Tai Chi class will be from 9-10 am, an hour later than previously. You can have your sleep and your exercise!

Join us; all are welcome, please contribute \$5 to \$10 if possible; see what meditative movement and breathing is all about. Vince teaches the Yang 24 style set, as well as Chi Gong breathing routines, and some other forms, like Bagua (circles) and T'ang Balm (sp?), a shorter form. He is very good at including newcomers and more experienced people in the classes. There is no competition, no pressure. It has helped me and others tune into one's own body, leading to better breath, balance and coordination; all in all, to feeling better. There's a good feeling in the class, and it's a nice way to start the day. First and third Saturdays of the month, 9:00 to 10:00.

Meditation Group, weekly on Mondays 7-8 PM

Join Carol Abrams, local meditation teacher, for a simple weekly mindfulness practice in our Vestry. All welcome.

Casual Jam 2nd Friday of the month

Hey there! Are you looking for a fun, casual way to make some music and hang out with a great group of folks? Well, you're in luck! We've got a monthly musical meetup that I think you'll really enjoy.

Every second Friday of the month, from December through May, we get together for a cozy little campfire sing-along (minus the campfire). It's a very welcoming vibe, so feel free to bring your instrument and lead a song, or just join in and sing along with the group. We cover a mix of folk, traditional, and pop tunes - a little something for everyone.

Even if you're a bit rusty, don't worry! If a song is a bit tricky, we'll happily play through it a couple of extra times so everyone can get the hang of it. The most important thing is that we're all there to have a fun time making music together.

We meet from 7 to 9 pm at the Church in Program A/B. Mark your calendars for the second Friday of each month and come on by! Oh, and just a heads up - we do sometimes need to reschedule, so be sure to check the Church Calendar, especially for January (that one's happening on the 17th).

Can't wait to see some new faces join us soon!

CHURCH NEWS, continued

Worship Committee

Deck the halls on December 1st after the service! Come join your church friends as we pull out the seasonal decor. The more the merrier!

We are pleased to share that we have two new members on our committee: Phil Messier and Val Hall. As always, please share feedback about worship services with any of the committee members.
- Ellen Bordman, chair

First Friday Fellowship Potluck

Join us Dec. 6 at 6 pm when we'll break bread with our church family and enjoy a respite from the cold.

Bring a dish as you are able or just drop in! Musical instruments welcome.

If you would like a ride to this event, contact Rev. Jolie and she can put you in touch with drivers.

If you are planning to go to future potlucks or other church events and are able to offer to transport someone in need, please contact Rev. Jolie at minister@uusharon.org

Cheers!
Fellowship Committee

Fellowship

Invites you to welcome in the new year with a Sing Along led by Mel and Alice on December 31st from 6-8 p.m. A sign-up will be forwarded closer to the date for appetizers and spirits. All are welcome as we look forward to seeing you!

New UCS Book group update

The recently formed UCS book group met recently to discuss *The Screwtape Letters* by C.S. Lewis. Due to its religious nature this was an unusual choice for a UU book group, but we had a great discussion about many topics.

For our next book we have a choice between two books that we want your opinion on if you're potentially interested in joining. The two are *Man's Search For Meaning* by Viktor Frankl, or *James* by Percival Everett, which is a retelling of *Huckleberry Finn* from the point of view of Jim, the escaped slave.

We have tentatively agreed to meet again on Thursday December 19th at 7 via Zoom, but are open to other options. If you may be interested in joining and have an opinion about the book choice please email Tom D'Avanzo at tdavanzo@yahoo.com.

Board Meetings

You can view the monthly board notes [here](#)

The UCS Board meets on the Second Wednesday of each month at 7:15 PM. All meetings are open to UCS members and invited guests unless otherwise noted.

CHURCH NEWS, continued

An Announcement about...announcements!

With all the exciting events happening in our church community, the Worship Committee requests that we return to the Announcement Form. What is this, you ask? On the bench as you enter the sanctuary, we will have some short forms for folks to fill out before the service begins if they would like the Worship Coordinator to read an announcement at the beginning of the service. We aim to keep everyone informed about upcoming events, while at the same time keeping them brief and only at the start of the service. Thank you for your cooperation.

A Concern about... Joys and Concerns...

The Worship Committee would also like to give a gentle reminder to all that Joys and Concerns is not the time for an announcement. We have been thoughtful in making Joys and Concerns a spiritual, worshipful time when we share what is happening in our lives. Please use the Announcement form for sharing about upcoming events.

AIM Higher

Restoration of the Meetinghouse

Set aside some time on your calendar on the weekend of January 10-12! The AIM Higher Committee will host workshops and small group meetings led by UUA consultant Rev. Lydia Ferrante-Roseberry of Stewardship For US. Her goal is to fully understand our hopes and empower us to attain our goal of addressing structural concerns and restoring our beloved Meetinghouse.

In preparation, she has asked for a great deal of information about our organization, financial health, membership, annual reports, and much more. Committee Chairs have been sharing extensive information about our congregation, and we will send a complete package by the beginning of December. After a weekend with small delegations from most church committees, Rev. Lydia will lead the service on Sunday, followed by a meeting with church members who have ideas, concerns, or hopes to share. Lunch and child care will help ensure that all can participate.

AIM Higher Committee has sent requests for proposals to six architectural firms with experience in three areas: expertise in designing and implementing energy-efficient renovations, providing acoustic designs that include up-to-date audio, visual, and communication technology, and addressing all aspects of accessibility. In December, we will narrow the candidates to three firms to conduct in-person interviews. This month, we will also visit the Lexington UU Church to learn from their experience of restoring their historic sanctuary.

Maura Camosse Tsongas & Glenn Rivard — Co-Chairs

Jack Armstrong, Linda Godfrey Bailey, Rebecca Kinraide, Alex Matthews, Rory McGregor, Rev. Jolie Olivetti, Jessica Plumridge, Jeff Rose, and Colleen Tuck — Members

CHURCH NEWS, continued

Join us...

Shattered Stars:

The Power of Courage, Compassion, and Kindness



Motivational Speaker
Award-Winning Author
**IRENE STERN
FRIELICH**

In this presentation, Irene retraces the Stern-Herzfeld family's footsteps as they escape their comfortable home in Germany on Kristallnacht in 1938 and cross the border to the Netherlands. The family lives there in relative safety until the Nazis invade and turn their world upside down.

Using photos, interviews, audio and video recordings, Irene covers the period from 1938 through liberation in 1945. She brings to life the people and places portrayed in her memoir, including a baker, a coffee roaster, farmers, clergy, and officials, many of whom demonstrated courage, compassion, and kindness to help her family survive.

"... inspiring and motivating ..."

Thursday, December 5, 2024

7 pm - 8:30 pm

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"Author Irene Stern Frielich has a beautiful way of connecting past to present in this expansive and enthralling work of both biography and memoir ... a demonstration of the raw emotive power of storytelling ..."

—K.C. Finn, Readers' Favorite



Books available for sale and signing at the event, or on BGN or Amazon
Follow the journey on Facebook at [Shattered Stars Healing Hearts](#)

www.shatteredstars.org

CHURCH NEWS, continued

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (Submitted by Barbara Nelkin-Rose, Chair)



With the intention of supporting the congregation in giving meaning to, and living into, the newly adopted 7 values listed in Article II, the Committee on Ministry will be providing a Small Group Ministry program focusing on each of them: Equity, Generosity, Interdependence, Justice, Pluralism, Transformation, with the value of Love in the center. Small Group Ministries, also sometimes called Covenant Groups, are simply a way for people to gather and deepen their connections with one another while exploring their values, faith, or beliefs together. My own experience as a participant in a past Covenant Group at UCS was very positive and definitely worthwhile, allowing me to expand and clarify my own thinking as I listened to other participants' perspectives and to grow deeper bonds with fellow congregants.

The first value we chose to reflect on is Generosity, which asks us to "cultivate a spirit of gratitude and hope." Given the very challenging times we are living in, with fear and uncertainty so prevalent, we hoped that reflecting on this value might bring some comfort and inspiration to those participating in our shared space.

In our hope to engage as many folks as possible in this discussion, we have scheduled two in-person meeting time options, and we expect the sessions to run for 90 minutes:

Saturday Morning, December 7th from 10-11:30am OR

Tuesday Evening, December 17 from 7-8:30pm

The second value we plan to focus on is the value of Justice, during the month of January. This will serve as both a lead-up to Martin Luther King Jr, Day and as a follow-up to our September 22nd congregational meeting around the Black Lives Matter signage and our commitment to the work of anti-racism and anti-oppression. Information about January dates will be provided, once confirmed, but will most likely be

Saturday morning, January 4th or 11th

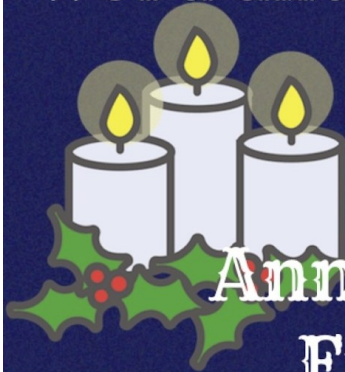
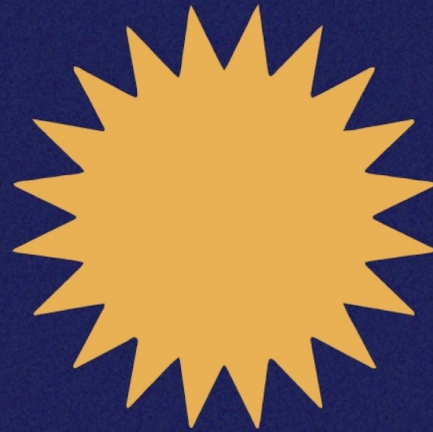
Tuesday evening, January 7th or 14th

It is our hope that a number of you will join us for these sessions focusing on these core UU values where we can come together in community to reflect, share, explore and connect on a deep and meaningful level. Based on the interest expressed in participating in these sessions, we also hope to create groups that will commit to meeting on a regular basis. While it would be helpful if you could let us know ahead of time if you plan on attending any of the above meetings, all are welcome and pre-registration is not required. Please contact Barbara Nelkin-Rose (Committee on Ministry Chair) @ barbjnr@msn.com if you have interest in attending a meeting, have any questions or would need a ride to a meeting.

We hope you will join us!!!

CHURCH NEWS, continued

Our UCS Adult Choir
invites you to
celebrate the
Winter Solstice in
word and song



Annual Solstice Service
Friday, December 20
7:30 PM
UCS Sanctuary

CHURCH NEWS, continued



*UCS Annual
Holiday Brunch*

**After worship on
December 22
Vestry
Potluck: Bring
finger foods to
share, sweet or
savory**



From the Minister



Dear Ones,

On the evening of November 6, the day after the election, I hosted a drop-in space for UCS members and friends. We heard a range of feelings and reactions that night. Many of us shared our fears that trans people may be less safe in the coming administration. Others of us wondered about Trump's promises of mass deportations and what impact this will have on us, on our neighbors, friends, and family members who are immigrants. There were also voices of hope and determination in the room, as we expressed our commitment to continue taking care of each other as best we can and to live by our values as we always strive to do.

Many of us present also wondered why the election went the way it did. There were voices of anger, surprise, and hurt, from those who feel that Trump is antithetical to what we thought people want in a leader, based

on what many see as his dishonesty, his predatory behavior towards women, his unkind rhetoric, and more. I was heartened that none of the voices in the room demonized those who voted for Trump. Rather, there was a sense of bewilderment, a feeling of being marginal, and a heartbroken desire to be understood and to understand. I was reminded of a book loaned to me by a congregant, called *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion* by social psychologist Jonathan Haidt. The premise is that six moral foundations shape our political ideologies. They are: Care/Harm, Fairness/Cheating, Loyalty/Betrayal, Authority/Subversion, Sanctity/Degradation, and Liberty/Oppression. Basically, according to Haidt, those who align with Republican politics tend to spread their focus between all six of those moral foundations, equally. On the other hand, those who align with Democratic politics tend to focus on Care/Harm, Liberty/Oppression, and Fairness/Cheating, and the other three moral foundations don't factor into their ideologies. (For a more thorough discussion of this book, see [this article](#) by Editor-in-Chief of *Divided We Fall*, a bipartisan news publication.) This rings true to me - that people don't vote differently from one another because some are depraved and some are good, but rather, it's because they value different things differently.

Since this book was published in 2012, I was curious what Jonathan Haidt had to say about the current political climate which has obviously shifted since then. During Trump's first candidacy, Haidt [wrote](#): "The key to understanding Trump's appeal is to look beyond values... Trump's phenomenal success can't be understood just by re-arranging values into a new recipe." He then cites the work of political scientist Karen Stenner, who identifies three kinds of Republican voters: laissez-faire conservatives, status quo conservatives, and authoritarians. According to Haidt's analysis of Karen Stenner's work, Trump's popularity can be explained by intense polarization, which has activated the authoritarians. Haidt writes of the authoritarian trend in our electorate:

when they perceive that the moral order is falling apart, the country is losing its coherence and cohesiveness, diversity is rising, and our leadership seems (to them) to be suspect or not up to the needs of the hour, it's as though a button is pushed on their forehead that says 'in case of moral threat, lock down the borders, kick out those who are different, and punish those who are morally deviant.'

Much has been said and written about Trump and authoritarianism since then, of course. And as Unitarian Universalists, our commitment to democracy and pluralism is paramount. Whether or not you agree with this analysis about Trump's appeal, I hope that it is helpful to have this perspective as we all continue to process the election results.

Yours in faith,
Rev. Jolie

From the President



“No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that rock I’m clinging...” goes the line from the hymn “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”. The rock of course is the author’s faith in God. Personally, I don’t have that sort of faith. So what am I and others like me to cling to as the tempest ‘round us roars now? I’m not at all sure that “love prevails in heaven and earth”, these days. Is it some comfort that others have lived through worse?

Theodore Parker, the 19th century Unitarian minister, first said that "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice". And yet recent work by Ibram X. Kendi that examines racism and white supremacy stresses the fact that history is a story of struggle. Progress is made, and is followed by backlash. People reorganize and renew the struggle for justice. The cycle repeats. There is no settled place where we can rest assured that gains for equality and social justice are secure. It is a sobering message, but a realistic one.

Back to a rock to cling to...I think it needs to be a belief in us (our church community and others who work alongside us), our values, our mutual support, our collective commitment to bend that arc toward justice. There will always be challenges. We will lose sometimes, but also we will win. And while progress is not assured, we can discern some bend in that arc. Equal marriage for LGBTQ+ folks has been established. People of color have held essentially all positions of authority in our state and most in our country. There’s so much more to be done, for our planet, for those suffering and oppressed. But right now I’m trying to think about just that next step.

Jon Slavin

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

December Faith Development Calendar

K-5 - World Blessings: Exploring world religions through cooking

- Learn about religion and culture through hands-on cooking classes right in the classroom!
- Dec. 8: Wintercake
- Dec. 15: Latkes
- Dec. 22: No-rehearsal Nativity and Santa Lucia Ceremony. [Volunteer!](#)

- Dec. 29: No RE

[Volunteer here for RE classes.](#)

Gr. 6&7 - Crossing Paths: Exploring our neighboring faiths

- Crossing Paths is on break until January 12
- Dec 8 & 15 they will prepare for the Santa Lucia ceremony in the Vestry
- See the notice regarding a special junior youth gathering on 12/15 elsewhere in this newsletter!

Gr. 9&10 - Coming of Age - an Independent Exploration

- December topic: UU history, theology and values. Pages 28-33; 38-66 in journal.
- December 12 @ 7 - 8:30pm in Program A: Mentor Meeting
- Contact Caroline Dixon for questions or more info.

Senior Youth Group

- Meets December 1st and 15th 5:00 - 6:30
- Pizza and Gingerbread Houses this month!

RE Committee

- December 4 @ 7:00pm, check the calendar for zoom details
- All welcome! We are searching for new members, come check us out!

FAITH DEVELOPMENT

Youth Group Meeting

December 1st @ 5:00pm - 6:30pm



Youth Group meetings at the Unitarian Church of Sharon are for high school students in grades 9-12. The meetings offer opportunities for deeper connection with one another and a time for relieving stress and having fun. We strive for a youth-led program with meetings, activities, and outings planned by youth and supported by staff and volunteers.

We will typically meet two Sundays per month 5:00 -6:30pm, pizza dinner provided - donations accepted. If you have dietary needs please contact Caroline Dixon at yc@uusharon.org

Gingerbread House Decorating Party!

December 15

Junior Youth (grades 6-8) @ 2:30pm-4:00pm

Senior Youth (grades 9-12) @ 5:00pm-6:30pm



Come join in decorating (and eating!) a gingerbread house to celebrate this wonderful time of year and spend time with friends!

Youth events to be on the lookout for!

Cedar Hill

Junior Youth (grades 6-8) February 7th-8th

Senior Youth (grades 9-12) February 8th-9th

CityReach Trip

Senior Youth are invited to join other youth from several UU churches on this powerful service trip March 21st to 22nd!

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS



The Social Justice Committee encourages you to visit the UCS website

(uusharon.org) for information about the social justice programs at church. The Social Justice pages are a great source for information about opportunities to engage, resources, and links to partner organizations and groups that we collaborate with in our work.

The Social Justice Committee: a new look for a new church year

You may notice a few changes this fall as the SJC explores a new approach to our collective work for Social Justice. While we will continue to facilitate some of our longstanding programs and relationships, we have chosen to focus this year primarily on housing and homelessness, in all of its complexity. We plan to offer opportunities for education, advocacy, and for service/harm reduction & direct humanitarian relief.



Brown Envelope Collections

October Brown Envelope donations of \$1,103 supported **CityReach** (commoncathedral.org/cityreach)

an overnight urban outreach program giving young people the opportunity to learn first hand about homelessness from people who have experienced it. Our own **UCS Senior Youth** are exploring participation in the program this year. Thank you for supporting this work.



Starting in November, and including the Sunday services in December, our Brown Envelope donations will be directed toward exploring an expansion of

our relationship with **UU Mass Action**

(uumassaction.org).

Their Vision: A world where all people are honored and valued. Their Mission: to organize and mobilize UUs in Massachusetts to confront oppression, by providing pathways towards justice and identifying opportunities in which we can live our shared values.

Founded in 2006, UU Mass Action is the original statewide UU organizing and advocacy group in the US. Their mission is to coordinate the 20,000 Unitarian Universalists and 142 congregations in Massachusetts to confront oppression. All of their work is in partnership with larger campaigns and coalitions. Pathways to justice are selected by identifying the priorities in which UU congregations are engaged, taking part in coalition partners' shared priorities, assessing legislative momentum, and identifying who are the most vulnerable people in our Commonwealth.

Funds collected this November and December will support this important work. The Social Justice Committee is planning to commit to the **Partner Congregation Program** to deepen our connection with UU Mass Action. *We have invited Reverend Jo Murphy, UU Mass Action's Executive Directory, to preach in Sharon on Housing Justice on Sunday, 8 December, and to explore with her ways for UCS to collaborate in their work.*

The collection during our Christmas Eve services this year will once again be given to **Father Bill's & MainSpring House** (helpfbms.org) in Brockton, our partners in addressing homelessness. (We continue to provide MSH with monthly bag lunches, funded by our Shopping for Justice grocery card program, to help feed individuals and families facing housing crises.)

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS, continued



Food Pantry donations with a Bonus (Baked) Opportunity!

If you have been planning to make a donation to our ongoing support of 6 local food pantries, Elaine Price is committed to resuming her challenge: be the first to claim her monthly offer of an exciting home baked treat, make a donation to the Food Pantry Fund (currently over \$7,2675 raised since Covid), and the treat is yours! Check the *UCS Social Email List* around noon on Wednesdays, and once, maybe twice a month Elaine will offer a new baked item (and then arrange for pick-up or delivery). Act fast and it's yours! Thank you Elaine for inspiring us all!

Fair Trade prices going up soon

A recent spike in costs for our partner in Fair Trade goods, Equal Exchange in West Bridgewater, means that our prices for coffee and especially chocolates will be going up as of **January 1st, 2025**. As we work through our current inventory, resupply prices have risen, and we will need to pass them on to you our dear customers! Stock up now before The Ball drops on New Year's Eve.... We hope that you understand this reality, and that you continue to support Fair Trade, which deals equitably with small-scale farmers and still allows the SJC to raise funds for many of our important projects.



It's time again for the annual Gifts for Kids holiday drive. Established in 1990 by our own Pat McDougal, GFK (GiftsforKidsMA.org) serves over 1150 youth in our area whose holidays are made brighter thanks to your support. Things are happening a bit differently this year, as you are asked to go directly to bit.ly/sponsorGFK2024 to be connected to the child of your preference (first name, age, gender, clothing sizes, wish-list, etc.). Suggested commitment is \$150/child, or you may prefer to make a monetary donation of any amount (tax deductible of course) and leave the shopping to a corp of volunteers who just love that task! Stop by the Fair Trade table at Coffee Hour to see Alison Reid with your questions, ideas, and checks (!), or email sponsor@GiftsForKidsMA.org, or call 'Kate' at 781-784-4405 for details. Drop-off of gifts will be the same as in past years: unwrapped gifts, in bags with ID tags inside and out, wrapping paper and tape appreciated, two sessions: Walpole on 10 December, 4-6pm, VFW Post #1588, 33 Robbins Road, and Sharon on 12 December, 4-6pm, O'Connell Hall next to Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 59 Cottage St. Volunteers for both drop-off sites are needed - ask Alison about how much fun it is! Thanks for your generous commitment to help make the holidays brighter for youth and kids in our region!

SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS, continued

Donations of home goods for our local immigrant families

The effort to help local immigrant families transition to long-term housing is underway, and there is an ongoing need for a whole range of home goods. Review the lists below and see if you are able to make a donation in the coming weeks that will help our newest neighbors get settled. Basically, everything needs to be in very good to excellent condition, because they are being offered as housewarming gifts.

Smaller items are currently being stored at Hana Berman's home in Sharon (with offsite furniture storage).

Hana would like people to email her to make an appointment to drop off items:

rileyspt5@yahoo.com

Also, we are looking for short term (2 week) storage of furniture. Our goal is to hold things for as short a time as possible. Sometimes donors have to have a piece of furniture out of their house -- and we know who it's intended for but they aren't moving in for two weeks. So we're not looking for a warehouse -- just short term storage. If a member of the congregation were willing to offer space to store bed frames, bureaus and/or a dinette set, that would be very helpful. Contact Gare Reid agreid@rcn.com if you might be able to help in this way.

Household appliances (in good working order):

Iron, coffee maker, toaster oven, microwave

Ironing board (not an appliance, but there's no other category that fits)

Kitchen goods:

mixing bowls

pots and pans

tea kettles

casserole dishes

cookie sheets

knives

cutting boards

cooking tools (wooden spoon, ladle, whisk, peeler, etc.)

can openers

kitchen towels

hot mitts

hot pads

trivets

Dining:

Plates/bowls/etc.

Flatware

Glasses (not barware)

Placemats/napkins

Bathroom:

Towels

Baskets

Bathmats

Shower curtains

Bedroom:

Sheets (twin, full, queen)

Blankets

Comforters

Furniture: (no mattresses/box springs)

Bed frames (twin, full, queen)

Bedside tables

small-medium dresser/bureau/chest of drawers (can fit in a SUV/minivan)

dinette sets (table and chairs that can fit in modest space)

Table lamps

Floor lamps

Side tables for living room

We request that donors avoid using highly-scented laundry products (e.g. scent-boosters), if possible. The cacophony of perfumes gets to the volunteers and ultimate recipients.