

## Social Justice Action

"Little by little we human beings are confronted with situations that give us more and more clues that we are not perfect."

—Fred Rogers

If you have something YOU are passionate about, please tell us so we can spread the word.

## UUCSW Service Project

Social Justice *FAMILY* Event – Please mark your calendar.

When – Sunday March 3, 12:00 – 12:30 PM

Where – In our very own church kitchen.

What – Pack meals. We will be packing meals for people in a homeless shelter in Worcester. *There will be jobs for all ages.* We deliver 100 meals on Sunday and they are handed out the next two days. The shelter does NOT provide lunches so this is a big help for people.

Thanks to those who have helped with financing—including Wegman's who made a \$100 donation last month! It costs about \$1 for each meal, so please consider placing a check for whatever amount in the offering plate, marking it clearly for Social Justice. Our treasurer will do the rest.

## Social Justice Opportunity

Our state Senator, Jamie Eldridge, has proposed a "bold Freedom Agenda to eliminate poverty, invest in public education, make healthcare a right, and transition Massachusetts to 100 percent clean energy." He has "announced that he has filed 46 Senate bills and cosponsored more than 800 bills in the House and Senate for the 191th session of the Massachusetts Legislature. Eldridge's bold legislative agenda would reduce the resource and opportunity gap in Massachusetts by making access to health care services a right, dedicating money to affordable housing construction, and ensuring that public higher education is debt-free for all residents."

The senator's Freedom Agenda is inspired by the hundreds of dedicated activists, community leaders, and progressive organizations in the Middlesex and Worcester district, and beyond, that are deeply committed to tackling the state's biggest challenges.

"The people of the 14 communities in my district have always been champions on environmental protection, public education, affordable housing, transportation, clean energy, civil rights, and combating poverty, and I'm committed to supporting their work by filing bold legislation." **Eldridge said.** (From the senator's homepage: <https://www.senatoreldridge.com/press-releases/6077/>)

This amazing agenda would seem to hit all the right notes. He suggests we view his full list of legislation—which might sound exhausting, but it can be scanned fairly readily. See what you think and send him an email right from his homepage or give his office a call ([617-722-1120](tel:617-722-1120) or [978-460-8564](tel:978-460-8564)) to let him know what you're thinking about the one (or two) issues from his agenda that interest you most particularly. (<http://www.senatoreldridge.com/legislation>) It's good to stay in touch... ;o)

## Values

What is it about someone's personal beliefs and values, especially those elicited by our UU faith, that lead them to care about social justice? I asked Laura Wagner to pose the question in her UU Mass Action Newsletter. For the next few weeks I will publish responses that she received.

***THIS IS HARD!! If someone out of the blue had asked me this question, I would have been unable to answer it. I'm glad I've had a chance to reflect on this and come up with a (for me anyway) coherent answer. I've cared about social justice for a long time. As I reflected, I wondered what value has been with me for most of my life. What most grabs me is "connection." And as a result, the UU principles of Inherent Worth and the Interdependent Web resonate especially with me. Samuel***

Jerry Breecher is the editor of this Social Justice Action sheet. I welcome any and all notices you would like to place here. Inherent in any such listing as this is a point of view – your point of view may differ from mine, but I would be truly delighted to express your social action agenda here. [Jerry@Breecher.com](mailto:Jerry@Breecher.com)