

The Poverty Program

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, SEP 23, 2 PM BELLEVILLE CHURCH, chairperson Helen Hatcher
UN Peace Day Event - Movie PEACE

SATURDAY, OCT 13, 10 AM - 4 PM: VOLUNTEER JOB FAIR AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH, chairperson Rob Burnham The Volunteer Job Fair will take place in the lower main hall of the FRS Unitarian Universalist Church at 26 Pleasant Street in Newburyport. We will provide tables for literature and exhibits. We will set up a screening room just off the main hall and will run short films or slide presentations throughout the day. Please let me know if you have a presentation for the screening room; and please let us know if you know of an organization that might be interested in taking part. Thanks for your participation! For more information or to participate, contact Rob Burnham at jcrdbunham@verizon.net or 603-501-9549.

NOV TBA: Discussion and Planning for 2008

*If you would like to become involved with any of the programs, email
povertyprogram@gmail.com.*

PEACE

September 23, 2 PM, BELLEVILLE CHURCH

Helen Hatcher, chairperson, will give a presentation on Peace, followed by the movie The Peace and discussion following the movie.

The Peace, a Documentary: "A pair of pacifist-minded documentarians reach out to dozens of their generation's greatest thinkers in a bid to ensure a peaceful future for all in this documentary that encourages viewers to take an active role in the peace process. From September 2002 to May 2003, filmmakers Gabriele Zamparini and Lorenzo Meccoli conducted interviews with such internationally recognized thinkers as Noam Chomsky, Howard Zinn, Gore Vidal, Jesse Jackson, Ossie Davis, and Desmond Tutu to explore peaceful solutions to global conflict. In addition to exploring various alternatives to war and weapons of mass destruction as a means of solving conflict, these interviews provide fascinating insight into the modern era while simultaneously offering a look inside the minds of some of the planet's greatest thinkers, activists, and leaders". ~ Jason Buchanan, All Movie Guide

Let's all try to attend the September 23rd presentation!

NEWSLETTER: Letters to the editor, articles, calendar events may be submitted by the 15th by mail: 280 High Street, Newburyport, MA or email: povertyprogram@gmail.com. If you would like to receive the newsletter or stop receiving it, please contact us.

WEBSITE: Charities: if you would like to be listed or linked, or list volunteer or donation needs, please email (povertyprogram@gmail.com) or call Catherine at 978-463-0507. Events for the calendar may be submitted at any time but if you would like to be listed in the newsletter, please submit by the 15th.

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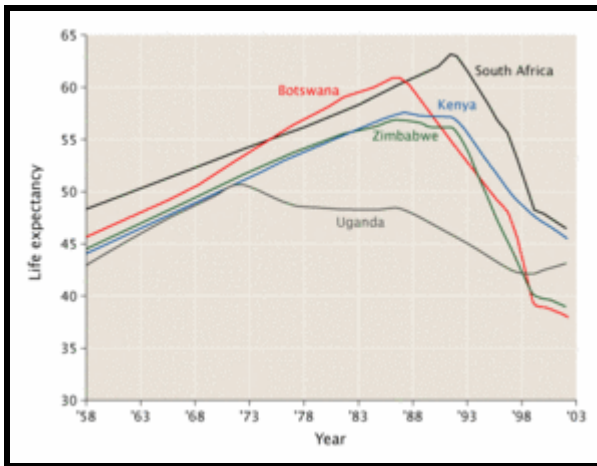
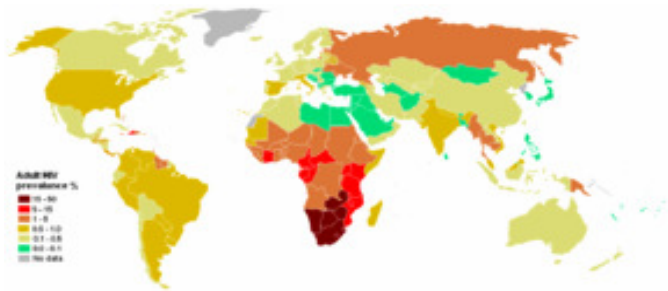
HIV/AIDS: How many more?



- Every minute a child under the age of 15 dies from AIDS or AIDS related illness.
- Every 15 seconds a young adult between 15 and 24 becomes infected with HIV.
- Only 1 percent of children have access to Coltrimoxazole which costs less than 3 cents a day.
- 11,000 new HIV infections and 8,000 deaths daily.
- HIV/AIDS has killed more than 25 million people since 1981.
- 38.6 million people are living with this disease which is now classified as a pandemic.
- A third of all deaths occur in sub-Saharan Africa. 2.3 million children are

living with HIV. Ninety percent of new child HIV infections are in sub-Saharan Africa.

- In 2005, around 380,000 children died of AIDS and 540,000 children got newly infected.
- Over 15 million children have lost one or both parents to AIDS - more than the total number of children in Britain.



- 70,000 children under 15 have HIV/AIDS in India.
- Women represent 59% of the infected population in sub-Saharan Africa.
- Left graph: changes in life expectancy in some hard-hit African countries.
- The world bank states: “While HIV/AIDS is clearly a health problem, the world has come to realize it is also a development problem that threatens human welfare, socio-economic advances, productivity, social cohesion, and even national security. HIV/AIDS reaches into every corner of society, affecting parents, children and youth, teachers and health workers, rich and poor

THE AFRICAN EPIDEMIC AT A GLANCE

Category (as of end-2005)	Persons (millions)	% of global total
Adults and children living HIV	24.5	64%
Women (15+) living with HIV	13.2	76%
Africans newly infected in 2005	3.2	64%
Deaths from AIDS in 2005	2.0	71%
Children orphaned by AIDS	12.0	79%
Total Africans who have died of AIDS	22.9	91%

Poverty Program 2007 Survey

Please take a minute to fill out and return the 2007 Survey at the end of the newsletter or in a separate emailed attached document. The information will be used to improve the Poverty Program as well as to help us plan the 2008 program. For every survey returned, we will donate a dollar to the charity with the most "votes".

VOLUNTEERING

Be the change you want to see in the world.

~Mahatma Gandhi~

POVERTY PROGRAM'S VOLUNTEER JOB FAIR

OCT 13, 10 AM - 4 PM

UNITARIAN CHURCH, LOWER MAIN HALL, 26 PLEASANT STREET, NEWBURYPORT

For more information or to participate, contact Rob Burnham at jcrdbunham@verizon.net or 603-501-9549.

PETTENGILL HOUSE & SALVATION ARMY

Poverty in our area is increasing. Please help.

The Pettengill House and Salvation Army are serving more people this year - more than 12,000 more meals at Pettengill House - and are in need of our assistance in restocking their pantries. Please make a monetary donation or donate food (pasta & sauce, canned goods, mac & cheese, juice, cooking oil, condiments) or toiletry items to these organizations. The Salvation Army can also accept fresh and frozen fruit and vegetables.

POVERTY PROGRAM 2008

The Poverty Program is starting to think about the 2008 program and will be having a general organizational meeting in November. Some of the topics that we are considering are: Homelessness, Affordable Housing, Sustainable Agriculture and Local Farming, Racism, American Indians, Slavery, Environmental Issues, Water, Haiti, Human Rights and Political Prisoners, Politics and Poverty, Nutrition, American consumerism and Poverty, Drugs and Poverty, Baseball/Music: Solution to Poverty? If you would like to suggest a topic, be a presenter or host one the programs, please contact Catherine Gould at 978-463-0507 or povertyprogram@gmail.com.

ACTION ALERTS

CANDIDATE QUESTIONS: If you would like to submit a question for candidates in the upcoming election, the Poverty Program will submit to each candidate a selected list of questions and post all the responses on the website. To submit questions, email povertyprogram@gmail.com, or mail them to 280 High Street, Newburyport, MA. Please put "candidate questions" in the subject line.

ACTION: Congress: Deliver on Health Care for Those Who Need it Most!

Dear [Decision Maker],

You will soon be voting on a bill that could improve our health care system for children, older Americans, and those with little income. If passed, the Children's Health And Medicare Protection (CHAMP) Act would reduce excess payments to Medicare Advantage plans and instead use that money to give low-income Medicare beneficiaries access to medicines they cannot afford. It would reduce the asset test in Medicare Part D and streamline the application process, thereby helping millions of Americans gain access to affordable healthcare. It would also ensure that physicians who treat Medicare patients are paid fairly for their services. Last, the CHAMP Act would reauthorize and strengthen the State Children's Health Insurance Program so more low-income children have access to affordable healthcare.

As your constituent, I urge you to do the right thing by voting "Yes" on the CHAMP Act! Thank you for your consideration on this and other important issues. I am looking forward to learning how you vote on this matter.

Sincerely,

Your name and address

UPCOMING EVENTS

Events must be submitted by the 20th of each month.

WEEKLY PEACE RALLY

Every Sunday at noon at Market Square.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 7 PM (THIRD THURSDAY MONTHLY)

POVERTY PROGRAM PEACE

SEPT. 23, 2 PM BELLEVILLE CHURCH

THREE CUPS OF TEA

NOVEMBER 8, 2007, 7 PM

Cambridge Public Library, 359 Broadway, Cambridge, MA 02139

more information: <http://www.gregmortenson.com/welcome.php>, <http://www.threecupsoftea.com/Intro.php>

Children's news

OTHER GOOD ENVIRONMENTAL WEBSITES

THE GREEN GUIDE FOR KIDS: <http://greenguideforkids.blogspot.com/>

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME: <http://www.unep.org/Tunza/children/>

WWF GAME PAGE: <http://www.worldwildlife.org/fun/>

KIDS PLANET: <http://www.kidsplanet.org/>

EPA KIDS SITE: <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/kids/cc.html>

GLOBAL WARMING FOR KIDS: <http://globalwarmingkids.net/>

ODDS AND ENDS

THE POVERTY PROGRAM WEBSITE HAS ADDED YOUTUBE OF NICKLEBACK'S SONG

"If Everyone Cared"

From underneath the trees, we watch the sky	Singing Amen, I, I'm alive
Confusing stars for satellites	Singing Amen, I, I'm alive
I never dreamed that you'd be mine	(I'm alive)
But here we are, we're here tonight	And as we lie beneath the stars
Singing Amen, I, I'm alive	We realize how small we are
Singing Amen, I, I'm alive	If they could love like you and me
If everyone cared and nobody cried	Imagine what the world could be
If everyone loved and nobody lied	If everyone cared and nobody cried
If everyone shared and swallowed their pride	If everyone loved and nobody lied
Then we'd see the day when nobody died	If everyone shared and swallowed their pride
And I'm singing	Then we'd see the day when nobody died
Amen I, Amen I, I'm alive	When nobody died...
Amen I, Amen I, Amen I, I'm alive	We'd see the day, we'd see the day
And in the air the fireflies	When nobody died
Our only light in paradise	We'd see the day, we'd see the day
We'll show the world they were wrong	When nobody died
And teach them all to sing along	We'd see the day when nobody died

LITTLE THINGS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Support your local farmer - you get fresher food and your purchase supports the farms!

"The global HIV/AIDS epidemic is an unprecedented crisis that requires an unprecedented response. In particular it requires solidarity between the healthy and the sick, between the rich and the poor, and above all, between richer and poorer nations. We have 30 million orphans already. How many more do we have to get, to wake up?" Kofi Annan
