Social Justice Action
“You are either part of the problem or part of the solution. If you do nothing, you are part of the problem.”

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

**UUCSW Service Project**

**Social Justice** *FAMILY* Event –
When – *Sunday December 1, 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.

Only two states allow felons to vote while in prison. It wasn’t long ago that Massachusetts did too. Massachusetts inmates had the right to vote until 2000, when a ballot question passed in the state that made voting from prison illegal. Now, a grassroots campaign is trying to restore the right to vote to prisoners here via another ballot question.

The question of whether convicted felons should have voting rights has become a hot-button topic in the lead-up to the 2020 election. Nearly two-thirds of Democratic and Democratic-leaning voters consider restoring voting rights to felons important or very important, according to recent polling from CNN.

The final ballot summary for the MA state measure is as follows: “This proposed constitutional amendment would remove the existing prohibition against voting by persons incarcerated because of a felony conviction. Such persons would become able to vote in elections for governor, lieutenant governor, state senator, state representative, governor’s council, secretary of state, state treasurer, state auditor, state attorney general, and United States senator and representative in Congress.”

Today, after our service, your challenge is to consider signing the petition to approve this constitutional amendment. If you are willing and a registered voter in this state, please be sure to sign the form designated for your hometown. We will be returning the signed petitions to UU Mass Action. Thank you!

**MASC: Mass Against Solitary Confinement**

On September 24th, MASC held a legislative briefing at the State House, during which survivors of solitary shared their stories about their experience. Please take a moment to listen to this audio clip, Sounds of Solitary: [http://bit.ly/solsnd](http://bit.ly/solsnd), and then contact the members of the Judiciary Committee and advocate for the Solitary Data Bill. Here’s how: [http://bit.ly/MASC1023](http://bit.ly/MASC1023)

The 6th Annual Theodore Parker Lecture will feature the Rev. Willie Bodrick, II

**WE STILL CAN’T WAIT: the Urgency of Equal Education for All**

When: Sun Nov 10, 3:00 PM
Where: Theodore Parker Unitarian Universalist Church, 1859 Centre Street, West Roxbury

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