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**Hand Crafts for Social Justice and Fun! at *International Bazaar*, Kingston Silver Bells Fair**

Saturday November 14 9:30-3:30

Sunday November 15 12:00-2:00

Beal House, First Parish Church

222 Main Street, Kingston Mass. 02364

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This year, come celebrate the holiday season and help people around the world at our ***International Bazaar*** at the **Silver Bells Fair**, the Beal House, First Unitarian Church in Kingston, where you can pick up wonderful handmade, one-of-a-kind gifts made in Kingston, Afghanistan, Uganda, and Guatemala---many for under twenty dollars!

Grab a delicious LUNCH of our famous Chowdah, Kristina’s Pulled Pork, Kale Soup, sandwiches, home-made apple pie and lots more. FREE coffee, tea, and apple cider, too! Come share all the traditional American holiday treats---home made pies, fudge, cookies, gifts, handicrafts, holiday greens, face-painting, attic treasures---and savor the traditional feel of the holidays.

Do your holiday shopping at the UU ***INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR*** where Sima Calkin, a native of Afghanistan who lives in Plymouth and is married to Kingston native Hugh Calkin, will sell beautiful Afghani crafts: hand-embroidered blouses, shirts, and dresses; bags; wooden toys, and hand-carved boxes, all proceeds going to *‘Aschiana,’* her organization in Kabul, Afghanistan, which is “helping Afghan children build a brighter and better future”, as their mission statement declares. ‘*Aschiana’s’* programs provide children, especially girls, with basic education, health care, meals, socialization, artistic and trade-development, and recreational activities: all opportunities to grow and develop in a safe environment. The hot meal Aschiana provides once a day is often the only hot meal a child will get.

Aschiana Foundation has been certified by Independent Charities of America as Best in America. All donations are tax-deductible. Please go to the Aschiana-Foundation.org website for videos and more information.

The UU Social Justice Program’s *‘Faith in Action Ministry’* will offer unique treasures from *Project Have Hope*in ***Uganda,*** colorful woven fabric and bead jewelry by women’s cooperatives in ***Guatemala*** through*Thread of Hope****,*** fair trade coffee, tea & chocolates in support of the ***Unitarian Universalist Service Committee***, which supports economic and environmental justice, and human rights globally.

The Silver Bells Fair, now celebrating its 82ndyear, also raises funds for ***Renewal House*** in Boston, a shelter for battered women and children.

Come join us November 14th and 15th for some authentic holiday cheer!