



The

Belfry

June 22nd, 2017

Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church

Love is the spirit of our church, where ...

...we gather to worship...

...we create a welcoming, nurturing religious community for all...

Forthcoming Services, Worship at 10:00 a.m., Announcements at 9:55 a.m. unless stated otherwise.

2017 Summer Service in Stow

The Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church was to host this year's **Joint Summer Service on August 6**, but we have just found out that Skate Central Mass, a 3-day longboard event, takes place that weekend. With hundreds of additional people in Harvard Center, parking will be difficult. **Therefore we have moved the service to the Stow/Acton church, on the common at the intersection of Rts. 117 & 62; 353 Great Road, Stow MA 01775**

The theme of this year's service will be "**Great Freedom, Great Responsibility**," focusing on inclusivity and the free, but respectful, exchange of varying - and sometimes, opposed - ideas. Daniel Payne, the Director of Religious Education at Harvard, and Ted Johnson, the Music Director at Harvard, will be the service leaders with Rev. Jill Cowie. There will be refreshments outside following the service. Ted will direct a pickup choir, which will begin rehearsing at 8:30.

Harvard is still asked to provide most of the volunteer support for the service. We will need people to greet and to usher. We especially need 8-10 volunteers to help with the reception after the service, keeping food stocked and cleaning up afterwards. **If you can help, please contact Dorothy Solbrig (dsolbrig@gmail.com; 978-772-9245).**

New Photo Directory

The Connections Team is planning to create a photo directory this summer. It won't be like any we have had before. No appointments necessary. No glossy book. We will be using the photos you send in and the Church Windows software that manages our database of members and friends.

Do you have a favorite photo of you? of your family? Can you email it? That will be all you have to do.

I am happy to start collecting your photos anytime. Send them to me with a clear statement about who is in the photo. We won't be able to put in any text, we just need to connect the photo to the right family.

-Cary Browse cbrowse@earthlink.net

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From Rev. Jill Cowie

Poet John O'Donohue says that the art of harvesting the riches of our lives is best achieved when we place profound trust in the act of beginning. Trust was present in our beginning this month and I witnessed your richness. I saw a community that cares about each other and shows up in times of great joy and great sorrow. I saw people who love to develop young leaders and who gather to celebrate and sing to all expressions of life. I witnessed a congregation that embodies values in the design of its Fellowship Hall, by hanging a Black Lives Matter banner and by showing up in the public square to proclaim the power of love. I've been pondering the quality of your trust and your openness to say "this is my heart's song." A melody that drew me in over and over again building a movement, a harmony, and a cacophony of joy to which now my heart sings. And it's lovely. I love having this new song to listen to with wonderment and anticipation of its next expression.

As a musician I know this beauty comes with years of practice of listening to another's song and allowing that song to inform you. Dr. Naomi Remen says that in the silence of listening to another's story you offer them wholeness and you know yourself in everyone. I felt this quality of knowing in our time together. Last night I realized again the power this quality has to heal the world. I attended a Black Lives Matter Boston meeting held in response to the acquittal of Philando Castile's murderer. The open microphone invited stories of survival, strength, and immense grief. In the beautiful vast cathedral of Union Church the words and silence wove together a communality of humanity with no *they* or *them* just *we*. And it was beautiful. To me this is church. It's why we do what we do. So this summer I invite you to practice your spiritual muscle by intentionally choosing to listen 15 minutes a week (see below). It's a good way to stay in spiritual shape. I will be spending some of my study time in the Minister's study this summer on Tuesday and Thursdays starting August 1st, please stop by if you want to practice together or simply talk or go for a walk.

I look forward to seeing you all again and to beginning our ministry together.

With warmth and love,

Jill
(617-697-0922 cell)

15 Minutes of Listening: The First 5 Minutes of Listening: To the Everyday

Choose an everyday mundane experience: commuting, cooking, sitting in the park, sitting at the doctor's waiting room, the supermarket, Starbucks. Pick one and then sit and do nothing but listen for 5 minutes. Just listen. Afterward, take some time just to breathe and let it sink in, then write down what you "heard"- what stuck out for you, what "spoke" to you. What sound did you most like? Most dislike? How did you feel when you were done?

The Second 5 Minutes of Listening: To Another Person

Really listen to an important person in your life. Your spouse, child, parent, neighbor, close co-worker. For 5 minutes, let their words be what matters most. Ask helpful questions that help them keep talking and express themselves, but do not interrupt (Don't tell them this is a church assignment.) And then, like before, take some time afterward to let the experience sink in, then write down what you "heard." Did you have to fight the temptation to interrupt? To give them advice? What surprised you? How did you feel? How did they seem to feel?

The Third 5 Minutes of Listening: To Voices Usually Tuned Out

Finally take 5 minutes to open your ears to that which you usually –intentionally or unintentionally—close your ears. Think broadly. Maybe it is the voice of that contrarian talk show host who shouts all the time or music you don't like. The process of choosing will be just as rich as the process of actually listening. As you reflect on this 5 minutes of listening, be sure to ask yourself: What happened to me as I listened?

Board Report June 2017

We made it! The search process worked! We have a new minister and she is a great fit for us. The Board thanks the Ministerial Search Committee for their incredible work as they represented each and every one of you trying to find the combination of qualities that would match who we are and who we want to be. As part of this process it was interesting to contemplate if we desire someone who provides what we want or what we need. We believe that Reverend Jill can do both very well. Comfortable providing us the aspects that we are expecting, but challenging to push us out of our comfort zone a bit so that we grow and become. What an exciting year it has been and we look forward to the new year ahead.

Welcome Reverend Jill - During the last few weeks we have participated in the Candidating Week, held our successful vote to call Reverend Jill Cowie and a celebration with her, Ben and two of their children to welcome them to our church family. Her sermon titled, "Spiritual Friendship" provided a great way to think about our special relationships with people who we can learn from, be safe with and be challenged by.

Goodbye Reverend Mark - We also had an amazing last service with Reverend Mark. This final service was poignant as we watched him walk down the sanctuary aisle with his red suitcase in tow. Leaving as he came to us from the "temp agency". The story he told about his father from England to illustrate his sermon, "Holding On and Letting Go" was touching and very memorable. He is truly loved, he did an amazing job and we are ready to let go and move forward.

Final Board Meeting - Your Board had their final meeting of the church year on June 8th. It was a transition meeting as the Board will be different next year. Going off of the Board are Ginger Kendall and William Kellogg. Their contributions have been many and important for us and we thank them so much for their time, ideas and love during this time. Filling these seats, we welcome Leslie Neville and Stacy Greene as new Board members. Paige and I switch spots as she becomes President and I will serve her final year on the Board as the immediate Past President. Paige will bring an informed perspective as your President with her many, many years in leadership positions for the Church and predictably will work well with Reverend Jill.

Buildings and Grounds Projects - Glen Frederick reviewed the summer projects that he will manage for us. He is organizing efforts to rebuild the kitchen in the Sanctuary, freshen up the church office for Jill and also working with Daniel to prepare for the labyrinth behind the Fellowship Building. Glen, please take some time off this summer too, OK? We are so fortunate for Glen and all of the volunteers that are stepping forward to help with these projects.

New Programs - We also have many, many programs that are being proposed for our new church year. Reverend Jill has proposed many new adult education programs, Daniel would like to facilitate some community outreach programs and the Social Justice Ministries Council will be leading several social justice discussions to help us better understand the root causes of these issues and how we might be able to make a difference. With all of these proposed programs, your Board discussed the importance of coordination and communication. The Board will not oversee these programs but will be here to encourage good process and collaboration.

Financial Report - Financially, Rick reported that we are in great shape going in to the summer months. Pledges are up and our budget is solid. As always, remembering to send in your pledge is greatly appreciated. This is my final Board Report and final month as your Board President. It has been an incredible three years. I want to thank all of you for your support during these years in which we were served by Wendy and Mark and now Jill. We welcomed Daniel and many new church members! It has been my privilege serving you also and I can't wait for the next church year to see our next chapter unfold. Have a great summer!!

For the Board, Tom Daniells
Ginger Kendall, William Kellogg, Kirsti Gamage, Paige O'Brien, Steve Farough

Here we hold ourselves responsible for the religious education of our children and ourselves, to carry out our mission, and to support our church. ...

Religious Education Announcements

1. **All children (nursery through 12th grade) must be registered** for Religious Education programs before the beginning of the church year on September 10, 2017. Please take the time to register your child(ren) now at <https://uuharvard.org/learning/religious-education-student-registration/>
2. We will be running the **Coming of Age program for all interested youth in grades 8-10 in the 2017-2018 church year**. The program will run from late September through mid-May, and will be in partnership with four other area UU churches. Each youth will be paired with an adult mentor, and there will be monthly field trips to witness the practices of various faith traditions. If your 8th-10th grade youth would like to participate, I need to know by August 1, 2017. Email me at dre@uuharvard.org.
3. The **first parent meeting of the 2017-2018 church year will be held on September 10, 11:30 am**, in Sutherland Hall. All parents are strongly encouraged to attend.
4. The **first Coming of Age meeting for mentors, parents and youth will be September 24, 9:15 am**, in Sutherland Hall. All participants are required to attend.

Many of you have already registered to assist or teach an RE block. We still have openings, mostly for the younger groups (Butterfly Garden and Rock Garden). **If you can assist or teach for one RE block (approximately 6 weeks), please email dre@uuharvard.org ASAP.** There will be two teacher trainings at the beginning of the church year so you can be confident and prepared in your role.

Teacher Training Schedule

- ♦ Spirit Play Training: September 10 (12:30-2:00) and September 16 (12:00-2:00) in the FB
- ♦ Cosmix Training: September 7 (7:00-8:30 pm) in the FB

Adult RE Opportunity

- ♦ Our parent book group, *Tending the Flame: The Art of UU Parenting*, will begin on October 1, exact time to be announced. This first meeting will be in person.

*** We will be laying down stones for our labyrinth on October 22, from 11:30 – 12:00 noon after worship. This is an all-congregation activity, and everyone is encouraged to bring a medium-sized stone. Further instructions will be given at the beginning of the church year. ***

Here we support individual and collective service to the larger community ...

**HARVARD UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP, 2017-2018**

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If you are no longer serving in a position for which you need a building key, please return the key(s) to the church office.

If you are new to a serving position, please let me know and I will make sure you get door keys, if needed.

-Elinor Stapleton admin@uuharvard.org, 978-456-8752

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If you have **updates** to your address, phone, email or you want to change the way you receive church communication, please let me know. **Next Belfry deadlines are: Tuesday August 22nd, and then Tuesday September 19th.** If you want a simple, **updated Church Directory**, please send me an email and I will send you the pdf file, or I can print a paper copy for you. **To be listed in the Directory**, please let me know.

July & August Birthday Wishes Go To ...

Aciukewicz, Lisa
Agosta, Nellie
Babich, George
Colony, Daniel
Colony, Jim
Cordner, William
Day-Newsham, Colby
Donald, Mary
Dyer, Eric
Eiland, Thea
Goodell, Janice
Jarratt, Claudia
Johnson, Erik
Krusen II, George C.
Lower, Cheryl
Madison, Sawyer
Madison, Tucker
Payne, Chris
Payne, Ethan
Payne, Hannah
Sobalvarro, Kate
Stoddart, Brenton
Vilain, Alec
Weast, Becca



If you missed the opportunity to give us your birthday month please contact the church office:
978-456-8752, or admin@uuharvard.org

Regular Classes/Events in our Buildings

Sanctuary

Harvard Pro Musica, community chorus rehearsals Tuesday evenings September—May, concerts Dec. & May; contact Kathy Hewett 456-8692 or Eleanor Toth 779-2876.

Fellowship Building

Yoga in Sutherland Hall with Joyce Vassallo: Tue. 7-8:30pm and Sat. 9-10:45am, 617-201-3532.

Exercise Classes Mon. & Wed. mornings with Theresa Hoberman, 978-875-0829

Tai Chi Tue. & Thur. 9-10am

Zumba Fri. 9-9:45am

(Both through the Council on Aging 978-456-4120)

Art Classes & Workshops

Joelle Feldman: Mon. evening, and Wed. afternoon 978-618-2041, Joelle.feldman@gmail.com; <http://www.joellefeldman.com>

Bobbi Heath: Wed. afternoons Drawing Class bobbiheath@gmail.com, www.bobbiheath.com

MUSIC NOTES



Jr. Choir:

Is anyone interested and available for a choir party of miniature golf and ice cream this Saturday afternoon- June 24, or next Wednesday, June 28, Thursday, June 29, or Friday June 30? Please let me know.

Sr. Choir:

If you're around on Sunday, August 6, please consider singing in the combined church choir led by our own Ted Johnson in the Stow-Acton church. Daniel Payne, our DRE is leading the service.
Eleanor Toth

Don't Forget About Loaves and Fishes!

Summer is often a time when food inventory is low. Folks are busy or away on vacation and don't always think to donate to those in need. Please keep Loaves and Fishes clients in your hearts this summer by:

Continuing to purchase food and other necessities for Loaves and Fishes, just as you always do on the first Sunday of each month. By checking for coupons, sales and on your own pantry shelves, you don't even need to spend much money. Since the HUUC doesn't hold regular services in the summer, you can leave donations in the collections box at the Harvard post office or deliver it directly to Loaves and Fishes during their collection times.

Signing up for shifts to help the Glean Team rescue food Roche Bros. Signing up is easy and simple through the SignUp Genius link on the front page of the HUUC's website.

Volunteering at Loaves and Fishes by stocking shelves, sorting clothing donations, escorting clients through the pantry to choose their groceries, helping out in the office, gardening or landscaping around the Loaves and Fishes building or a variety of other activities.

Planting an extra row of food in your vegetable garden and donating the results during any open pantry session.

For more information about volunteering with Loaves and Fishes, contact them directly at tohelp@loavesfishespantry.org. Thanks.

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Interim Minister
Minister (starting August 1st)
Music Director
Parish Administrator
Director of Religious Education & Outreach Coordinator
Bookkeeper

Director of Religious Education & Outreach Coordinator Office Hours in Summer
Tuesdays Noon to 4:00 p.m.
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I am on-call for emergencies through July 30th.
My cell phone # is 207-812-1787.
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