



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
May 15th 2016

SHARING OUR PLATE: May
May's Sharing Our Plate will go to National Religious Campaign against Torture. **Please make your checks out to NRCAT.** As members of NRCAT our congregation is committed to opposing torture and taking some anti-torture action every year. June is an awareness raising month for NRCAT to raise awareness through churches. Torture is a violation of UU principles and of the US Constitution as well as the UN Declaration of Human Rights. [You can also make a secure donation to NCRAT here.](#)

-The Social Action Committee
Georgia Sassen, Chair
Pat Westwater-Jong, Chris Ready,
Ibby Chiquoine, Nancy Reifenstein,
Steve Farough

This Week's Service May 15, 10:00 a.m.
Senior High Youth Group

Next Week's Service May 22, 10:00 a.m.
Toby Smith

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

May 15th:

Nursery opens at 9:45; all other children/youth in the Sanctuary.

Butterfly Garden, Rock Garden & Cosmix: SHYG Service and prep for FF Sunday.

Building Bridges (7th-9th): Attending SHYG service, 10am

SHYG: Senior High Youth Group Service, 10am

Looking ahead to May 22nd:

Nursery opens at 9:45; all other children/youth in the Fellowship Building.

Butterfly Garden & Rock Garden: Vernal pools with Bob Douglas

Cosmix: Prep for FF Sunday.

Building Bridges (7th-9th): Prep for FF Sunday.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Goodbye Andrew Jackson. Hello, Harriet Tubman. And hello Settled Minister too. Today we kick off a brief fund-raising effort to fill a one-time special need: supporting the work of our newly-elected Ministerial Search Committee, especially the travel costs of potential ministers and the relocation costs of the one called. Our goal is to raise \$10,000 between now and the end of June. (The UUA recommends more than twice this, but our frugal-minded Board knows it can manage for less.)

How will we raise this money? We will do it together, by celebrating the U.S. Treasury Department's announcement that former slave Harriet Tubman will soon replace slave-owning Andrew Jackson on the \$20 bill. Together, we will retire five hundred (yes 500) Andrew Jackson \$20 bills. Because $500 \times \$20 = \$10,000!$ So consider setting aside a twenty or maybe two this week to help support our search for a settled minister. Stay tuned for details on how you can help.





Sunshine Baskets We now have two fellow parishioners recovering from broken hips and resulting surgery--Ibby

Chiquoine and Jean McCrosky. So there are TWO baskets outside Elinor's office door, collecting gift items for Sunshine Baskets for each of them. A Sunshine Basket is a basket filled with many small gift items, which the recipient opens, one per day, as a reminder that we are thinking of her. Ideas for gifts might include things such as a treat to eat, hand cream, a greeting card, picture post card, a puzzle book, a small flowering plant--you get the picture. I understand that Ibby especially enjoys mints like the ones Elinor has in her office, and also Halls Defense Supplement drops, citric variety. Please bring your gift to church by Sunday May 15th, or drop it off at my house, 85 Oak Hill Road in Harvard. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

-Audrey Ball, for the Women's Alliance.

Mary Donald is looking for transportation to and from the airport, and for a roommate at General

Assembly. Please call her at 978-263-4747.

[General Assembly 2016](#)

June 22-26 in Columbus, Ohio

Eyewitness Gaza: Keeping Hope Alive

A Talk by Dr. Nancy Murray, Co-Founder, The Gaza Mental Health Foundation Inc. Friday, May 20, 2016. HUUC Fellowship Building. Doors open at 7:00, talk starts at 7:30. Dr. Murray recently returned from the Gaza Strip, which the UN has said will be "unlivable" within four years. She will describe the conditions she encountered this past April and how people under siege are seeking to rebuild their lives. . What responsibility do Americans share for what is happening to the people of Gaza? And what can we do to help keep people safe and keep hope alive? Few people outside Gaza have the experience and knowledge and wisdom to address these questions as accurately as Nancy Murray. Co-sponsors: UUs for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME-MA), UU Social Justice Ministries Council (SJMC)

Lili Maselli, friend of HUUC has generously donated eight UU books for us to lend out. They are in the front foyer under the bulletin board.

Loaves and Fishes Needs Beans for Sunday June 5th Right now, Loaves and Fishes is very low on canned beans and could use chickpeas, refried beans, baked beans, lentils or any other canned legume you might be willing to donate. Please leave it in the Loaves and Fishes baskets in the church foyer for **Sunday, June 5th**. If you have questions, please contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com. Thanks!

Bargains in the Belfry will be open

Sunday, May 15, after church 11:30 to 12:30. The 'green sticker' sale is on--20% off every item with a green sticker. Check it out!

Thanks.

Audrey

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sun. May 15

9:45 a.m. Nursery open

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Senior High Youth Group

Bargains in the Belfry open

Tue. May 17

10:00-4:00 Bargains open

Belfry Deadline

Fri. May 20

7:00pm Eyewitness Gaza talk

Sun. May 22

9:45 a.m. Nursery open

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Toby Smith

Annual Congregational Meeting