



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
September 10th, 2017

## **Sharing Our Plate for September 10, 2017 Hurricane Harvey Recovery Fund**

Because of the recent hurricane in Texas and Louisiana, the Social Justice Ministries Council decided to postpone collecting for Black Lives Matter until September 17<sup>th</sup>. For this week, we will be donating half of what we collect in the plate as well as any checks we receive to the Hurricane Harvey Recovery Fund, which is a fund created by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). This fund will give half of the money raised to at-risk populations served by UUSC partners and the other half will support Unitarian Universalist congregations and members of those congregations most affected by the storm. **If you would like to write a check, please make it out to UUA and put Hurricane Harvey Recovery Fund in the memo line.**

## ***September 10<sup>th</sup> “Our Living Waters”***

**Rev. Jill Cowie**

During my few days at the water protector’s Standing Rock camp last year I heard “Mni Wiconi” in ceremony and whenever someone felt like lifting their voice to the winds. These few words “water is life” drew thousands of people from around the world to create a community grounded in right relationship with all beings. Likewise, as Unitarian Universalist begin a new church year, we offer water communion to honor our relationships. This is our way of acknowledging the interconnected web of all life and the blessings we give and receive to one another. Join us for an All Ages worship service during which we will bless a new year and our new ministry by blending the waters of our journeys in story and song. **\*You are invited to please bring water from a place meaningful to you, but water will be available for all.**

## ***September 17<sup>th</sup> “A Journey towards the Other America” Rev. Jill Cowie***

Anti-racist organizer Anne Braden once said, *“In every age, no matter how cruel the oppression carried on by those in power there have been those who struggled for a different world. Living in that world that is working to make it happen lets us know our lives are worthwhile.”* As white supremacy ideology makes its way into public policy and the public square, how do we as Unitarian Universalist respond? Leaders of our UU Black Lives movement tell us is the first step towards the “Other America” and the dismantling of white supremacy is to see it and respond to it in all of its multiple expressions. You are invited on an anti-racist journey made possible because we do it together. Join Us.

## **Religious Education News**

\* Please join us for an RE informational meeting in Sutherland Hall after worship service today. The meeting will start at 11:30. All parents of children and youth registered for RE programming are encouraged to attend, and the meeting is open to non-parents as well.

\* RE programming will begin next week, September 17. Please make sure your child or youth is registered at <https://uuharvard.org/learning/religious-education-student-registration/>

\* RE will be holding a bake sale at the bottom of the Common after worship on September 17 and September 24. If you can bake goods to sale for either Sunday, please tell Daniel ([dre@uuharvard.org](mailto:dre@uuharvard.org)). If you cannot bake goods, please come down to make a purchase. All proceeds will go to relief efforts for victims of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

\* RE will be hosting a family game night in Sutherland Hall, September 30, from 6-8 pm. All families and ages are invited to attend. Invite friends & neighbors, too!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Alliance Potluck/Program meets on Tuesday, September 12th, at 6:30 PM** in the Fellowship building. The topic will be a report on General Assembly, 2017. ***Resist and Rejoice***, was the theme. Speakers will be your delegates: Dan Payne, Thea Eiland, Sharlotte Eiland, Deborah Levering and Mary Donald

**Bargains Consignment Shop Opens for Fall Season** Bargains in the Belfry, our own special consignment shop resells *lightly-used clothing*. It will open for the season on Sunday, October 1st, so now is a good time to clean out your closets. The shop will be open each Tuesday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and the first and third Sundays 11:30-12:30. Starting October 1st. Proceeds from the Shop benefit the church and the community. Contact Dorothy Solbrig, [978-772-9245](tel:978-772-9245).

### *A List of Upcoming Community Events*

◆ **Seven-Path Meditation:** Meeting every **Thursday** starting **September 14, 7:30 – 9:00 pm.**

◆ **Harvard Chili Cook-Off:** Come to eat some delicious chili (and vote) and listen to some wonderful music on **September 16, 5 – 7 pm.**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4ea4a82ca13-harvard>

◆ **Anti-Racism Workshop Series:** September 24<sup>th</sup>, October 1<sup>st</sup>, October 15<sup>th</sup> and October 22<sup>nd</sup> from 12:00pm – 2:30pm (with a light lunch offered at 11:30am). Sign up at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/confronting-systemic-racism-tickets-36089097462>

◆ **Harvard Humanists:** A discussion group for people who value freethought.

**September 24**, and thereafter, the **last Sunday of each month.** 1:30 – 3:00 pm.

◆ **Social Justice Cinema:** A monthly movie screening focusing on social justice issues. First meeting is **September 29 at 7 pm.**

**The Connections Team** is creating an electronic version of a photo directory. Cary Browse has been entering into our church database the photos that you have sent to her or photos from the 2013 photo directory. If you have no photo to send in, Carol MacFarlane will be available to take a photo of you and/or your family after church (in front of the church) every Sunday in September. Please look for Carol after the service.

(If you want a simple, updated Directory, please ask; or to be listed, please let me know. [admin@uuharvard.org](mailto:admin@uuharvard.org), [978-456-8752](tel:978-456-8752))

### **Sunday Service Volunteers Needed!**

Please consider signing up to be a Greeter, Usher, or help with Fellowship Hour for an upcoming Sunday Service. Click on the following links to sign up or stop by the Connections Table clipboards in the back of the Sanctuary. [Greeter Online Sign-Up](#)  
[Usher Online Sign-Up](#)  
[Hospitality Online Sign-Up](#)

Thank you! The Connection Team  
[connections@uuharvard.org](mailto:connections@uuharvard.org)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday September 10

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

***“Our Living Waters”***

**Rev. Jill Cowie**

11:30 a.m. Parent meeting

12:30 p.m. Spirit Play training

Tuesday September 12

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

6:30 Alliance Potluck & Program

Wednesday September 13

7:00-8:00 p.m. Meditation

Thursday September 14

7:00 p.m. Board meeting

7:30 p.m. Choir rehearsal

7:30 p.m. Meditation & Chanting

Saturday September 16

12:30 Spirit Play training

5:00-7:00 p.m. Chili Cook-off for all

Sunday September 17

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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