



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
September 17th, 2017

Sharing Our Plate

September 17th, 24th & October 1st 2017

Black Lives Matter (BLM) was created in 2012 after Trayvon Martin's murderer, George Zimmerman, was acquitted for his crime, and dead 17-year old Trayvon was posthumously placed on trial for his own murder. BLM, originated in the African-American community, and is an international activist movement that campaigns against violence and systemic racism towards black people.

September 17th

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.

September 24th

Keep On Opening Your Heart

Rev. Jill Cowie

"That we may start fresh, that we may come clear, that we may know sweetness and peace throughout the year. That we may find love where we need it most and open our hearts and hands and draw each

other close" ... prayer from a Rosh Hashanah hymnal

As Jews around the world celebrate Rosh Hashanah, a New Year birthed by the renewal of their covenant with God and creation, let us as Unitarian Universalist renew our vision for how to live in this complicated, beautiful and broken world. A vision that says we are most human when we bind ourselves in relationship through promises to and with each other. Come, let us covenant together.

Religious Education News

* Please come down to the bottom of the Common after worship to purchase some baked goods for hurricane relief efforts in Texas, Florida and the Caribbean. This week's contributions will go to the UUSC relief fund, and next week's contributions will go to Oxfam specifically for devastated Caribbean islands.

* We offer Religious Education programming for children and youth of all ages. To learn more about our programs and to register, visit <https://uuharvard.org/learning/>

* RE Family Game Night has been moved to Saturday, October 14, from 5:30 - 8:30 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Meditation Group

Join us for meditation on Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:00pm in the Fellowship Building. Readings, sitting and walking meditation. All are welcome - instruction

available. Contact Pam Frederick, David Kendall, or Todd Lainhart for more information.

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).

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.

(And if you want a simple, updated Directory, please ask; or to be listed, please let me know. –Elinor Stapleton admin@uuharvard.org, 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

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday September 17
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
A Journey towards the Other America
Rev. Jill Cowie
Bake Sale for hurricane relief
11:30-1:00 Senior High Youth Group, Kick Off

Monday September 18
7-9 p.m. Social Justice Ministries Council, Pre-Workshop Meeting

Tuesday September 19
Belfry Deadline

Wednesday September 20
7-8pm Meditation, all levels

Thursday September 21
7:30-9 Seven-Path Meditation

Sunday September 24
9:15-9:45 a.m. Coming of Age mtg.
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Keep On Opening Your Heart
Rev. Jill Cowie
1-2:30 Anti-Racism Workshop (see insert)
1:30-3:00 Harvard Humanists Discussion

The next Belfry deadline is noon Tuesday September 19th.

The deadline for Chalice Chat is 9:30 a.m. Fridays, if there is still space.

Looking Ahead

- ◆ **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.

- ◆ **Red Cross Blood Drive**, Thursday
October 5th 12:30-5:30 p.m. in our
Fellowship Building.
- ◆ **John Hall Concert**, Saturday October 14
- ◆ **Elliot Steger Concert**, Friday October 20