



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
September 24th, 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 24th *Keep On Opening Your Heart* Reverend 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 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.

October 1st *"Reaching In Reaching Out"* Reverend Jill Cowie

Recently at one of our stewardship planning meetings, a person said "we create sanctuary." Her words reminds me of what Jewish Scholar Elie Wiesel once said, "A sanctuary is a Human Being, a dream. And that is why you are here, and that is why I am here. We are here because of one another. We are in truth each other's shelter."

This is what "REACHING IN  REACHING OUT," the theme of our Stewardship campaign, means to me. A radical intimacy and a radical inclusion that extends this sheltering promise to everyone. This is what is to be human, says Elie, but it's also dream. As a WWII death camp survivor he knew how readily human beings can disengage. This year, as stewards, we are claiming this dream of radical engagement as our own. What does this dream look like for you?

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

Sunday Service Volunteers Needed!

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

Join us Tuesday, October 3rd, at 6:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Building for the Women's Alliance pot-luck dinner and guest speaker Fernando Catalina, MD. Fernando will give a slide presentation on his most recent work this past summer: "At Home and Afar: Providing Medical Care, Community Service and Clean Drinking Water" in the Dominican Republic. Pot-luck supper 6:30, talk 7:30. All are welcome!

Call for Readers and Chalice Lighters
Are you interested in taking a larger part in our worship services? The Worship Committee and Reverend Cowie are looking for adults and children interested in presenting a reading during our Sunday services either as a stand-alone piece of the program or as part of our chalice lighting ceremony. If this calls to you, please contact kelly@picante.com for more information.

Bargains Consignment Shop Opens for Fall Season Sunday, October 1st. The shop will be open each Tuesday 10:00 am - 4:00 pm and the first and third Sundays 11:30-12:30. Proceeds from the Shop benefit the church and the community. Contact Dorothy Solbrig, [978-772-9245](tel:978-772-9245).

REACH Party for everyone! Saturday, Oct. 21, 5:30 to 8:00 PM Sponsored by the Stewardship Team. Carol MacFarlane atcarolmacfarlane@gmail.com

Tending the Flame: UU Parent Study Group Interested in connecting with other HUUC parents to learn and discuss strategies for supporting our children's spiritual development? Join us for a series of on-line and in-person discussions, inspiration and hands-on activities based on the book "Tending the Flame: The Art of Unitarian Universalist Parenting" by Michelle Richards. In-person sessions (11:30-1:30): October 29, January 13 and February 11. Questions? Contact Jill Cowie or Daniel Payne. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tending-the-flame-uu-parent-study-group-tickets-3802596167>

Photo Directory Update The Harvard UU Church Photo Directory is now available. A link to the directory will be sent by email next week. Since this is an electronic document, we will periodically be updating the directory with new photos and corrected information. It is never too late to submit a picture! Carol MacFarlane will be available to take photos after church every Sunday in September; or you can send a picture to Cary in .jpg format.

Is your information incomplete or incorrect in the directory? Let us know. Cary Browse cbrowse@earthlink.net
Elinor Stapleton admin@uuharvard.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday September 24
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Keep On Opening Your Heart
Rev. Jill Cowie
Bake Sale
11:20-11:50 Junior Choir
1-2:30 Anti-Racism Workshop
1:30-3:00 Harvard Humanists
Discussion
Wednesday September 27
7-8pm Meditation
Thursday September 28
1:00-4:00 Stewardship
7:30-9:00 Seven Path Meditation
Friday September 29
7:00 p.m. Social Justice Film
Sunday October 1
10:00-11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Reaching In, Reaching Out
Stewardship Sunday
Rev. Jill Cowie
11:00-2:30 Anti-Racism workshop
11:20-11:50 Junior Choir
11:30-12:30 Bargains in the Belfry
1:30-3:00 Harvard Humanists

Deadlines

- Belfry: noon Tuesday October 17th
- Chalice Chat: 9:30 a.m. Fridays, if there is still space

Please try to be concise. Thanks.

-Elinor Stapleton