




Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
October 1st, 2017

Sharing Our Plate: 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.

October 1, "Reaching In  Reaching Out" Rev. Jill Cowie and Danielle Kehoe. 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.

October 8, *Partners In Love: An Animal Blessing Service*, Rev. Jill Cowie and Daniel Payne, Director of Religious Education. In honor of St. Francis Day, please bring your animal friend(s) to church for a blessing of love and long life. Bring a picture of beloved animal friends of memory and bring your favorite stuffed animal too for an engaging service for all ages.

Today in Religious Education.....

Butterfly Garden children will be exploring the Promises Story - an exploration of the 7 UU principles.

Rock Garden are scheduled to explore the story of Henry Burgh or a related activity. The Cosmix will continue working on the creation of a Principles Banner, or begin the session entitled "A Covenant is a Promise" from the *Love Connects Us* curriculum.

Bridges youth will explore spiritual journeys through an exciting scavenger hunt!

Our Senior High Youth Group will meet this evening with the youth of First Parish Groton for a collaborative social night.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Circle this Sunday This Sunday there will be a Welcome Circle with the minister for visitors and newcomers in the minister's study after church. Please meet us at the Connections Table at 11:15 and we'll lead the way there.

Join us Tuesday, Oct. 3, at 6:30 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.*

-Barbara Cerva

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 kelley@picante.com for more information.

-Kelley Taylor

2018 Pledge Drive REACHING IN REACHING OUT starts today! Don't forget to pick up your pledge packet and sign up for our REACH Party and/or Pizza Party for Kids in the foyer after the service today.

-Carol MacFarlane

Tending the Flame: UU Parent Study Group Join us for a series 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>

Weaving the Stories of Our Life Journey Facilitated by Carol MacFarlane Given a different topic each week, we will write about two pages during the week, weaving the memories from our past as they relate to each topic. Sharing our stories with the group will enrich all of us. The group will meet for six weeks. A minimum of six participants is needed, though a group of eight is even better. If you are interested, please contact Carol at carolmacfarlane@gmail.com and let her know which mornings, afternoons, or evenings you would be available.

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

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CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday October 1

10:00-11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Reaching In, Reaching Out

Rev. Jill Cowie, Danielle Kehoe

Welcome Circle

11:00-2:30 Anti-Racism workshop

11:20-11:50 Junior Choir

11:30-12:30 Bargains in the Belfry

Monday October 2

7:30 p.m. Connections

Tuesday October 3

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

6:30 p.m. Alliance Potluck/Program

Wednesday October 4

6:30pm Caring

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday October 5

12:30-5:30 p.m. Blood Drive

7:30 p.m. Choir

7:30 p.m. Seven-Path Meditation

Sunday October 8

10:00-11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Partners In Love: An Animal

Blessing Service

What Will Single Payer Cost? Come to the Fellowship Building on Fri. Oct. 13, 7-9. See the short bi-partisan documentary, *FIX-IT*, about the high cost of healthcare and how it is impacting the infrastructure, schools and local governments. Hear Gerald Friedman, professor of Economics at UMass Amherst, discuss the economics of a single payer system. Q and A will follow. -Janice Goodell, Sharon Briggs; League of Women Voters; Social Action Committee

Wachusett Music Series Presents: John Hall of the band "Orleans" ... Saturday, Oct. 14, 7:00PM. Doors 6:30. Tickets \$25.00 in advance \$30.00 day of show.

www.wachusettmusic.net

***Melodic Jazz with Soul*, in our sanctuary Fri. Oct. 20, 8 p.m. Elliot Steger Pianist, Jon Hazilla on drums, David Landoni on acoustic bass.** Free Refreshments

Tickets \$20 at the door or

<http://uuharvard.tix.com/>

Contact eltoth@verizon.net for more info.