



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
October 8th, 2017

Sharing Our Plate: October 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th -- Human Rights Committee

(HRC) For LGBTQ Celebration month, we will be sharing our plate with the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). The HRC is the largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer Americans. They envision a world where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people are embraced as full members of society at home, at work and in every community. Please make your checks out directly to HRC.

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.

October 15, *Sharing Our Stories*, Facilitated by Carol MacFarlane. Sharing our stories not only connects us to one another but is also deeply enriching, as we take note of differences and similarities with our own life's journey. Five members of Carol MacFarlane's "Weaving the Stories of Our Life Journey" group (John Read, Alice Rennie, Imre Toth, Naomi Newell, and Carol) will share excerpts from the stories they have written over the past year.

Today in Religious Education.....

Sunday, October 8, is an All Ages Blessing of the Animals! I am excited about this worship service, and am hoping to see all of you there!

Be sure to bring your living, breathing animal friend, or a stuffed animal, and invite your friends to do the same!

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our first Loaves & Fishes collection drive of this year will kick off the second Sunday of October - the 8th. A box for donations will be setup in the church foyer. The October collection will focus on condiments (mayo, mustard, ketchup, salad dressings, etc). Thanks, as always, for your generosity!

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.

-Kelley Taylor

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
connections@uuharvard.org

Fundraiser for HUUC. You are invited to the annual "Classical Cocktail" on Sunday, October 15, 4 pm at the Chapman/Ruze residence, 42 Willow Road. Eleanor Toth, Helen Batchelder, Ted Johnson and John Chapman will perform great works from the classical repertoire. They will even cook for you and serve you drinks. We already have an audience of bidders from the Church Auction, but we are happy to share the event with more people. Suggested donation of \$25. For more information and to reserve a seat, contact John at jpnchapman@yahoo.com or 978-456-0033."

Note from Rev. Jill: I am in the office on Monday, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays and welcome lunch, or dinner to get to know you. My cell is the best way to reach me- [617-697-0922](tel:617-697-0922). I look forward to connecting.

Fall Walks with Minister every Wednesday 9:15-10:30 a.m. Meet at the church and call [617-697-0922](tel:617-697-0922) with questions.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday October 8
10:00-11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Partners In Love: An Animal Blessing Service
Rev. Jill & Daniel Payne, DRE

Monday October 9
Office Closed

Tuesday October 10
10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

Wednesday October 11
7-8 p.m. Meditation

Thursday October 12
7-9 p.m. Board meeting

Friday October 13
7-9 p.m. Healthcare Documentary
And Speaker

Saturday October 14
5:30-8:30 p.m. Family Game Night

Sunday October 15
10:00-11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sharing Our Stories
Facilitated by Carol MacFarlane.
11:00-2:30 Anti-Racism Workshop
11:20-11:50 a.m. Junior Choir
11:30-12:30 Bargains in the Belfry

Healthcare Forum Friday Oct 13, 7-9 in the Fellowship Building Don't miss the interesting discussion by Prof Gerald Friedman on the costs of a single payer system. Prior to the discussion, see a short documentary FIX_IT, Healthcare at the Tipping Point. -Janice Goodell, Sharon Briggs; League of Women Voters; and Social Action Committee

Melodic Jazz with Soul. Friday, October 20, 8 p.m. The Elliot Steger Trio in our sanctuary. Tickets \$20 Elliot Steger, composer, jazz pianist and physician. The Music Committee is delighted to present this church fund raising concert to our community. -Eleanor Toth