



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
November 5th, 2017

Sharing Our Plate: November 5th -- City Reach Today we will be sharing our plate to buy new socks and underwear and \$5 gift certificates for the homeless in Boston. The SHYG will be participating in Boston's CityReach next weekend, Nov. 10/11. This year our youth have been collecting donations of new white socks, underwear and \$5 Dunkin Donuts gift cards along with monetary donations to allow us to buy these articles. The gift cards enable the homeless to use the bathrooms at Dunkin Donuts shops as a "purchase" is necessary for bathroom privileges. We have collection boxes in the church foyer and FB for donations of socks and underwear and please note that 80% of Boston's homeless are men. If you'd like to donate money please make your check payable to the church (HUUC) with "CityReach" in the memo line.

<http://commoncathedral.org/cityreach>

Abundance, November 5

Reverend Jill

We all know the story of abundance in the bible when Jesus feeds five thousand with five loaves and two fish. Like many biblical stories, it presents a riddle about abundance. My experiences with the Lakota at their Standing Rock camp in North Dakota brought this riddle to life. What do resistance movements teach us about the practice of living abundantly?

Decolonizing our Faith, November 12

Rev Jill

Our world is in flux. Global polarization of power, growing income disparity, a looming environmental crisis, and political turmoil in so many parts of the globe, begs the question, "How does liberal religion respond?" Ibrahim Farjaje, interfaith scholar of beloved memory, once said, "Decolonizing religion means looking at how it can subvert the dominating

paradigm instead of merely reflecting it or having a reactive response to it."

Decolonizing our faith is a wake-up call and an invitation to reclaim a way of being that is subversive, but also is liberating, restorative, and just. Come and explore with me what decolonizing our faith means and looks like to us?

Religious Education.....

This coming Sunday, November 5, is a Sanctuary Start. All children and teachers will start in the sanctuary, then walk together to the Fellowship Building after the Story for All Ages.

- *Butterfly Garden will explore the violet promise (our connection to nature).
- * Rock Garden will hear the story about Clara Barton ("Angel in the Battlefield").
- * Cosmix will delve into "Love is the Spirit of this Church," from *Love Connects Us*.
- * Bridges will discuss Session 6 - "Hospitality? That's Radical" – in *Compass Points*.

Upcoming Service Schedule

November 12: Fellowship Start

November 19: All Ages Service

November 26: Sanctuary Start

If you would like to train to become an OWL facilitator, we have full scholarships for two people. Find a training that fits your schedule at <https://www.uua.org/new-england/workshops-webinars/owl-trainings>. Let Daniel know if you would like to take a training.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Pledges Due Nov 5 Thank you to everyone who has pledged to the Reaching In Reaching Out Stewardship Campaign! We are nearing our goal, but are

not there yet. If you have not sent in your pledge, it's not too late – pledges are due Sunday, Nov 5. You can either mail your pledge to the church, drop it in the plate on Sunday, or if it is easier, you can send an email to Elinor (admin@uuharvard.org) and tell her what your pledge will be this year.

With great appreciation,
The Stewardship Team

Come to Newcomer Classes with Rev.

Jill. Classes will be taking place on Sundays, November 5 & 19 from 11:15-1:00 in the Fellowship Building. The first class will cover Unitarian Universalism and the second will focus on our congregation. There will be childcare available and a light lunch on both dates. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carol MacFarlane at carolmacfarlane@gmail.com.

SJMC Gem of the Week This week's gem is an article by Jemar Tisby, titled "[I'm a black man who moved to the Deep South. Here's what it's teaching me about race.](#)"

Jemar writes: 'The South represents slavery and bigotry. Living here has emboldened me like nowhere else I've been before.'

-Social Justice Ministries Council

Notes from Rev. Jill

I am in the office on alternate Monday and Tuesdays, and all Wednesdays and Thursdays. I 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.

Alliance Meeting - Tuesday, November 7th - Partakers and the "Ruth Support Group" - A Panel Discussion led by Jane Gronholm and Ellen Iorio, Julie Anne Medjanis, Cassandra Werthman and others. Twelve years ago the Woman's Alliance hosted a presentation from Partakers, an educational support group for prisoners. A large number of people signed

up to provide ongoing help. The Alliance provided the seed money for two groups and the church provided the remaining contributions to this project. Come hear the experience of one of those groups. Potluck at 6:30 p.m. Panel discussion at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome.

-Diane Cordner

Loaves & Fishes Collection for Sunday, November 12, please bring in any non-perishable food item. Every donation finds a home and your thoughtfulness is very much appreciated. Please place your donations in the designated baskets in the church's foyer and we will be sure to get your donations to Loaves and Fishes in a timely manner.

- Daniel Payne at dre@uuharvard.org.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday November 5

10:00-11:00 Worship Service

Abundance

Reverend Jill

11:15-1:30 Newcomers

11:30-12:30 Bargains in Belfry open

12:00-1:00 Chimers

Monday November 6

7:30 p.m. Connections meeting

Tuesday November 7

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

6:30, 7:30 Alliance Potluck/Program

Partakers and the "Ruth Support Group" – Panel Discussion

Wednesday November 8

7-8 p.m. Meditation

Thursday November 9

7-8 p.m. Seven Path Meditation

7-9:30 p.m. Board meeting

Sunday November 12

10:00-11:00 Worship Service

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Please note: the next Belfry deadline is Tuesday November 21st 10:00 a.m. for all, no exceptions. admin@uuharvard.org