



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
November 12th, 2017

Sharing Our Plate: November 12th, 19th and 26th– Household Goods Recycling of Massachusetts, Inc. (HGRM)

Household Goods provides a full range of donated furniture and household items, free of charge, to help people in need make a home. Household Goods has served over 35,000 individuals and families since its inception in 1999, always mindful of maintaining an environment of dignity and respect for each and everyone involved. The people served by Household Goods have at least one thing in common — they need help during a difficult time. They might be: recently homeless, veterans, fleeing domestic violence, children, youth or elderly, living with a disability or illness, victims of a fire or trying to get by on minimum wage. If you would like to write a check that will go to HGRM directly, please make it out to Household Goods, Inc.

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?

Saying Thanks, November 19th **in the Fellowship building**

More and more I think that a spiritual life begins with being receptive. And being receptive includes noticing all that is given to us. Meister Eckhart said that “If you only say one prayer in your whole life, let that prayer be thank you.” Join Britt Argow, Daniel Payne and Rev. Jill for an interactive, and engaging Thanksgiving service for all ages as we let in the love in our lives and say “thanks”.

Religious Education.....

Sunday, November 12, is a Fellowship Start. Children and teachers will begin in the Fellowship Building at 9:55 am, first joining together in Sutherland Hall for communal worship facilitated by Kate Stamm. If you are a Block 2 teacher, please gather your class members together in Sutherland Hall to start.

After communal children's worship in Sutherland Hall, our RE schedule will be as follows:

Butterfly Garden: exploring the Spirit
Play story about Frederick (red promise)

Rock Garden & Cosmix: welcoming Naomi to tell her story about Native American identity

* If time allows, Cosmix may also have a separate break-out activity/discussion session

Bridges: Session 7 – “Images of the Divine” & Introduction to Hinduism

ANNOUNCEMENTS

It is the season of gratitude. Daniel Payne and Rev. Jill want to know your thoughts and/or favorite quotes about gratitude so we can weave them in to a conversation during our November 19th service. Please send to revjillcowie@gmail.com or dre@uuharvard.org. Thank you.

Come to the Newcomer Class with Rev. Jill on Sunday November 19 from 11:15-1:00 in the Fellowship Building. There will be childcare available and a light lunch on both dates. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carol MacFarlane 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 10:00-11:30 a.m. Meet at the church and call [617-697-0922](tel:617-697-0922) with questions.

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. dre@uuharvard.org.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday November 12
10:00-11:00 Worship Service
Decolonizing our Faith
Reverend Jill
12:00-1:00 Chimers
1:30 Memorial Service & Reception
Marc Thompson

Monday November 13
6:45 p.m. All Leadership meeting
7:30 p.m. Stories

Tuesday November 14
10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

Wednesday November 15
7-8 p.m. Meditation

Thursday November 16
7-8 p.m. Seven Path Meditation

Sunday November 19
10:00 Worship Service
In the Fellowship Building
Saying Thanks
Reverend Jill Cowie, Daniel Payne, Britt Argow
11:15-1:00 Newcomers
11:30-12:30 Bargains in the Belfry open
12:00-1:00 Chimers

Monday November 20
7:30 p.m. Stories

Tuesday November 21
10:00 a.m. Belfry deadline
10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

Admin Office Closed

Thursday & Friday 11/23 & 11/24

"Seeking Flatware and Kitchen Utensil Donations" During the service on November, 26th, HUUC will welcome one of the founders of Acton-based Household Goods. The organization's longtime mission is to help people make a home during their time of greatest need. In support of the effort, donations of gently used flatware and kitchen utensils will be gratefully collected between now and then in the foyer. When possible, please bring these items in Ziplock bags to help keep them sorted. For more information, visit www.householdgoods.org or contact Kelley Taylor at kelley@picante.com.