



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
November 19th, 2017

## **Sharing Our Plate: November 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>– Household Goods, Inc.**

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 directly, please make it out to Household Goods, Inc.

## **Saying Thanks, November 19<sup>th</sup> 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”.

## **Paying it Forward Household Goods: A Spirit-Filled Organization November 26<sup>th</sup>** Barbara Smith, Founder.

## **Religious Education.....**

November 19 is an All Ages Worship Service, and will be held in the Fellowship Building. The theme of the service is “Gratitude.” Britt Argow-Sniderman, Rev. Jill Cowie, and Daniel Payne and our musicians have worked hard on planning

the service with all ages truly in mind. We hope to see you all there!

**Our next Middle School (Bridges) and High School Youth** (with Groton, Stow/Acton, Littleton) **gathering is December 3, 4:30 pm, at the Catholic Church in Harvard.** We will attend Mass for the first Sunday in Advent, then a representative from the Catholic Church will join us back in our Fellowship Building for pizza and conversation/debrief. I hope all of our middle and high school youth will be able to attend. If your youth can attend this “Neighboring Faith” journey, please email Daniel at [dre@uuharvard.org](mailto:dre@uuharvard.org) and let him know.

**“Creating an Inclusive RE Culture” Seminars Sign Up** As part of our journey together going forward, I would like us to have conversations about how we can continue working to co-create the most inclusive culture possible within our RE program. To this end, RE is offering two hour-long seminar dates on “Creating an Inclusive Culture in RE.” The available dates are January 21 and February 18, from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm. All parents are invited to attend, and all teachers signed up for this year or looking to teach in the future are highly recommended to attend at least one of the seminars. Please select your date by clicking on the link below. Thanks!  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040d4ea4a82ca13-creating>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Give Stewardship One More Thing to be Thankful For...** In this season of thankfulness, the Stewardship Team would be most thankful if all pledges for the 2018 calendar year were submitted by the end of the month. You can fill out a pledge card (on the Connections Table) and put it in the plate or on Elinor’s desk on Sunday morning, or you can send an email stating the amount of your pledge to either Carol

MacFarlane ([carolmacfarlane@gmail.com](mailto:carolmacfarlane@gmail.com))  
or Elinor Stapleton  
([admin@uuharvard.org](mailto:admin@uuharvard.org)). With Gratitude,  
The Stewardship Team

**SJMC Gem of the Week** This week's gem is a podcast created by John Biewen with regular guest Dr. Chenjerai Kumanyika titled [Seeing White](#). Seeing White is a 14 part documentary series that explores whiteness in America, where it came from, what it means, and how it works. Seeing White is a thoughtful and enlightening podcast about the elephant that is always in the room in the US - race.  
Social Justice Ministries Council

**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](mailto:carolmacfarlane@gmail.com).

#### **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.

**“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](http://www.householdgoods.org) or contact Kelley Taylor at [kelley@picante.com](mailto:kelley@picante.com).

**Time to make the Boxwoods!** Come learn how to make Boxwood trees and centerpieces. The Women's Alliance will have two Boxwood tree workshops in December. On Tuesday December 5, we'll meet at 6:30 P.M. in the Van Wormer room at the Fellowship Building for a potluck dinner. Then at 7:30, we'll cut up boxwood, and assemble ornaments (bring small yard clippers if possible.) Then on Friday, December 8, at 10 A.M., we'll assemble the trees in the Fellowship Hall kitchen. You'll have fun helping with a major fundraiser for the church. We hope to see you there. Questions? Call Alice Rennie [978-634-1717](tel:978-634-1717)

**Contact Jeff Boudreau at [978-226-8862](tel:978-226-8862) if you are interested in sharing a ride Thursday, Nov. 23 to the National Day of Mourning - <http://www.uaine.org/> - at Coles Hill, Plymouth, MA.**

#### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday November 19  
10:00 Worship Service  
In the Fellowship Building  
**Saying Thanks**  
Rev. 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: 11/23 & 11/24  
Sunday November 26  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
**Household Goods: A Spirit-Filled Organization**, Barbara Smith  
12:00-1:00 Chimers  
1:30-3:00 Humanists, discussion