



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
January 7th, 2018

## **Sharing Our Plate: UU Urban Ministry --**

Each month, the Social Justice Ministries Council chooses a justice oriented organization to which we donate half of the cash contributions from the plate. For the next three weeks, that organization will be the **UU Urban Ministry** which is a social justice organization based in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston. Their programs focus on providing: Academic and enrichment programming for children and youth; Emergency shelter for individuals and families fleeing from domestic violence; Job- and education-readiness training for low-income women and LGBTQ survivors of domestic violence.

**If you would like 100% of your donation to go to UU Urban Ministry, please make out a check directly to them.**

## **Sunday January 7th, “The Doubt**

### **Essential to Faith” Rev. Jill Cowie**

Agnostic Jew Lesley Hazleton, author of a 2013 biography of Muhammad, was struck by Mohammed’s doubt on the night he received the revelation of the Koran. And yet this experience became the bedrock of his belief. This sermon calls for a new appreciation of doubt and questioning as the foundation of faith -- and an end to fundamentalism of all kinds.

## **Sunday January 14th, “#TheResistance”**

### **Daniel Payne and Rev. Jill**

The Resistance movement forms from the histories and lessons of the leaders, organizers and participants that came before us. This sermon will explore how the resistance of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcom X continues to inform faithful resistance today. Come to this Whole Congregation worship service to explore our heritage of resistance and how a few participants of the Fall Anti-Racism workshop are making resistance real in their lives.

## **Religious Education**

January 7: Sanctuary Start for RE

January 14: MLK Whole Congregation Service

We have a need for teachers and assistants for Butterfly Garden (prek - 1st grade): 1/21 - 2/18 and 2/25 - 4/1 (assistant only)  
Cosmix (4th - 5th grade): 1/21 - 2/18 and 4/8 - 6/10 (teacher and assistant). If you can help with these groups at these times, please email Daniel at [dre@uuharvard.org](mailto:dre@uuharvard.org).

## **Passages Refugee Experience**

**February 3, 12 noon - 6 pm** For more information, speak with Daniel.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome Circle—Sunday after church**

Visitors and newcomers are invited to join with Rev. Jill in the minister’s study at 11:15 for half an hour (or so) of conversation. Whether this is your first Sunday or you have been attending for a while, this will be an opportunity to introduce yourself and chat informally with the minister and other newcomers. Children are most welcome. -Carol MacFarlane, Connections Team chair

### **Reaching In: A Listening Circle**

**Opportunity SAVE THE DATE:** Join us for an **afternoon of fellowship**, munchies and impromptu music at a special Listening Circle on February 4, 2018 from 2-5pm. The afternoon will be **hosted by the Worship Committee at the Taylor Home.**

All will be invited to listen deeply from their hearts in the spirit of support and loving kindness as everyone has the opportunity to share their enthusiasms and concerns about the first six months of this special year, and ideas for worship moving

forward with our new minister. For more information, contact Kelley Taylor at [kelley@picante.com](mailto:kelley@picante.com) or Cary Browse [cbrowse@earthlink.net](mailto:cbrowse@earthlink.net)

**Alliance Potluck & Program  
January 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 & 7:30 p.m.  
in the Fellowship Building**

**Speaker: Elinor Stapleton**

**Topic: Literacy Volunteers of the  
Montachusett Area**

After some initial training, Elinor worked with a 19-year-old man from Honduras, a 21-year-old Hmong woman from Laos, and currently with three 30-year-old women from Egypt.

**Social Justice Ministries Council  
Gems of the Week**

***The 16th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast Program Monday, January 15th 9:00--11:00 A.M.***  
**Congregation Beth Elohim** 133 Prospect St., Acton -- Donations at the door. **Special invitation to come hear Renée Graham of the Boston Globe.** Renée Graham is a columnist for the Globe's op-ed page. She started as a general assignment reporter, and then moved to features and arts covering music, film, and television as a writer and critic. She also wrote a weekly pop culture column. Graham has written numerous pieces on racism and sexual harassment. The Social Action of Beth Elohim (Na'aseh) is sponsoring this breakfast program. For more information contact Sal Lopes at [sal.t.lopes@gmail.com](mailto:sal.t.lopes@gmail.com).

**Debby Irving Event, Wednesday, January 17, 6:45-9:00 p.m.** Acton Congregational Church -- [12 Concord Road, Acton](#) Debby Irving is a racial justice educator, author, and public speaker. Author of *Waking Up White: and Finding Myself in the Story of Race*, Debby Irving will share her sometimes cringe-worthy struggle to understand racism and racial tensions. She offers a fresh perspective on bias, stereotypes, manners, and tolerance. As she unpacks her own long-held beliefs about colorblindness, being a good person, and wanting to help people of color, she reveals how each of

these well-intentioned mindsets actually perpetuated her ill-conceived ideas about race. Donations are appreciated and any money collected above the cost of expenses will benefit Fostering Racial Justice Group (FRJG).

**We currently have two very important volunteer positions that need to be filled immediately:**

- Fellowship-Hour-Scheduling-Team
- Website Content Manager.

Please contact Paige O'Brien, [paigeob21@gmail.com](mailto:paigeob21@gmail.com).

**February 4 is coming soon**

Look East, look West, look South, look North, The Hungarian brunch comes February fourth Time to polish up pots and skittles. Prepare to cook Hungarian victuals. If at a loss as to what to cook, the Internet's the place to look.

-Mary Donald for the partner church

**CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday January 7

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
"The Doubt Essential to Faith"  
Rev. Jill Cowie
- 11:15-11:45 conversation with Jill
- 11:30-12:30 Bargains in the Belfry
- 11:30-1:30 Parent book group
- 11:30-1:00 Senior High Youth Gr.

Monday January 8

7:30 p.m. Connections meeting

Tuesday January 9

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open  
6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Potluck, Program Alliance

Wednesday January 10

7-8 p.m. Silent Meditation

Thursday January 11

7-9:30 p.m. Board meeting  
7-8 p.m. Seven Path Meditation

Friday January 12

7:30-9:30 p.m. PUB Theology  
Rev. Jill & Daniel Payne

Sunday January 14

10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
"#TheResistance"

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Monday January 15 Office closed