



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
January 21st, 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 21st, 2018 *Luck, Happiness, and Faith*, Rev. Jill Cowie

In a public discourse dominated by the culture of control, Jackson Lears suggests in his book, *Something for Nothing: Luck in America*, a culture less intent on the individual's responsibility to master destiny might be more capacious, more generous, and more gracious. He says, "Its about chance confirming everything you knew but could make no place for in your life." Join John Chapman and I as we explore in prose and music how the confluence of luck, happiness, and faith can create a distinctly different culture than what our Puritan ancestors anticipated.

Sunday January 28th, 2018 *Deeper Than the Skin* Born three days apart, in Richmond, VA, **Reggie Harris** and **Greg Greenway** are on a pilgrimage together - one that began three decades ago. The racial divisions that are the reality of America started them in two different worlds, but the amazing bonds of music, respect, admiration, and shared vision have brought

them together as friends and colleagues.

The musical and spiritual blooming of this history has become *Deeper Than The Skin*, the telling of their stories through words and music. It is a great American story, informative and inspiring in so many ways. How to build bridges couldn't be more important at this moment in history. How to face struggle with hope

Religious Education

January 21 is a Sanctuary Start.

We will all start in the sanctuary, then walk over to the Fellowship Building together after the Story for All Ages. The plans for each class this coming Sunday are as follows:

Butterfly Garden: "The Weight of a Snowflake" (red promise)

Rock garden: Martin Luther King Jr. Spirit Play

Cosmix: UU game creation or Love Connects Us

Bridges: Session 11 -What's the Bible to Us?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 or Cary Browse cbrowse@earthlink.net

Needed for Partner Church Brunch February 4th

For hungry diners there are boodles
From cabbage plates to Magyar noodles,
and other dishes
including fishes.
Finishing with delicious Strudels.
If you don't know what to bring,
Give Hungarian food on the Internet a fling.
Entrées, veggies, dessert or bread,
Or just bring yourself, you'll be well fed.
-Mary Donald

**Bargains Consignment Shop Open every
Tuesday 10 AM to 4 PM and 1st & 3rd
Sundays after worship.** Bargains in the
Belfry, a consignment shop upstairs in the
Harvard Unitarian Church is open every
Tuesday. Check out the new items – loads
of kids clothing and even some cashmere!
Please stop by.
-Sharon Briggs

Social Justice Ministries Council Gem of the Week

The SJMC recommends the book -- *Deep Denial: The Persistence of White Supremacy in the United States and Life* by **David Billings**. Amazon.com describes the book as part popular history and part personal memoir. It documents the 400-year racialization of the United States and how people of European descent came to be called white. Author David Billings focuses primarily on the deeply embedded notion of white supremacy, and tells us why, despite the Civil Rights Movement and an African-American president, we remain, in the words of the author, a nation hard-wired by race. He also discusses strategies for dismantling white supremacy and undoing racism in America. A few of us in the SJMC have either read this book or are planning to. If you could like to read and discuss it with us, please contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com and we can arrange a time for those interested to get together.

Rev Jill will be at a professional conference from Monday – Friday 1/22 – 1/26 and reachable by cell phone [617-697-0922](tel:617-697-0922).

Social Justice Movie Nights - The Senior High Youth Group will host a screening of *For the Bible Tells Me So*, January 26, 7 pm in Sutherland Hall. If you would like to host a movie night (including discussion following the screening). Please contact Daniel at dre@uuharvard.org.

**The Women's Alliance will meet on
Tuesday, February 6** at 6:30 in the Fellowship Building's Van Wormer community room for a potluck, followed at 7:15 by a program on the *Westford Women Dolls*. The Westford Women Dolls represent real women in Westford's past who made contributions that shouldn't be forgotten. The women were artists, scientists, educators, laborers, activists and more. Each has her own story to tell. Westford's Museum Director, Penny Lacroix, will bring some of the dolls and highlight how their lives impacted their contemporaries and our lives today.
- Dorothy Solbrig

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday January 21

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Luck, Happiness, and Faith

Rev. Jill Cowie

11:20-11:50 Junior Choir

11:30-12:30 Creating an Inclusive

Religious Education Culture

11:30-12:30 Bargains in Belfry open

12:00-1:00 Chimers

Tuesday January 23

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

Wednesday January 24

7-8 p.m. Silent Meditation

Friday January 26

7:00 p.m. Social Justice Film

For the Bible Tells Me So

Sunday January 28

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Deeper than the Skin

Reggie Harris, Greg Greenway

11:20-11:50 Junior Choir

12:00-1:00 Chimers

1:30-3:00 Humanists discussion