



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
February 4th, 2018

Sharing Our Plate: Partner Church – February 4th and 11th

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 Partner Church's. The HUUC seeks to join with our partners in faith in Magyarandrasfalva, Transylvania to exchange the stories of our lives, to learn from one another, to deepen our faith, and to share our understanding and resources in order to help support each other's dreams. Through the Sharing Our Plate donations, we help them make needed repairs and maintenance to keep their house of worship a welcoming place. If you would like 100% of your donation to go to our partner church, please make a check out directly to Partner Church Council.

Sunday February 4th 450 years of Religious Freedom Rev. Jill Cowie and Mary Donald Religious freedom is at the heart of Unitarian Universalism. It has deep roots in our history, connecting us to Unitarian King John Sigismund and to the Unitarianism of 16th century Transylvania (now part of Romania). This Sunday's sermon celebrates our connection with our partner church and their minister Istvan Berei as well as offers up a bit of our history, a trail of connection to explores the 21st century relevance of the edict of Torda issued in 1568, that says "no one shall be reviled... or threatened" because of their religion. A Transylvania lunch will follow the service.

Sunday February 11th A Ministry Towards the World Rev. Jill Cowie, and DRE, Daniel Payne Religious educator Maria Harris once said, "Religious education is the whole community religiously educating the world to engage

in a ministry towards the world." This sermon and service will honor this call of religious education as central to our ministry. A lunch and visioning session led by UUA Regional Consultant Karen Bellevance-Grace will follow the service. The whole congregation is invited to participate.

Religious Education

February 4 is a Sanctuary Start. Nursery care will be provided in the Fellowship Building.

Butterfly Garden: Spiritual Practice
Rock garden: "Art From the Heart"
Cosmix: 7 UU Principles Activity
Bridges: Sacred Texts (Bhagavad Gita)

February 11: Sanctuary Start

We have a need for Cosmix Assistants and Teachers for two blocks (2/25 - 04/01 and 04/08 - 06/10). If you can help with this need, please email Daniel at dre@uuharvard.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reaching In: A Listening Circle Opportunity Join us for an **afternoon of fellowship**, munchies and impromptu music at a special Listening Circle today 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. Contact Kelley Taylor at kelly@picante.com or Cary Browse cbrowse@earthlink.net

Welcome Circle Today at 11:15 We invite all visitors and newcomers to gather in Rev. Jill's office after the service for a half hour of conversation with the minister and members of the Connections Team.

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. Westford's Museum Director, Penny Lacroix, will bring some of the dolls and highlight how their lives impacted their contemporaries and our lives today.

Pub Theology Night February 9. *Compassionate Communication* Join Rev. Jill for a Pub Theology Night to explore the skills of compassionate communication. 5:30-7:30 Feb. 9th in Jill's office. Limit 12. Please RSVP to revjillcowie@gmail.com

Please come on February 11th after the service to a visioning session for the whole congregation. A time to RE-new, RE-think, RE-vitalize the HUUC RE program. Facilitated by UUA Regional Consultant Karen Bellevance Grace Sutherland Hall at 11:30. A light lunch and childcare will be provided.

Annual Auction Dinner Party "The 70's Fever" Saturday, March 24 Get your groove going for this 70's throwback party! All are welcome! In the meantime, get those creative juices flowing, join forces with your neighbors or friends, involve the kids. An activity, a dinner, a service, a class, or something you can do as a family. The possibilities are limited only by your imagination. So have fun with it! Donation forms will be in your order of service Feb. 4th, as well as on our website.

The SJMC recommends the book *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America* by **Michael Eric Dyson**. "*Tears We Cannot Stop* is the book that all Americans who care about the current and long-burning

crisis in race relations will want to read." (amazon.com). If you could like to read and discuss it with us, please contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com.

SAVE THE DATE FOR REV. JILL'S INSTALLATION

When: Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 4p.m.

Where: Ceremony in the HUUC Sanctuary followed by (pot-luck) reception in the Fellowship Building. **What is an installation?** An installation ceremony highlights and reaffirms the bond between a minister and the congregation. **Details:** Will be available soon. **Questions?** Contact Cary Browse, cbrowse@earthlink.net

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday February 4

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

450 years of Religious Freedom

Rev. Jill Cowie & Mary Donald

11:15 Welcome Circle

11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir

11:30-1:30 Partner Church Brunch

11:30-12:30 Bargains open

2-5 p.m. Listening Circle

Monday February 5

7:30 p.m. Connections Team mtg.

Tuesday February 6

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

6:30, 7:30 Women's Alliance

Potluck and Program

Westford Women Dolls

Wednesday February 7

6:30 p.m. Caring Network mtg.

7-8 p.m. Meditation

Thursday February 8

7-9:30 p.m. Board mtg.

Friday February 9

5:30-7:00 p.m. PUB Theology Night

Compassionate Communication

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

A Ministry Towards the World

Rev. Jill, and DRE, Daniel

11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir

11:30-1:30 R.E. Visioning Session

11:30-1:00 SHYG

12:00-1:00 Chimers