



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
March 18th, 2018

**Sharing Our Plate** *Each month, half of the contributions in the collection plate, other than those specified for pledges, go to a designated social justice organization.*

**March 18<sup>th</sup>** The Promise and the Practice of Our Faith is a call to extraordinary generosity: the sharing of congregational “treasure” to support **Black Lives of UU (or BLUU)**. The UUA has set aside one million dollars from its endowment and UU Julie and Brad Bradburd have offered an additional one million dollars to match congregational giving. **If this congregations reaches the threshold of \$10 per member (\$1650) our gift will be doubled!**

**March 18** *We Will Story Our Own Lives*  
**A Promise and Practices Services led by Rev. Jill Cowie** The Promise and the Practice is a celebration of our shared commitment to live into a new chapter of centering the experience of people of color in our congregations. Come draw from the written experiences of Black UU religious professionals. (The Choir will bless us with the beauty of their gifts as they bring to life music written by People of Color for a soul deepening services as we live into this moment of our UU story.) This service gives us the opportunity to align our finances with our theology and to donate at least \$10 per member to the Black Lives of UU (BLUU) campaign so that BLUU will receive a dollar for dollar match for our contribution. Let us rise to the challenge!  
March 25

**March 25** *What are you willing to tolerate?*  
**Senior High Youth Group Service**

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

**March 18 is a Fellowship Start.** Children will start in the Fellowship Building, and will gather together in Sutherland Hall for RE activities.

Please see below for this week's schedule:

**Butterfly Garden:** Auction Prep

**Rock Garden / Cosmix Combined:**  
Auction Prep

**Bridges:** Black Lives Matter – “A Conversation About Race”

**Upcoming Weeks:**

**March 25:** Senior High Youth Group Service / Matzoh Ball Making for BG & RG

**April 1:** Sanctuary Start, then RE / Easter Egg Hunt

**What We Need for Easter Egg Hunt:**

Please bring packages of **individually-wrapped candy** for the April 1 Easter Egg Hunt, to be held on the Common after worship.

Only purchase the following allergy-free candies, and give to me at church, leave outside my office door, or drop off at Elinor's office. Thanks!

Starburst

Jolly Rancher hard candy

Skittles

Dubble Bubble Gum balls

Life Savers

Hershey's Kiss (original, silver wrapped)

Tootsie rolls

Goetze's Candy Caramel Creams

Airheads Chewy Fruit Candy

Sour Patch Kids Candy Dots

**We are also looking for two teachers for the April 8 - June 10 block for 4th-5th graders. If you can volunteer, please email [Daniel](#).**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



### **Catch That 70's Fever**

Auction Dinner Party

Saturday, March 24 6 PM

Come over to the Fellowship Building for Hospitality after church today and peruse all the wonderful auction donations which YOU can bid on starting at 6 PM this coming Saturday!

### ***How Are the Children Working Group (HATCH) Sunday March 18th,***

Community Room. Contact Piali De [depiali@earthlink.net](mailto:depiali@earthlink.net) or Britt Argow [baargow@yahoo.com](mailto:baargow@yahoo.com) 11:30-1:00.

### **All Leadership Meeting, Monday, March 19, 7 p.m. at the Fellowship Building.**

This is a biannual meeting of the lay leaders of the Church to share information with one another and to plan for the upcoming year. We hope to include a brainstorming session about how committees can work together in imaginative ways and support each other. One or two representatives of each Committee should plan to attend. -- Kirsti Gamage for the Board. Please RSVP: [kirsti.gamage@gmail.com](mailto:kirsti.gamage@gmail.com)

### **Please join us for our next Social Justice Ministries Council (SJMC) meeting**

which will be held in Rev. Jill's office on Thursday, March 22nd at 7:00pm. All are welcome. The Social Justice Ministries Council recommends the following interview with Brene' Brown, who is a research professor at the University of Houston in the graduate department of social work. In this podcast, she talks about shame and guilt, white privilege, change, gratitude, rage and joy. Her interview begins about 25 minutes into the podcast. <https://crooked.com/podcast/joy-the-gift/>

**The Annual UU Family Passover Seder will be held on Sunday, March 25, 2018 from 5:00pm-8:00pm in the Fellowship Building.** Our seder is open to all members of our community, young and old alike. **We hope you will join us this year!** The Seder includes stories, music and a potluck dinner. Please bring a main dish, side dish or dessert – plan to bring enough to serve 8-10 persons. Come enjoy delicious matzoh ball soup (chicken and vegetarian) prepared by our youth! Please reserve a spot using our on-line ticket feature (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/harvard-uu-family-seder-2018-tickets-43723797054> or [go to eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) and search for Harvard UU Seder) or contact Ruth Silman (see below). If you would like recipes or potluck suggestions and/or are willing to lend us a helping hand, please contact Ruth Silman – [617-755-1689](tel:617-755-1689) or [rsilman@nixonpeabody.com](mailto:rsilman@nixonpeabody.com).

### **Border Witness—Rev. Jill Cowie**

Alliance Potluck & Program Tuesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:30 & 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Building. Come and explore the deep injustices migrants and refugees from Mexico and Central America face along the Arizona/Mexico border. Then learn more about similar abuses Palestinians face navigating the Israeli security wall built on Palestinian soil. Hear from **Brenton Stoddart**, a Harvard UU, who spent a month in Palestine to observe Palestinian livelihood under indefinite Israeli occupation.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR REV. JILL'S INSTALLATION Sunday, April 8, 2018 at 4p.m.** Ceremony in the HUUC Sanctuary followed by (pot-luck) reception in the Fellowship Building. An installation ceremony highlights and reaffirms the bond between a minister and the congregation. Details will be available soon. Contact Cary Browse, [cbrowse@earthlink.net](mailto:cbrowse@earthlink.net)