



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
March 25th, 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.*

Ujima Foundation – March 25th

Ujima is an old Swahili word that means “achieved with the help of others”. Founded in 2003, Ujima Foundation is a sustainable urban development organization providing employability training to orphaned youth who are taking full responsibility for their younger siblings. Every year, through training, job exposure and mediation with employers, Ujima Foundation enables 240 new youth to access gainful employment, become self-reliant and better support their families. Ujima Foundation’s goal for their clients is for them to shift from viewing themselves as victims towards seeing themselves as managers of their lives who have found financial independence so that they are able to support themselves and the children in their care. For more information on this organization, please go to ujimafoundation.org.

March 25th “What are you willing to tolerate?” Senior High Youth Group Service

April Theme is Connection

April 1st, An Easter Celebration: “New Light Breaking Into Our Lives” Rev. Jill Cowie and Ashley Silva

In the Easter story, two dazzling angels greet the women at Jesus’ grave and ask “why are you looking for the living among the dead?” They are saying, what you are seeking is to be found among the living, that our expectation of renewal, of resurrection, of rebirth never leaves us even during the

dark nights of our soul. This hope when shared in community is powerful enough to break new light into our lives sometimes when we least expect it. Join Ashley Silva and I as we celebrate together this Easter promise of renewal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

March 25 is a Sanctuary Start. Children will start in the sanctuary, then will walk together to the FB kitchen to help Ruth Silman make matzoh balls! Middle Schoolers are invited to stay in the sanctuary for the worship service.

Please see below for this week's schedule:

Butterfly Garden: making matzoh balls!

Rock Garden / Cosmix Combined: making matzoh balls!

Bridges: attending the SHYG worship service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easter Flowers—March 25 deadline

Please remember to order your Easter flowers (including those you want to order in memory of someone) by today, March 25. The sign-up form and memory cards are in the church foyer/entrance. Also, anyone interested in helping to create the display is invited to meet at the church on Saturday, March 31 @ 11 AM. If you want to bring decorations, forsythia, stuffed animals, etc. please do so by Saturday as well. -Chuck McCormack (e): decisionrm@comcast.net (t): [978-634-1717](tel:978-634-1717)

**March 25th 11:30 -1:30. Sutherland Hall
Deconstructing Racism: A Spiritual**

Journey. Part 1 of 2 Sessions

Risa Goldman and Rev. Jill Cowie invite you to continue your anti-racism journey. Together, we will expose racism's internal hidden assumptions and deepen our understanding of the reality of racism today. This is a journey that draw us inward to understand our own racial identity so we can become truly powerful anti-racist activists. To sign up please email Rev. Jill at revjillcowie@gmail.com

You are invited to Rev. Jill Cowie's Installation Ceremony and Reception

When: Sunday, April 8, 2018.

3:30 Ministers robe in Community Room

4:00 Ceremony in the Sanctuary

5:15 (approx.) Reception and potluck supper in the Fellowship Building.

Childcare: Available in the Fellowship Building during the ceremony only.

Questions? Contact Cary Browse at cbrowse@earthlink.net Please visit the following link to offer your time and talent for the reception

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080d49aba622a02-jills>

Border Witness—Rev. Jill Cowie

Alliance Potluck & Program Tuesday April 3rd 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.

How Are the Children Working Group

(HATCH) Sunday April 22nd, Community Room. Contact Piali De depiali@earthlink.net or Britt Argow baargow@yahoo.com 11:30-1:00.

Music Listening Circle

The Music Committee would like to have input from the congregation on ideas you may have for presenting music during the services. Rev. Jill will guide a "Listening Circle" at 2 p.m., April 29, at John Chapman and Patty Ruize's house- 42 Willow Rd. Please join us for this discussion!

-Eleanor Toth

The next **Harvard Humanists meeting** will be April 29, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. in the rear of the sanctuary. Everyone is invited to attend, and feel free to invite family, friends and neighbors who are not attendees or members of HUUC. -Daniel Payne

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/>

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday March 25

10:00 a.m. **Senior High Youth Service**

"What are you willing to tolerate?"

10-11:30 Matzoh Ball Soup making

11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir

11:30-1:30 Deconstructing Racism

5-8pm Seder

Tuesday March 27

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

Wednesday March 28

7-8pm Meditation

Friday March 30

7:00pm Social Justice Film

"Fix It: Healthcare at the Tipping Point"

Sunday April 1

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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