



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
April 1st, 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.

## **Mom's Demand Action for Gun Safety – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**

Much like Mothers Against Drunk Driving was created to reduce drunk driving, [Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America](#) was created to demand action from legislators, state and federal; companies; and educational institutions to establish common-sense gun reforms. Founded by a stay-at-home mom in response to the devastating shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, the organization quickly flourished into a leading force for gun violence prevention, with chapters in all 50 states. Moms Demand Action envisions a country where all children and families are safe from gun violence. For more information about Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America, please go to: [momsdemandaction.org](http://momsdemandaction.org). If you would like 100% of your donation to go to Mom's Demand Action for Gun Safety, please make out a check directly to them.

## **April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

## **April 8<sup>th</sup>, Service of the Living Tradition Rev. Jill Cowie**

A joyous celebration of connection and community as we offer our hands of fellowship to our new members, dedicate ourselves to the journey of supporting and guiding our new children and their parents, and honoring some of our wise elders. In the afternoon at 4:00, please bring yourself and your family to celebrate the installation of Rev Jill. A potluck reception to follow. What joy!

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**April 1 is a Sanctuary Start.** All children and youth will start in the sanctuary, then walk over to the Fellowship Building together after the story. **Easter Egg Hunt after worship on the Common!**

Please see below for this week's schedule:

**Butterfly Garden:** Spirit Play  
**Rock Garden / Cosmix Combined:**  
Easter Activities in Sutherland Hall  
**Bridges:** Hindu “Holi Festival” /  
Christian Easter

## **Upcoming Weeks:**

**April 8:** Sanctuary Start

**April 15:** Sanctuary Start

**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 at [dre@uuharvard.org](mailto:dre@uuharvard.org).**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

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

**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.

**How Are the Children Working Group (HATCH) Sunday April 22nd, Piali De and Britt Argow are facilitating an on-going conversation** that will help us evolve from a parent co-op youth program to one in which we all hold and carry our children. What does your relationship with youth and the children look like? We need your input to evolve and grow into a vibrant multigenerational church. Please come! 11:30-1:00 in the Charlanne Van Wormer Community Room, in the Fellowship Building.

The SJMC recommends the book --***When They Call You a Terrorist: A Black Lives Matter Memoir*** by Patrisse Khan-Cullors and Asha Bandele. Michelle Alexander, author of the *New Jim Crow*, says, “This remarkable book reveals what inspired Patrisse’s visionary and courageous activism and forces us to face the consequence of the choices our nation made when we criminalized a generation. This book is a must-read for all of us.” A few of us in the SJMC have either read this book or are planning to. If you would like to read and discuss it with us, please contact Risa Goldman at [risajan@aol.com](mailto:risajan@aol.com) and we can arrange a time for those interested to get together.

**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., Harvard. 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



**CHURCH CALENDAR**

- Sunday April 1  
9:30 Jr. Choir  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
**An Easter Celebration: “New Light Breaking Into Our Lives” Rev. Jill Cowie and Ashley Silva**
- Monday April 2  
10-11:30 Reception Committee meeting  
7-9pm Installation Committee meeting  
7:30-9:30pm Connections Team meeting
- Tuesday April 3  
10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open  
6:30, 7:30pm Alliance Potluck, Program  
**Border Witness—Rev. Jill Cowie Brenton Stoddart**
- Wednesday April 4  
6:30-8pm Caring Team  
7-8pm Meditation
- Thursday April 5  
7-9:30pm Board meeting
- Sunday April 8  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
**Service of the Living Tradition Rev. Jill Cowie**  
11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir  
**Installation**  
4:00 Ceremony (sanctuary)  
5:15 Reception & Potluck supper (FB)