



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
April 22nd, 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 29th 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. 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 29th “An Occasion For A Song”
Rev. Jill Cowie

We will lift up in music and in prose the beauty of cultivating our divine indwelling, our sense of “being home,” a dwelling the Buddha described as the Brahma-viraha. We will lift up the paradox and tension that can exist between this desire for home with another Buddhist teaching that “the raft is not the shore.” That to truly have reverence for all life means we each are on a journey of change.

May 6th “The Art of Blessing of the Day”
Rev. Jill Cowie

“The art of blessing,” says poet Marge Piercy is ‘compressing attention to each little and big blossom of the tree of life, to

let the tongue sing each fruit, its savor, its aroma and its use.’ This language connects us heart to heart within the tapestry of humanity and this beloved earth. Join us and share in the blessing.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, April 29, is a **Fellowship Start**. We will do things a bit differently on this morning. Dr. Bob Douglas will be leading us on an exploration of the Harvard Vernal Pool. Please read the meeting and clothing details carefully below.

All children and teachers will **start together at the tennis courts** behind Bromfield High School ([14 Massachusetts Avenue](#)). We will meet there at **9:45 am** on Sunday morning. This will give us plenty of time to explore and make our way back to the Fellowship Building by 11:00 - 11:15.

Please be sure your child(ren) wear **clothing appropriate to the temperature** (a light jacket might be required), **boots** or shoes that are designed for outside usage, and **clothing that can perhaps get a bit muddy**.

We will return to the Fellowship Building together. Please **pick up your children by 11:15 at the latest**.

Upcoming Services

May 6: Sanctuary Start
Alternative Plan in case of rain: If the fickle springtime weather thwarts those plans with rain, we will meet at the Fellowship Building at 10 am for a Game Day. **In case of this change, you will receive an email alerting you by 8 am on Sunday morning.** Please check your email before coming to church!

See you Sunday, rain or shine:)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sevina Martin, Executive Director of the MA Poor People's Campaign is bringing her speaking tour here on April 29, 11:30-1:30 in Sutherland Hall. Please bring your enthusiasm for environmental, economic and racial justice! -Rev. Jill

The next Harvard Humanists meeting will be April 29, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend, and feel free to invite family, friends and neighbors who are not attendees or members of HUUC.

Baroque and On the Street, Sunday, April 29, 4 p.m. Originally dubbed the “Duo Guitar Concert” this program has blossomed in instruments and musicians. Professional classical guitarists, John Muratore and Berit Strong, have added Renaissance lute and Bass Viola Da Gamba to the harpsichord and organ of our Music Director, Ted Johnson. Works of Vivaldi, Pachelbel among others, plus Latin American composers will be featured. Tickets: \$20 at the door. This is a fund raiser for our church. -Eleanor Toth, eltoth@verizon.net

Welcome to the Land of Fire and Ice.

On May 1st Ted and Donna Lisa Johnson will share some highlights of their two week vacation in Iceland. Enjoy potluck and conversation in the Fellowship Building before the program. Potluck is at 6:30; program starts at 7:30.

Social Justice “Gem of the Week”

FCU Multicultural Film & Discussion Series, Maya Angelou: *And Still I Rise*

Saturday, May 5 ~ 7:00 - 9:30 PM

First Church Unitarian ~ 19 Foster St. ~ Littleton *This biographical film celebrates Dr. Maya Angelou, writer, poet, actress and activist, by weaving her words with rare and intimate archival photographs and videos, which paint hidden moments of her exuberant life during some of America's most defining moments. -Risa Goldman

This year's Walk for Hunger is on Sunday May 6. Once again, we are hoping

that many of you from the congregation will participate to make it a wonderful intergenerational experience. Our church has a long history of participating in this event. In past years, as a team we have raised well over \$10,000. We are hoping to be able to do so again. Please consider walking or sponsoring a walker at <http://www.projectbread.org/walk-for-hunger> and search for our team: “Harvard Hunger Resistance Movement”. To simply donate to our team, go to <https://tinyurl.com/HUUCWALK>. Together, we can make a meaningful difference to those who struggle with hunger. - Ann Whitney & Piali De

Music Listening Circle Date and Place Change June 3, 2.p.m. 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 our “Listening Circle” in the Charlanne Van Wormer room in the Fellowship Building. -Eleanor Toth

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday April 29

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

“An Occasion For A Song”

Rev. Jill Cowie

11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir

11:30-1:30 Sevina Martin, speaker

12:00-1:00 Chimers

1:30-3:00 Humanists

4:00 Concert

Tuesday May 1

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

6:30/7:30 Potluck/Alliance Program

Wednesday May 2

6:30pm Caring Network

7-8pm Silent Meditation

Thursday May 3

4:30pm Worship Team meeting

5:15pm Staff meeting

Sunday May 5

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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11:30-1:00 Senior High Youth Group

Potluck for *Walk for Hunger*