



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
May 6th, 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.*

The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival – May 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th

The Poor People's Campaign is uniting tens of thousands of people across the country to challenge the evils of systemic racism, poverty, the war economy, ecological devastation and the nation's distorted morality. They demand justice for all, are committed to lifting up and deepening the leadership of those affected by racism and believe in the dismantling of unjust criminalization systems that exploit communities of color and poor communities. Further, they believe in equal protection under the law, that people should not live in or die from poverty, and aim to focus our attention on how our society treats the poor, those on the margins, LGBTQ folks, workers, immigrants, the disabled and the sick. For more information on The Poor People's Campaign, go to:

poorpeoplescampaign.org. If you would like 100% of your donation to go to The Poor People's Campaign, please make out a check directly to them.

May 6th Rev. Jill Cowie

This Sunday I will preach a sermon on "Coming Home" from a Buddhist perspective and the sermon "The Art of Blessing" will be preached on June 10th.

Thank you to all who gave to the Black Lives UU Campaign. We contributed a total of \$1592.50 which is enough for them to make their match. Yay!

with love and warmth, Rev. Jill

May 13th "Standing at the Cross Roads: The Wisdom of the Divine Feminine"

Rev. Jill Cowie In celebration of Mother's Day, this service honors the wisdom of the

goddess, the mother of creation, and all mothers who taught us how to love. Let us together lift up their names.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, May 6, is a sanctuary start. Everyone will start in the sanctuary, then kids and teachers will walk over to the Fellowship Building together after the Story. Please see below for the RE plan:

Butterfly Garden: Story & Activity (Buddhism)

Rock Garden/Cosmix: Planting outside or Game Day

Bridges: Hindu Temple Visit Debrief / RE Sunday Discussion

Upcoming Services

May 13: Whole Congregation Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

This year's Walk for Hunger is on Sunday May 6. 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 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

After the service Sunday May 6th, there will be a Question and Answer session to talk about how the removal of the pew is going for folks. -Stacie Green

Social Justice Gem of the Week The Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival is committed to fight systemic racism, systemic poverty, ecological devastation, and the war economy. It hopes to build a broad and deep moral movement rooted in leadership of poor people and moral leaders. This spring, the campaign is launching 40 days of Moral Action across the nation. The first such event will take place in Boston on Monday, May 14 at the State House, starting a 2 pm. You can read more about The Poor People's campaign on line: www.poorpeoplescampaign.org and/or speak to Rev Jill about this event.

Annual Reports are due to me Monday May 7th. If you need a file of last year's report for your committee, please let me know and I'll send you one. I prefer to receive attached Word files, 12 pt. Times New Roman. *Final corrections due by Monday morning May 14.*
-Elinor Stapleton admin@uuharvard.org

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

For the Partner Church I have just written to Berei Istvan, our partner church minister, briefly detailing Jill's installation, our music department, and our social programs. I encourage you to look into the Thanksgiving economy pilgrimage tour from 9/22 to 10/4/2018. (Two weeks.) Base price \$1148 plus registration fee of \$450. For details, go to this link, on your computer: [UU PCCpilgrimage opportunities.](#) -Mary Donald

Remembering and Resisting: 70 Years of Ongoing Ethnic Cleansing in Palestine. Saturday, May 12, 11:30 – 2:00 pm. Meet at Copley Square, at noon march to Park Street Station on Boston Common.

Palestinians and their allies in Boston are commemorating the 70th anniversary of the Nakba, ("catastrophe" in Arabic), the Israeli ethnic cleansing of over 700,000 Palestinians from their homes in Palestine. Many Palestinians who fled to neighboring areas, such as Gaza, have struggled to survive and return ever since. Those who stayed in their homes live under special Israeli laws for non-Jews or Israeli military occupation laws. Under Israeli law, commemorating Nakba Day is illegal, but it is still legal to do so here. For those in Gaza, the confluence of being on a brink of a public health disaster, being shot for protesting, even when unarmed, the planned opening of the US Embassy in Jerusalem on May 15, and Israeli celebrations of Israeli Independence Day, on the Palestinian illegal Nakba Day, creates a potential for horrible violence on the 15th. Please support this march if you can, so Israelis and Palestinians know the world is watching.
- David Kendall and pat westwater-jong

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday May 6
9:00 a.m. Pick Up Choir rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
"Coming Home"
Rev. Jill Cowie
Q&A session about removal of pew
11:30-1:00 Senior High Youth Group
Potluck for *Walk for Hunger*

Monday May 7
10:00 a.m. Annual Reports Due
7:30 p.m. Connections Team mtg.

Tuesday May 8
10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

Wednesday May 9
7-8 p.m. Meditation

Thursday May 10
7-9:30 p.m. Board meeting

Sunday May 13
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
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