



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
May 27, 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 27

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 27

“Nicaragua: A difficult country with Resourceful People”

Pam and Glen Frederick will share their experience with UU Service Committee and the UU College of Social Justice on a February 2018 trip to Nicaragua. They will also describe the issues and people who most influenced their impressions.

June 3

RE Sunday

Everyone is invited to the RE Sunday worship service on June 3. The service will be held in Sutherland Hall. We will be thanking our RE volunteers, hearing the

beautiful junior choir voices, and working collaboratively on a project designed to make good use of our property behind the Fellowship Building. You don't want to miss it!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sunday, May 27, is the last day of Religious Education for this church year. It's a Fellowship Start, so all kids and teachers will start in the Fellowship Building at 10:00 a.m. Please see the themes below:

Butterfly Garden: Exploration of the UU 2nd Principle*

Rock Garden: Exploration of the UU 2nd Principle

Cosmix/Bridges: Naomi Newell (Native American Theme)

* The UU 2nd Principle: "Justice, equity and compassion in human relations"

Upcoming Services

June 3: Whole Congregation (RE Sunday)

June 10: Whole Congregation Service (Rose Ceremony)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Encouraging Trend In an op-ed piece in the New York Times, Sean McElwee writes about the “rising racial liberalism” of Democratic voters. He describes some polls he did with his firm, Data For Progress. The questions were designed to determine if people thought inequality was caused by discrimination or by individual's willpower. In 1977, 63% thought it was individual willpower that caused inequality vs. 44% who said it was discrimination. By 2016, things were reversed, with 54% saying it was discrimination, vs. 28% blaming willpower. Encouraging news!

-David Kendall

Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast

Reminder everyone: please come to the Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast hosted by HUUC in the Fellowship Building from 8:00 - 9:30 AM. Join your Harvard and UU friends in enjoying a hearty pancake, sausage and OJ breakfast benefitting Loaves & Fishes.

***“Nicaragua: A difficult country with Resourceful People”* Nicaragua Presentation and light supper**

Tuesday, May 29, at 6:00 PM at Fellowship Bldg. Pam and Glen Frederick will share their experience with UU Service Committee and the UU College of Social Justice on a February 2018 trip to Nicaragua. They will also describe the issues and people who most influenced their impressions.

Sunday, June 10 will be our last Sunday service of the official church year.

Rev. Jill will be bringing us a Flower Ceremony, a ritual that celebrates beauty, human uniqueness, diversity, and community (don't forget to bring a flower!). After, we will enjoy our last moments of the “church year” together and gather for our annual Potluck Picnic. Members of the board will provide - *and cook!* - burgers, veggie burgers, and hot dogs and contribute a special dessert. Please join us in celebrating our wonderful community!

Updated Caring Committee Information Cards are located in the pews.

You may take as needed, and place in the collection basket, give it to a member of the Caring Network, or put it in the folder on the Connections Table. Caring Magnets, also found on the Connections Table, are available for placing on your refrigerator or another convenient place for easy home reference.

Searching for a Loaves and Fishes

Monthly Collection Coordinator Would you like to help alleviate food insecurity for our neighbors in need? The SJMC is searching for someone to serve as coordinator for HUUC's monthly food drive

for Loaves and Fishes. The position involves publicizing the collections through the Belfry and weekly announcements as well as picking up the donations from the baskets in the foyer and delivering them to Loaves and Fishes. Please contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com or 978-772-9687.

SJMC Gem of the Week *Why America's Black Mothers and Babies Are in a Life-or-Death Crisis*, by Linda Villarosa (New York Times Magazine, April 11, 2018) is a compelling read that intertwines the story of Simone Landrum, a 23-year-old African American woman living in New Orleans, with the results of studies on how the racial divide affects both infant and maternal mortality rates. Follow Simone's story and learn how a new model is proving successful.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday May 27

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

“Nicaragua: A difficult country with Resourceful People”

Pam and Glen Frederick

11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir

12:00-1:00 Chimers

Monday May 28

8:00-9:30 a.m. **Annual Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast**

in Fellowship Building

Tuesday May 29

6:00-9:00 p.m. Dinner and Talk:

“Nicaragua: A Difficult country with Resourceful People”

Pam & Glen Frederick

Thursday May 31

7:00 p.m. Worship Team Planning Meeting

Sunday June 3

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

in Fellowship Building

Religious Education Sunday

Daniel Payne, DRE

2:00-4:00 p.m. Music Listening Circle