



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
June 3, 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 Hurricane Maria Community Relief and Recovery Fund – June 3 & 10

Immediately following Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Puerto Rico was devastated. Even though the hurricane happened many months ago, Puerto Rico is still facing a long and challenging road to recovery and rebuilding. The Hurricane Maria Community Relief & Recovery Fund (the Maria Fund) was launched to help communities hit hardest by the storm. The fund supports grassroots organizing of vulnerable communities on the frontlines, supports both critical immediate relief needs as well as long term projects needed for the long term to rebuild Puerto Rico in a just and equitable way. For more information about the Maria Fund, please go to: mariafund.org. If you would like 100% of your donation to go to the Maria Fund, **please make your check out to “Center for Popular Democracy” and write “Maria Fund” in the memo line.**

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!

June 10

“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. Please bring a flower for our end-of-year flower communion.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday, June 3: is RE Sunday. The theme of this worship service will be “Seeds and Sources,” and we'll be participating in a fun interactive activity around the sources and our beautiful property behind the Fellowship Building. We'll also be thanking all our wonderful RE volunteers who've helped so much this year. You don't want to miss it. Hope to see you there!

Upcoming Services

June 10: Whole Congregation Service (Rose Ceremony)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, June 10 is 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!

The Women's Alliance will have its potluck dinner and program planning meeting on Tuesday night, June 5 in the

parlor of the Fellowship Bldg. The potluck starts at 6:30, to be followed by a short business meeting and brainstorming session to plan meetings for next year. It is our last meeting of the church year, and we hope to see you there.

-Alice Rennie

Gem of the Week In the last few years, some excellent films have been made that explore race in America. As the church year winds down and summer looms, maybe you will find some time to appreciate one of the films below.

Mudbound – In this drama two Mississippi families, one black and one white, confront the brutal reality of prejudice after WWII. **13th** - The film, titled after the Thirteenth Amendment, explores the intersection of race, justice, and mass incarceration in the United States.

I Am Not Your Negro - A documentary that offers an incendiary snapshot of James Baldwin's crucial observations on America race relations and sobering reminder of how far we have yet to go.

Get Out - A black photographer's weekend meeting his white girlfriend's parents takes a terrifying turn in this drama by Jordan Peele.

Moonlight – This movie looks at three defining chapters in the life of Chiron, a young black man growing up in Miami.

-Ginger Kendall

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.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday June 3

8:45 a.m. Chimers, in FB

9:30 a.m. Jr. Choir, in FB

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
in Fellowship Building

Religious Education Sunday

Daniel Payne, DRE

2:00-4:00 p.m. Music Listening Circle
Community Room, in FB

Monday June 4

7:30 p.m. Connections Team

Tuesday June 5

10-4 Bargains in the Belfry open

6:30 p.m. Alliance

Wednesday June 6

6:30 p.m. Caring Network

7:00-8:00 p.m. Meditation

Thursday June 7

6:30 p.m. Staff meeting

Sunday June 10

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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Flower Ceremony

Annual Potluck Picnic

Thursday June 14

7:00-9:30 p.m. Board meeting

June 18-22 Admin Office Closed this week.

Tuesday June 26

9:00 a.m. Belfry Deadline for all.

July and August: Admin Office is open

Tuesday & Thursday mornings 9:00-11:30.

Thursday July 12 Summer Social for newest members and recent visitors.

Sunday August 5

10:00 a.m. Joint Service at UU

Church in Lancaster, MA

Combined Pick-Up Choir

Tuesday August 21 Belfry Deadline

Sunday September 9

10:00 a.m. Ingathering Worship

Tuesday September 18 Belfry Deadline