



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
June 10, 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](http://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 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.

## **Annual Joint Summer Service**

### **-- Save the Date --**

*When:* Sunday, August 5, 2018

*Time:* 10am

*Where:* UU Church in Lancaster

*Who:* Rev. Robert Johansen, Minister and Kallin Johnson, Music Director of the Lancaster Church

*Choir:* There will be a combined pick-up choir as in years past.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

June 10: Whole Congregation Service (Rose Ceremony)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**This Sunday remember to bring a flower for our flower communion. We will also be celebrating our seniors as well as wishing Daniel a fond farewell.** As you know it is our last official service for the church year, and I hope to host an informal service the first Wednesday evening in August, maybe with grillables at the Fellowship Building. Stay tuned! Remember to bring water to our water communion ingathering the first Sunday after Labor Day.

I will be around town for some of the summer, so please call my cell 617-697-0922. Below are the weeks I will most likely be traveling. I've listed the contact information for a minister on call in case of emergencies. Megan serves the Sterling church and lives in Acton, and Joli is a chaplain at Brigham and Women's hospital and lives in Boston. Both wonderfully warm and talented ministers.

**Rev. Megan Lynes-** June 29 to July 6, July 15 to July 20, August 6-13.

[revmeganlynes@gmail.com](mailto:revmeganlynes@gmail.com). cell phone is 617-276-7655.

**Rev. Joli Olivetti**-July 21-July 29. cell phone-617-851-9356. [jlolivetti@gmail.com](mailto:jlolivetti@gmail.com)

See you at church this Sunday,  
Rev. Jill

**This summer join Rev. Jill on several Wednesday evening to share reflection and fellowship and eatables.** The reflections will be based on Krista Tippett's recent book "Becoming Wise." Possible dates include July 11, August, 15th, and August 29th. More info to come via Facebook, and weekly emails-call Jill at 617-697-0922 with questions and interest.

### ◇◇◇ **GEM OF THE WEEK** ◇◇◇

#### **Social Justice Ministry Council**

While our country appears to be drifting toward the perils of authoritarianism, such a trend is hardly inevitable. In their book *How Democracies Die*, Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt provide an explanation of how the US wound up electing an authoritarian president but more importantly how we can get out of it.

<https://www.penguinrandomhouse.com/books/562246/how-democracies-die-by-steven-levitsky-and-daniel-ziblatt/9781524762933/>

-Steve Farough

**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.

#### **FREE PHOTOS IN THE FOYER**

Snapshots I took at the Memorial Day Breakfast are near the Connections Table. Please take any that are appropriate.  
**PLEASE HELP YOURSELVES!**

-Mary Donald

**Unitarian Universalism is about connection.** We are a religion that helps people struggle against a shallow, frantic and materialistic world that often leaves us feeling disconnected from our deeper selves. This fall we are forming small groups to learn, support, and explore spiritual practices while deepening personal connections. Tom Aciukewicz and Paige O'Brien, with support from Reverend Jill, will facilitate day and evening sessions of small groups using the widely revered [The Soul Matters curriculum](#).

Monthly gatherings begin in September with a new theme each month. The first one is "vision." If you are interested in participating in of these small groups, please contact Tom, [a2z.tom@gmail.com](mailto:a2z.tom@gmail.com), to learn more.

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday June 10

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**"The Art of Blessing of the Day"**

**Rev. Jill Cowie**

**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 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Sunday August 5

**10:00 a.m. Joint Service** at UU Church in Lancaster, MA.

Combined pick-up choir

**We are currently looking for someone to serve** as the HUUC

representative on the joint committee that organizes this

service each year. It is not a large commitment of time or energy. If

you are interested, please contact

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