



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
September 9, 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 – September 9, 16, 23
Immediately following Hurricanes Irma and Maria, Puerto Rico was devastated. Even though the hurricane happened exactly one year 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.**

This Year's Worship Theme: Sanctuary
September's Theme: What Does It Mean to Be a People of Vision?

September 9
“Be Like Water”

Rev. Jill Cowie 10:00 a.m.

Malidoma Patrice Somé says “where ritual is absent, the young ones are restless, there are no real elders, and the grown-ups are bewildered”. Join us for a ritual rich ingathering during which we will offer water to our communal bowl to symbolize how each one of us is necessary for the vitality of our community, and how in turn the community blesses each of our lives with connection to one another, to our past, our future, and to what we know as Holy. From this our future forms and flows.

September 16

“When the Well of Being Seen Runs Dry”
Rev. Jill Cowie

With all the things we face in our lives, how do our souls become whole again? This is the question asked each year during the Jewish High Holy Days and the liturgy lifts up all the ways people of the Hebrew Bible struggle to do so. Stories that acknowledge that each of us have moments when our soul or self is not whole, when the well of being seen-runs dry. In this service we will read the Rosh Hashanah story of Hagar and Sarah and its’ power dynamics of patriarchy to explore the responses that shore up the human spirit and to discover what in the story still speaks to us today.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sept. 9th Whole Congregation

Sept. 16th Sanctuary

Sept. 23rd Sanctuary

Sept. 30th Fellowship building

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Loaves & Fishes and HUUC CAN you help us? This year Maddy and Hugh Silk will be organizing the monthly food drives for Loaves and Fishes for our church. As you know, so many of our neighbors go without enough food. We plan to do a different theme each month to raise awareness and solicit your donations. This month we are focused on things **CANned**. Top items needed by Loaves and Fishes are: canned pasta, chili, tomato products; corn, fruit, tuna; beef soup, cream of mushroom or chicken soup; baked beans Or you can bring in whatever you really like to eat – just bring in something to help those who are less fortunate. Food will be delivered on the last Sunday of each month. Thanks so much! Hugh and Maddy Silk (hugh silk@yahoo.com)

All Leaders Meeting Tuesday Sept 25, 7:30-9:00 in the Charlanne Van Wormer Community Room in the Fellowship Building. Committees please send a representative and RSVP to kirsti.gamage@gmail.com

The UUA Common Read will start on October 14th. The book is *Justice on Earth: People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and Environment*, edited by Manish Mishra-Marzetti and Jennifer Nordstrom (Skinner House Books, 2018). <https://www.uua.org/books/read> Please indicate your interest by sending Jill an email to revjillcowie@gmail.com There are a few books in the Admin office if you want one.

John Chapman and Patty Ruze are dedicating their first home concert of the season to the church. The event is at 4:30 pm on Sunday, September 30. The hosts will provide adult beverages. Guests are asked to provide a potluck item. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased at <https://uuharvard.tix.com>. All profits will go to the church. The concert will be open to the general public, so don't delay getting hour tickets. Kevin Harris is one of the great young talents in jazz today. A charismatic performer, Kevin plays with great lyricism combined with sly humor. Steve Langone is a master of the drum set and his study of Indian rhythm concepts produces a unique blend of sound to complement Kevin. The two have played together for years.

CALENDAR

Sunday September 9
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
"Be Like Water"
Rev. Jill Cowie
2:00 Memorial Service
For Bill Cory
Monday September 10
7:00 p.m. Worship Team meeting
Tuesday September 11
6:00 p.m. Board meeting
Wednesday September 12

7-8pm Meditation
Sunday September 16
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
"When the Well of Being Seen
Runs Dry"
Rev. Jill Cowie
11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir
Tuesday September 18
12:00 Noon, Belfry Deadline

Non-Church Events, in our sanctuary

Join us for the opening night of the Worcester Chamber Music Society's 13th season in the HUUC sanctuary Friday September 21st! *Love and Vengeance* celebrates the visionary romanticism of the Czech Spirit. The program features Martinu's Sonata for Flute and Piano, Janacek's String Quartet No.1 'Kreutzer', and Dvorak's Piano Quintet No. 2, Op. 81. There will be a pre-concert talk at 7:00 PM. Tickets: Adults \$30, College Students \$10, Youth under 17 are free. **Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church congregation 20% off with discount code: UUC20 (online sales only).** www.worcesterchambermusic.org/live-and-vengeance.

Saturday September 29, 7:30 PM. Benefit concert to support assistance to victims and families of leukemia. One hundred percent of the proceeds of this concert will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Massachusetts and to the family of Jaden Doher, an 8th grader at the Bromfield School. Classical guitarist Dave McLellan will present a varied recital of Spanish, Latin-American, English, and American music from the 16th through the 21st centuries. Bromfield School music educator Nikolaus Hunt is a guest artist. A reception will follow the concert, and listeners will be able to meet the family of Jaden Doher and representatives of LLS, as well as leukemia survivors who have been helped by LLS. -Dave McLellan 978-500-2546 Dave.a.mclellan@gmail.com