



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
September 16, 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 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](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.**

## **September 16**

*For You a New Heart*

**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.

## **September 23**

*Equinox: a Vision of Balance*

## **Britt Argow**

Come celebrate the Autumnal Equinox, and explore our place in nature’s cycles of light and darkness. From the astrophysical to the personal, between literal and metaphorical, how can we nurture and practice balance in ourselves, our community, and the larger world?

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Sept. 16th Sanctuary

Sept. 23rd Sanctuary

Sept. 30th Fellowship building

## **YOUTH**

The Senior High Youth Group is getting started this year with a kick-off party featuring boating (and tubing if it's warm enough!), BBQ, and campfire on Sunday September 23rd from 5:30-7:30 at the Wickman's home 27 Willow St on Bare Hill Pond. Come on your own or bring a friend. All high school aged youth (UU members or not) are welcome to attend. At this event we will have some fun, good food, get to know new and returning members and make some plans for the upcoming year. Gregg Stoddard, Suzie Allen and Britt Argow will lead the SHYG this year. Please look to one of them for more information.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

*SJMC Gem of the Week*

### **Resisting White Supremacy Workshop Series with Ken Wagner** (8 sessions

October 14 to December 16) First Church Unitarian 19 Foster St., Littleton

This workshop series is a wonderful opportunity to explore institutional and systemic racism, our own racial identities, privilege, whiteness, and current movements, such as Black Lives Matter, with Ken Wagner. The workshop will meet from 6 to 8 PM on the following eight Sunday evenings: October 14, October 28, November 4, November 11, November 18

(4 - 6 PM!), December 2, December 9, and December 16. No commitment is required for the first session on October 14th—if you're interested but don't have time for an eight week program, if you're on the fence, or if you're just curious, you are invited to come on October 14th to hear and experience Ken's introduction to the workshop. For additional information please email <mailto:cgheiland@mac.com>.

**Our next Social Justice Ministries Council (SJMC) meeting** will be on Monday, September, 17 at 7:00 in Jill's office. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Risa Goldman at [risajan@aol.com](mailto:risajan@aol.com) or Steve Farough at [farough.steve@gmail.com](mailto:farough.steve@gmail.com).

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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](mailto:kirsti.gamage@gmail.com)

**Explore Opportunities for Involvement at HUUC on Sunday, Sept. 30** In the spirit of creating connections between those who are new, old, and in-between at our church, on *Sunday, September 30*, the Connections Team will be hosting *Connections Sunday* in the *Church Foyer and the Sanctuary shortly after service*. This event is an opportunity for HUUC groups and committees to share information about their activities with congregants who are looking for new ways to get connected with the community. The Connections Team has contacted leaders of our various groups and committees and will provide tables, card stock labels, and markers for those who wish to set up a station after the service. Come explore the many options for getting involved with our various Music groups, Social Justice Ministries Council, Worship Team, Connections Team, Buildings and Grounds Committee, and more!-The Connections Team (Carol MacFarlane, Sarah Graffam, Kate Jones, Mary Krause,

Carol Panek-Clark, Imre Toth, and Lynne Wood)

#### **Save the Date: Saturday, October 20th 5:00 p.m. on-Stewardship Fall Festival**

Planning is currently underway for this year's stewardship kick-off, envisioned to be an all ages, whole congregation fall-themed potluck with many New England delights. We plan to have fun, whole congregation fall-themed activities before dinner. Also, last year's Talent/No Talent Show was such a huge hit that we are going to continue the tradition this year. More to come! -Danielle Kehoe, [daniellewoodmankehoe@gmail.com](mailto:daniellewoodmankehoe@gmail.com)  
Carol MacFarlane  
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#### **Loaves & Fishes**

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 ([hughsilk@yahoo.com](mailto:hughsilk@yahoo.com))

#### CALENDAR

Sunday September 16

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*For You a New Heart*

**Rev. Jill Cowie**

11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir

Tuesday September 18

10:00 a.m. Belfry Deadline

7-9:00 p.m. Soul Matters, Jill's Office

Wednesday September 19

7-8 p.m. Meditation

Thursday September 20

9-11 a.m. Soul Matters, Jill's Office

7:30-9:00 p.m. Sr. Choir rehearsal

Sunday September 23

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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12:00-1:00 Chimers