



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
September 23, 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. 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 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?

September 30

Universalism for Such a Time As This

Rev. Jill Cowie

We are in the midst of a struggle for the moral center of our society. A struggle much like the one 200 years ago when Universalism arose in response to deep societal conflict. Ours is a tenacious, courageous and hopeful faith, one for such a

time as this. Come to renew your courage and your hope.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

Fostering Racial Justice Group (FRJG)

will continue its monthly book discussion with *Black Boy White School* by Brian Walker. Join this evening of open conversation:

- Sargent memorial Library, 427 Mass. Ave. Boxboro
- Tuesday, September 25th, at 7:00pm

FRJG is registered at The Silver Unicorn bookstore (12 Spruce St. Acton). Buy your copy in the store and get a 10% discount. On October 23rd, discussion will focus on the book *Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson.

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

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)

Gathering in Hope: Stewardship Kick-Off Fall Gathering on Saturday, October 20th 5 p.m. Fellowship Building This year's stewardship theme is "Gathering in Hope," and what better way to kick off the stewardship drive with a spirited gathering of our community! The event, which will take place in Fellowship Hall, will be for all ages. Costumes encouraged!

- 5-6:00 Socializing and pumpkin decorating. Have some warm cider, fall treats, and socialize or decorate a pumpkin! Pumpkins will be kindly judged and will be on display at church the next morning. Everyone can take their pumpkins home after the service.

- 6:00-6:45 Fall themed potluck! In traditional HUUC fashion.
- 6:45-7:30. The Talent/No Talent show. Acts welcome! We'll have a sign up in advance. There will also be an activity outside the fellowship room for children and others who may not want to participate, though youth and families are encouraged to do an act!

Stay for part of for all. If you are interested in donating any craft supplies for the pumpkin decorating, or have any questions or ideas, please contact us! Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs: Danielle Kehoe 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)

CALENDAR

Sunday September 23

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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11:20-11:50 a.m. Jr. Choir rehearsal

12:00-1:00 Chimers

Tuesday September 25

7:30 p.m. All Leadership Meeting

Wednesday September 26

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday September 27

7:30-9:30pm Sr. Choir

Sunday September 30

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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