



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
September 30, 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.*

September 30 & October 7 -- Human Rights Campaign (HRC)

For LGBTQ celebration month, we will be sharing our plate with the Human Rights Campaign (HRC). The HRC is the largest civil rights organization working to achieve equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer Americans. They envision a world where lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer people are embraced as full members of society at home, at work and in every community. If you would like your full donation to go to HRC, please make your check out directly to them.

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.

October 7

Call to Be a Present Day Abolitionist
Rev. Jill Cowie

So often we think of Mexico and “the wall” when talking about immigration. Tragically, ICE operates without constraint within 100 miles of any border including the coast, imprisoning thousands without due process. We live in the borderlands and the call for sanctuary is sounding. How can we be a present day abolitionist?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Sept. 30th Fellowship building

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Collection for Cor Unum Meal Center to Support the Victims of the Recent Gas

Explosion Probably you have all heard about the terrible fires caused by a gas explosion in Lawrence and two other towns a few weeks ago. To respond to this crisis in a neighboring city with a lot of need, we will be having a special collection during Connections Hour this Sunday, September 30. Members of the Social Justice Ministries Council (SJMC) will be at a table after the service, during Connections Sunday, sharing our mission with you. At the table, we will have a special collections basket to support **Cor Unum Meal Center**, which is located on South Broadway in Lawrence. They are a nonprofit that have been providing meals for many years for people in and around Lawrence who are in need. They have ramped up their work to help those who still have no gas to cook with and in many cases, no home. Your entire donation will go directly to Cor Unum. Thank you for helping people in need in our neighborhood to the north.

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, 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

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SOCIAL JUSTICE



This video from The Weekly Sift is a powerful example of how systemic racism exists in news reporting.

<https://twitter.com/twitter/statuses/1033323857912844288>

Our next Social Justice Ministries Council (SJMC) meetings will be on Sunday, October, 14 at 11:30 a.m. and Thursday, November 15 at 7:00 p.m. We are planning to alternate 3rd Thursday meeting dates with 2nd Sunday meeting dates, in an attempt to accommodate many people's schedules. We usually meet in Jill's office. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com or Steve Farough at farough.steve@gmail.com.

Movie: *Voices Across the Divide: Identity & History of Palestinians & Jews*. Directed and narrated by Alice Rothchild. Follow her personal journey as she begins to understand the Palestinian narrative. Friday, October 12, HUUC Fellowship Building. Doors open at 7, movie at 7:30.

A Jewish American's Journey: Heartbreak and Hope in Israel/Palestine. A talk by Dr. Alice Rothchild at the Fellowship Building on Sunday, October 21 at 7:00, doors open at 6:30. Dr. Rothchild. <http://alicerothchild.com/>

CALENDAR

Sunday September 30
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
Universalism For Such A Time As This
Rev. Jill Cowie
Connections Sunday
11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir
12:00-1:00 Chimers
4:30 p.m. Jazz Concert at John Chapman & Patty Ruze's home.
Guests: Kevin Harris, Steve Langone

Tuesday October 2
6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Alliance Potluck & Program: Deb & Jeff Levering,
Camino de Santiago

Wednesday October 3
6:30 p.m. Caring Network meeting
7-8 p.m. Meditation

Sunday October 7
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
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Monday October 8 Office Closed