



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
October 7, 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.*

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.

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?

October 14

Life: The Great Experiment

Rev. Jill Cowie. Two hundred years after his birth, when we think of Henry David Thoreau, we think “nature,” and some of us think “social justice.” Yet his defense of both, sprang from the same roots. He found society in nature and he found nature everywhere, especially in the town center and in the human heart. If he were here among us today, I imagine him encouraging us to not accept our lives as given but to experiment, to challenge the conventions we have inherited and to let the radicalness of nature be our guide.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

October 7: Begin in sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Speaker on October 7: Dolores Thibault-

Munoz is a Public Defender in Worcester County. She is a former City Councilor in Fitchburg, MA, where she lives with her husband, two daughters and mother. She is an activist and advocate for racial justice issues such as immigration, women's rights, education and criminal justice. She moved to Fitchburg 12 years ago. Since then, she has contributed to her community as an executive director of three local non-profits in Northern Worcester County, where she worked with the most vulnerable in the community, including immigrants. Dolores is the daughter of immigrants from Guatemala and Mexico. Dolores Thibault-Munoz, Esq. dtmunozlaw@gmail.com 508-404-4364

Help us make life more flavorful. For Loaves and Fishes donations this month, our theme is "all things flavorful". Here are high need items: salad dressings, ketchup, mayonnaise, hamburger or tuna helper, grape or strawberry jam, boxed flavored rice, brownie mix, coffee and syrup. Of course, all donations are welcome. We will pick up all donations October 28th. Thanks so much! -Hugh and Maddy Silk

UU Game Night, Sat October 13, 5:30-

8:30 Fellowship Hall. Play games with people of all ages (seriously, this is not just for kids)! We've got mah-jong, cribbage, Exploding Kittens, and about 74 other games that you'll want to play. There will be music, a make your own burrito bar (with vegan and gluten free options), prizes, and Heidi's deadly jalapeno margaritas. Let us know you are coming:

stacie@64crayons.com. \$15/person or \$40/family

Connection Hour Experiment begins this Sunday! Formerly known as Coffee Hour, this Sunday is the first of four Sundays where youth will make and clean up the coffee. Your hosts this week will be Ruby Farough and Milo Green; be sure to say hi to them. Snacks will be gratefully accepted over the next four weeks if you feel moved to bring in a small plate (no sign-up).

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 helping or have any questions or ideas, please contact us!

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Sign up is now available!

<https://tinyurl.com/ybl375vt>

Classical Pianist Concert Fundraiser for HUUC on Sunday October 14 at 4:00, featuring Sonya Ovrutsky Fensome, an

internationally renowned classical pianist and Harvard resident, along with Eleanor Toth, Margery Goldstein, Helen Batchelder and John Chapman. The hosts are providing appetizers and beverages, so it would be nice to know ahead of time how many people are coming. Tickets are \$30. To buy tickets for this classical concert, let John know jpnchapman@yahoo.com.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

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. Risa Goldman at risajan@aol.com or Steve Farough at farough.steve@gmail.com.

UU Common Read Please join Reverend Jill Cowie in her office on the second Sunday of each month at 11:45-1:00 to discuss a chapter in the UU Common Read for 2018-2019 year: *Justice on Earth, People of Faith Working at the Intersections of Race, Class, and the Environment*, by Manish Mishra-Marzettian and Jennifer Nordstrom. First meeting is October 14.

CALENDAR

Sunday October 7

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Call to Be a Present Day Abolitionist

Rev. Jill Cowie

Tuesday October 9

6:00 p.m. Board meeting

Friday October 12

7:00 p.m. Alice Rothchild Movie:

Saturday October 13

5:30-8:30 p.m. UU Game Night

Sunday October 14

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Life: The Great Experiment

Rev. Jill Cowie

11:20-11:50 Jr. Choir

11:30 Social Justice Ministries Council

11:45 Common Read Discussion

12:00-1:00 Chimers

4:00 p.m. Classical Pianist Concert
at Chapman/Ruze home