



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
October 14, 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 14 Sharing Our Plate will go to Building Resilience in Kids (BRIK)**, a small non-profit run entirely by women. We provide prevention programs that benefit low income children and families. Our current central program is Building Empathy through the Arts, which includes Art from the Heart and Drums and Poems. Many of you know about BRIK from our previous presentations by our interns at a Social Action service, or through the program for children and adults in which we had everyone make communal art. Today you will see an example of this communal work being made by our R.E. children as you read this. (Sorry if there is a little noise). I hope this won't cause a space problem. If it does it is ok to leave off the last sentence of the blurb. Reflecting the spirit of community of our church and the UU idea of a web of interconnectedness, all of our programs seek to help children build on their ability to connect, even if it is damaged by abuse and difficult lives. Now we are training Dept. of Children and Families workers who try to prevent child abuse with the very at-risk population they work with as child protective workers. We are hoping to start a new program of mentoring in Fitchburg or Lowell.

## 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.

## October 21

**Love Beyond Belief**

**Rev. Jill Cowie.** Our theme for our stewardship campaign this year is "Gathering in Hope." The way in which we seek to nurture experiences of open-mindedness and open-heartedness in all of our gatherings is so very hopeful. When we create a presence of openness that is grounded in the truth of our lives we affirm the capacity of our human hearts to care, to heal, and to be transformed. A capacity that acknowledges salvation is not a solo act. Come and celebrate our call to be stewards of such a great hope.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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/vbl375vt>

**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](mailto: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](mailto:risajan@aol.com) or Steve Farough at [farough.steve@gmail.com](mailto:farough.steve@gmail.com).

**Sunday, October 21. A talk by Dr. Alice Rothchild- *A Jewish American's Journey: Heartbreak and Hope in Israel/Palestine.* Doors open at 6:30 pm, talk starts at 7:00 pm.** There will be a Q&A after the talk. Dr. Alice Rothchild is a retired obstetrician-gynecologist who worked in the health care reform and women's movements for many years. She contributed to the first edition of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*. Since 1997, she has focused much of her energy on understanding the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, leading many delegations to Israel, the West Bank, and Gaza.

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(Social Justice Ministries Council);

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**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.

**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

## **CALENDAR**

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

Tuesday October 16

Belfry Deadline

6:00 p.m. Worship Team meeting

7:00 p.m. Soul Matters

Thursday October 18

9:00 a.m. Soul Matters

7:30 p.m. Sr. Choir

Saturday October 20

5:00 p.m. Stewardship Fall Festival



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