



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
November 4, 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 or local charity.*

## **Sharing Our Plate for November 4**

**Black Lives Matter (BLM)** was created in 2012 after Trayvon Martin's murderer, George Zimmerman, was acquitted for his crime, and dead 17-year old Trayvon was posthumously placed on trial for his own murder. BLM, originated in the African-American community, and is an international activist movement that campaigns against violence and systemic racism towards black people. For more information about Black Lives Matter, please go to: [blacklivesmatter.com](http://blacklivesmatter.com). If you would like 100% of your donation to go to Black Lives Matter, please make your check out to Black Lives Matter Boston.

**November 4 A Circle of Memory Rev. Jill Cowie.** We are told there is an appropriate time for grieving, that it takes a year. That you have to live through a full cycle of the seasons and the holidays before your grieving is complete. Well I know that's not so. That grieving sometimes goes on for a long time. It's good to set aside time each year to remember. And what better time than now, as winter approaches? Please bring a photo of your beloved to add to our altar of memory. Let us remember together.

**November 11 The Spirituality of Alzheimer's Rev. Jill Cowie.** Can there be any good to the long good-bye? A question that caregivers and family ask of themselves in the midst of this heart wrenching disease. Last summer, I pondered this question again as I officiated the memorial service for a man in his 50's. I offer this service to hold space for the experiences of those whose lives have been touched by this disease.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

November 4: Begin in the sanctuary  
November 11: Begin in Fellowship Bldg.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Connections Hour Faithful Experiment ends today!** Join members of the board this Sunday during Connections Hour to talk about how it went. Did you like seeing youth involved? Did you try out any of the discussion questions? Do you miss hosting coffee hour yourself? We welcome your thoughtful feedback and ideas.

**Gathering in Hope, our 2019 Pledge Drive, is underway!** Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far. Pledges may be sent by mail or brought to church Sunday and dropped in the offering plate. To help with next year's budget planning, please get your pledges in by November 18th. Thank you!

-The Stewardship Committee

**Make Thanksgiving special for our neighbors.** For Loaves and Fishes for November, high need items for the special day are: nuts, crackers, pickles, olives, candy, cookies, cake mix, stuffing mix, cranberry sauce, turkey or chicken broth, coffee, tea and cocoa. We will pick up donations on November 18th. Thank you!

-Hugh and Maddy Silk

**UU Common Read** Please join Reverend Jill Cowie in her office, usually 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-Marzetti

and Jennifer Nordstrom. **Our next meeting is November 18.**

### **Openings Still Available for Monthly Small Group Discussions**

Unitarian Universalism is about connection. We are a religion that seeks to help people navigate through an increasingly shallow, frantic and materialistic world that often leaves us feeling disconnected from our deeper selves. In September, using the curriculum of [Soul Matters](#), we began monthly gatherings to learn, support, and explore spiritual practices while deepening our personal connections. We still have openings available in both our 3rd Tuesday, 7-9 p.m. and 3rd Thursday, 9-11 a.m. groups. Discussions are facilitated by Tom Aciukewicz and Paige O'Brien, with support from Rev. Jill. If you are interested in participating or learning more, please contact Tom, [a2z.tom@gmail.com](mailto:a2z.tom@gmail.com).

### **WOMEN'S ALLIANCE**

**Meeting November 6. All are welcome. 6:30 Pot luck; 7:30 Program: Come Hear Our Resident Beekeeper! George Krusen.** -Hostess, Mary Donald

### **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**The next Social Justice Ministries Council (SJMC) meeting** will be held on Thursday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in Jill's office. All are welcome.  
-Risa Goldman

◆◆◆ **Gem of the Week** ◆◆◆  
**How to Help Victims of Pittsburgh Synagogue Shooting** The Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh Victims of Terror fund is earmarked for psychological services, support for families, reconstruction, additional security, medical bills, counseling and other services that may prove necessary for victims and first responders during their recovery. You can donate on line - <https://jewishpgh.org/our-victims-of-terror-fund/>. Or mail a check payable to the **Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh – Fund for Victims of**

**Terror** to: Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, 234 McKee Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. **Thank you.**

### **CALENDAR**

Sunday November 4

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*A Circle of Memory*

**Rev. Jill Cowie**

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

12:00-1:00 Chimers

Tuesday November 6 (Office closed)

6:00 p.m. Connections Team

6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Alliance

Pot Luck and Program

George Krusen: Beekeeping!

7:00 p.m. Worship Team

Wednesday November 7

6:00 p.m. Jill will open the Sanctuary for anyone who wants to be together to hold the emotions that come up after Election Day.

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday November 8

6:30 p.m. Caring Network

Sunday November 11

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*The Spirituality of Alzheimer's*

**Rev. Jill Cowie**

12:00-1:00 Chimers

**“Weaving the Stories of Our Life Journey” Class—starts on Thursdays evenings in January** After last Sunday's service of sharing stories, four people spoke to me about being in a new class starting in January. If you are interested in joining us, please contact [carolmacfarlane@gmail.com](mailto:carolmacfarlane@gmail.com). We will meet Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, and Feb. 7, then continue meeting once a month. Given a different topic each week (our childhood years, our life work, our spiritual path, to name a few), we will write about two pages during the week, weaving the memories from our past as they relate to each topic. Sharing our stories with the group will enrich all of us, as we take note of differences and similarities with our own life's journey. It's a wonderful way to make deep connections and to have fun as well.