



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
November 11, 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.* **WHEAT Community**

Connections – November 11, 18, 25

WHEAT Community Connections, located in Clinton, MA, gives support to individuals and families who find themselves experiencing economic and personal challenges by providing emergency assistance and programs that promote self-sufficiency. They offer services that include: Monthly Groceries, Hot Meals, Employment Listings, Health and Wellness Education, Thanksgiving Program, Hope for the Holidays Toy Program, Senior Mobile Market Program, and Case Management Services to apply for Fuel Assistance, as well as Information and Referral Services to other local assistance programs. For more information please go to: <https://www.uwotc.org/WHEAT>. If you would like 100% of your donation to go to WHEAT, please make your check out to “United Way of Tri-County” and write “WHEAT Community Services” in the memo line.

November 11 *Is There Any Good to the Long Goodbye?* 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.

November 18, *Harvesting the Hope* Rev. Jill Cowie. Harvest time is an attitude of gratitude for the seeds of our memories and minds that tell us how to be and become; for soil, the accumulation of our lives from which new life grows; for hands and the

ability to work the earth and celebrate its plenty; and for the kinship of it all, that singleness, that unity that makes our hearts glad. A kinship we will honor this Sunday with the launch of this year’s Guest At Your Table program.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

November 11: begin in Fellowship Bldg.
November 18: sanctuary, all congregation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Building Bridges class will be selling baked goods at the Fair Trade Faire next Sunday, November 18th. Please support us in two ways: 1. Provide us with additional baked goods to sell, cookies, pies, and cakes are suggestions. Bake for a cause. 2. Please stop by to purchase baked goods. Thanksgiving is coming. –Tim Coonahan

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! -Stewardship Committee

Connections Hour - Hospitality

The Board has received mixed feedback to our Connections Hour hospitality experiment involving the youth hosting the coffee service. We’ll survey the entire congregation in the upcoming weeks to get a more complete picture about your response to this experiment. In the meantime, we are returning to the previous format, and we need your help to host hospitality! Please sign up to provide coffee

and snacks on sign-up genius. An email has been sent to the congregation with a link to sign up, or you can find a link on our website. We also need a hospitality coordinator to keep supplies ordered, and manage the sign-up list. Please let a member of the board know if you are willing to co-ordinate hospitality this year! Sign up link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0E4EACAB2CA4FA7-sunday10>

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

The next Social Justice Ministries Council (SJMC) meeting will be held on Thursday, November 15th at 7:00 p.m. in Jill's office. All are welcome.

◆◆◆ Gem of the Week ◆◆◆ Some Good News....

There was good news this week, when we learned that Question 3 - the referendum to prohibit discrimination in public accommodations on the basis of gender identity - passed. Elsewhere in the country there was more good news ... In Louisiana, a Jim Crow era law was overthrown that allowed felony convictions without a unanimous verdict. In Florida, voting rights were restored to formerly incarcerated

felons. In Maryland, same day voter registration was approved, and in Nashville voters approved a citizen led panel to oversee the police department following charges of racial bias. You can read more about these referendums [here](#). -SJMC

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.**

CALENDAR

Sunday November 11

8:45 a.m. Chimers rehearse

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Spirituality of Alzheimer's

Rev. Jill Cowie

Tuesday November 13

6:00 p.m. Board meeting

Wednesday November 14

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday November 15

9:00-11:00 a.m. Soul Matters

7:30 p.m. Choir rehearse

7:30 p.m. Social Justice Ministries C.

Sunday November 18 Collection for L & F

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Harvesting the Hope

Rev. Jill Cowie

11:00-3:00 Fair Trade Faire

12:00-1:00 Chimers

Tuesday November 20

10:00 a.m. Belfry Deadline