



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
November 18, 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 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 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.

(Today’s service followed by Fair Trade Faire in the Fellowship Building.)

November 25

That’s Enough, Thank You

Rev. Jolie Olivetti

Recently, I’ve had a song by Chance the Rapper going around in my head. In it he sings, “It seems like blessings keep falling in my lap.” Here’s another line that keeps knocking around in my noggin, oft-quoted from the 13th-century mystic Meister Eckhart: “If the only prayer you ever said was thank you that would be enough.”

Sometimes those two quotes ring true: our lives are full of bountiful blessings, and prayers of gratitude are the only prayers on our lips. But sometimes the reality is that we are stretched thin and struggling, and we find ourselves praying for a break. On this Sunday after Thanksgiving, our refrigerators perhaps still bursting with leftovers, we will reflect on scarcity, abundance, and gratitude.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

November 18: All congregation, sanctuary

November 25: Begin in sanctuary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Building Bridges class will be selling baked goods at the Fair Trade Faire Sunday, November 18th. Please stop by to purchase baked goods. Thanksgiving is coming. –Tim Coonahan

The Prelude and Postlude will be played on our harpsichord built by Eric Herz, one of the progenitors of harpsichord-making in the modern era. His instruments are considered among the very best. He was a member of this church, and this was his own personal instrument that he left to the congregation.

Guest at Your Table

This week we are introducing the Guest at Your Table (GAYT) program, a family oriented opportunity to support the UU Service Committee efforts to raise awareness and deal with human rights and social justice issues around the world. Information about the UUSC programs and the GAYT collection boxes will be available at the back of the church and in the Fellowship Building lobby. The boxes will be collected at the Christmas Eve service and the following Sunday. This year Pam and Glen Frederick will match every dollar given by our congregation. In addition, the UU congregation in Shelter Rock, NY will match any individual or family donation or \$125 or more, effectively quadrupling these donations. Checks can be made out to the UUSC or the HUUC referencing GAYT. Please support this important expression of our UU faith.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

◇◇◇ Gem of the Week ◇◇◇

An Argument for Affirmative Action

The recent [news](#) that Harvard University sociologist Devah Pager had passed away this month at age 46 has brought her ground breaking research into the public eye. In 2003, as a graduate student at Northwestern, Pager conducted a broad reaching experiment to test how both race and a criminal record affected an applicant's likelihood of being hired by an employer. The results led to the publication of a book titled *Marked* which shows "that a black applicant with no criminal background fares no better — and perhaps worse — than does a white applicant with a felony conviction." Her 2003 experiment and the results are summarized [here](#).

Lest you assume optimistically that the last 25 years has brought significant changes to this depressing reality in America, read [this article](#) summarizing the research of Pager and colleagues who examined multiple field studies focused on race and hiring practices. Their conclusion

– "Black Americans have faced the same amount of hiring discrimination for the past 25 years."

CALENDAR

Sunday November 18

Collection for Loaves & Fishes

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Harvesting the Hope

Rev. Jill Cowie

11:00-3:00 Fair Trade Faire

12:00-1:00 Chimers

Monday November 19

9:00-12:00 Admin Office open

Tuesday November 20

9:00-3:00 Admin Office open

10:00 a.m. Belfry Deadline

6:00 p.m. Worship Team meeting

7:00 p.m. Soul Matters

Wednesday November 21

9:00-3:00 Admin Office open

**10:00 a.m. OOS & Chalice Chat
deadline**

12:30 p.m. folding OOS and Belfry,
and mailing Belfry

7-8 p.m. Meditation

Thursday & Friday November 22 & 23

Office Closed

Sunday November 25

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

That's Enough, Thank You

Rev. Jolie Olivetti

November 25, Rev. Jolie Olivetti was ordained in April of this year, by our congregation in Watertown, where she served as ministerial intern from 2015-2017. She has also served as Youth Ministry Coordinator at our congregation in Sherborn. She is currently a chaplain resident at Brigham and Women's Hospital, and is the Affiliate Community Minister at Theodore Parker Church in West Roxbury. She lives in Jamaica Plain with her partner Adam and their daughter June. She is so pleased to lead worship with you all the morning of November 25!