



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
January 13, 2019

## Sharing Our Plate: UU Urban Ministry -- January 13, 20, 27

*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.*

The UU Urban Ministry is a social justice organization based in the Roxbury neighborhood of Boston. Their programs focus on providing:

- ♦ Academic and enrichment programming for children and youth
- ♦ Emergency shelter for individuals and families fleeing from domestic violence
- ♦ Job- and education-readiness training for low-income women and LGBTQ survivors of domestic violence

Their ministry is rooted in direct experience and solidarity with those in Boston who participate in their programs. More than 150 volunteers work with them each year, many from Boston-area UU congregations. They seek to build bridges of understanding and mutuality so that people from different social and economic backgrounds can work together to effect change. Their goal is to create a human community that is peaceful and just.

For more information about UU Urban Ministry, go to [UUUM.org](http://UUUM.org).

## *“Waking Up to Climate Change”*

### **January 13, Rev. Jill Cowie**

A 2015 poll conducted by Yale revealed that two-thirds of American voters think that global warming is happening, yet two-thirds of Americans rarely or never discuss it. Mea Culpa, I am one of them. I haven't preached on climate change in three years. But the latest UN and Federal reports and the results of the Paris Agreement's most

recent Conference of the Parties in Poland (COP24), as well as the mobilizing action underway by people of faith in Massachusetts inspire me to face my heart-break and break my silence to join the many voices in a growing cacophony for change.

## *“So You Want To Talk About Race?”*

### **January 20, Rev. Jill Cowie**

Ijeoma Oluo, in her new book, “So You Want to Talk About Race,” says, “As a Black Woman, race, my race, has been one of the most defining forces in my life. But it is not something I always talked about, certainly not the way that I do now.” Lately, I too have been wanting to talk about race. I want to talk about how race is a defining force in my life, though I am still learning. Black Liberation theologian James Cone who died in April of this year said once, “Malcolm X showed me how to be Black and Martin Luther King Jr., showed me how to be Christian.” I want to talk about race to discover how race can be a defining force for us as Unitarian Universalists, a quest that starts with the question, how has race been a defining force in your life?

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

January 13: Children meet in the Fellowship Building.

January 20: Children begin in the sanctuary.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Help Warm Up the Less Fortunate with Hearty Food** This month for the Loaves and Fishes food drive, we are suggesting donating all things warm and hearty for the winter season: Ramen, Hearty Beef Soup, Coffee, Baked Beans, Canned Chili, Cake

Mixes, Pasta Sauce, Pancake Mix and Syrup. Of course you can donate other things too. **Deadline is Sunday January 27.**

-Hugh and Maddy Silk

**Partner church brunch! We can't wait.  
February 3 is the date**

A-F- bread or before to eat  
G-L- pasta, chicken or meat  
M-R- salad or veggie treat  
S-Z- cheese or dessert so sweet  
if you don't like any of these,  
just bring yourself and whatever you please  
(suggested recipes are back of the church  
if you want to do a little research,  
or the Internet is just fine  
click "Hungarian food" if you want to dine).

-Mary Donald



**UUSC -- THANK YOU FOR  
A VERY  
SUCCESSFUL  
GAYT**

We appreciate every dollar and every coin you donated to the UU Service Committee this year. For those who were able to make contributions of \$125 or more, we are deeply grateful...and for the Shelter Rock Church who made it possible to quadruple those donations. We will have a final accounting in February which will give anyone who needs it, a little extra time to get a donation to Elinor.

Be assured that your generosity will make a difference to some of the most marginalized people in the world.

With thanks,  
Glen and Pam

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

**Our next meeting is** February 7th from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., in Jill's office. All are welcome.

◇◇◇◇ **Gem of the Week** ◇◇◇◇

“The love of one's country is a splendid thing. But why should love stop at the border?”

- Spanish-born cellist and conductor, Pablo Casals

-SJMC (Social Justice Ministries Council)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday January 13

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*“Waking Up to Climate Change”*

**Rev. Jill Cowie**

11:20-11:50am Jr. Choir

12:00 Music Committee meeting

12:00-1:00 Chimers?

Tuesday January 15

10:00 a.m. Belfry Deadline

6:00-8:00 p.m. Worship Team meeting

7:00-9:00 p.m. Soul Matters

Wednesday January 16

7:00-8:00 p.m. Meditation

Thursday January 17

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

7:30-9:30 p.m. Sr. Choir

7:30-9:30 p.m. Weaving Our Stories

Sunday January 20

9:30 a.m. Jr. Choir

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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**COMMUNITY EVENT: Woman's March in Ayer January 19.** For those of us who can't handle the crowd or the transportation issues to get to the Woman's March in Boston, January 19, there is another smaller and much more family friendly March in Ayer, MA.

<https://actionnetwork.org/events/ayer-womens-march?source=email&>.

-Claudia Jarratt