



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
January 20, 2019

Sharing Our Plate: UU Urban Ministry -- January 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.

“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?

The Potential of Possibility

January 27, Rev. Kali Fyre

Following the stress of the winter holiday season, the feeling of newness and excitement can sometimes be difficult to come by. Let’s explore Possibility as potential energy, and the difference between Possibility and Expectation.

Rev. Kali Fyre is the minister of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover MA and lives in southern NH. She is a member of UU Ministry for Earth, Allies for Racial Equality, and has served the UUA’s Northern New England District. Kali’s social justice work includes promoting transgender equality, anti-racism, economic, and LGBTQ justice; as well as environmental, and agricultural justice with the Women’s Permaculture Guild. Kali is mom to three adult children, and lives with her partner, Jack, on their vintage farm, which they maintain and manage using permaculture and natural farming techniques, as well as humane animal agriculture practices.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

January 20: Children begin in the sanctuary.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please help your neighbors

During the federal government shutdown more people than ever are vulnerable for food shortages due to being out of work and SNAP (“food stamps”) program being at risk to run out of money soon. Now more than ever Loaves and Fishes needs our donations. **Please bring in a bag of non-perishable items and we will deliver them after the service on January 27th.** Thanks for your generosity.

-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



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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.

-Thanks.

-Pam & Glen

Mark your calendar: Tuesday February 5, Guest Speaker Elsie Shutt, “Math and Motherhood.” 6:30 Potluck, 7:30 Program.

-Alliance

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 ◇◇◇◇

Do you recognize the signs of whitesplaining? “Recognizing when it's happening is one of the everyday ways you can help dismantle the oppressive system of white supremacy.” An article by Maisha Johnson -

<https://everydayfeminism.com/2016/02/how-people-whitesplain-racism/>

-SJMC (Social Justice Ministries Council)

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday January 20

9:30 a.m. Jr. Choir

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

“So You Want to Talk About Race?”

Rev. Jill Cowie

Wednesday January 23

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday January 24

7:30 p.m. Weaving Our Stories

Sunday January 27

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

The Potential of Possibility

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12:00-1:00 Chimers

SAVE THE DATE: UU AUCTION 2019

APRIL 6, 2019 Mark this date on your calendar! The 2019 UU Auction is on April 6, 2019. The Auction Team is planning an evening of fun, food, and fellowship. There will be a dinner, silent auction, and live auction, both featuring an exciting array of items. Proceeds benefit the church. If you're interested in working with the Team, contact Carol Macfarlane (carolmacfarlane@gmail.com).