



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
January 27, 2019

## **Sharing Our Plate: UU Urban Ministry -- January 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).

## ***The Potential of Possibility***

### **Reverend Kali Fyre, January 27**

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.

## ***"So You Want To Talk About Race?"***

### **Reverend Jill Cowie, February 3**

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 27: Children begin in the sanctuary.

February 3: Children begin in the sanctuary.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 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

To help: <https://www.signupgenius.com/>

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

-Alliance

**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](mailto:carolmacfarlane@gmail.com)).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

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

### ◆◆◆ Gem of the Week ◆◆◆

Can we be free if we're not truly equal? Elizabeth Anderson, Chair of the Philosophy Department at the University of Michigan, is called a leading theorist of democracy and social justice. In a recent interview she speaks of equality as the foundation for a truly free society.

Listen at

<https://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2019/01/24/philosopher-elizabeth-anderson-freedom-equality>

-- SJMC

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday January 27

Loaves & Fishes Collection

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*The Potential of Possibility*

**Rev. Kali Fyre**

12:00-1:00 Chimers

7:15-9:15 p.m. Auction meeting

Tuesday January 29

7:15-9:15 p.m. Auction meeting

Wednesday January 30

7-8 p.m. Meditation

Thursday January 31

7:30-9:30pm Choir

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

Sunday February 3

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*"So You Want To Talk About Race?"*

**Rev. Jill Cowie**

Junior Choir rehearsal

Hungarian Brunch for Partner Church

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## COMMUNITY

**The Federal shutdown has impacted approximately 500 employees at The Federal Medical Center-Devens (FMC).** Loaves & Fishes has reached out to FMC and has offered them the opportunity to shop at the Pantry for nutritious food and personal care items during this most difficult time. Donations and volunteers are most welcome. For more information please check the L&F website:

[loavesfishespantry.org](http://loavesfishespantry.org)

## UU Mass Action

### 5th Annual UU Mass Action Story Slam!

*Like the NPR program, "The Moth"*

Saturday, February 9, 7:00 – 9:00 PM  
First Parish Church of Stow & Acton, 353 Great Rd. Stow

Don't Delay!  
Get Your Tickets  
Today!

Enjoy Food, Fun and  
Fellowship all while  
supporting UU Social Justice  
organizing in Massachusetts!



*This year's theme is: Say Yes to Love!*

**Ticket info:** \$25 each (\$35 Starting Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> & at the Door) Purchase Tickets Link: <https://uumassactionstoryslamslam.eventbrite.com> Can't make it? Support UU Mass Action by making a donation!