



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
February 10, 2019

## **Sharing Our Plate: -- February 10 & 17: Partner Church**

*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 Partner Church's mission is to join with our partners in faith in Magyarandrasfalva, Transylvania to exchange the stories of our lives, to learn from one another, to deepen our faith, and to share our understanding and resources in order to help support each other's dreams. Through the Sharing Our Plate donations, we help them make needed repairs and maintenance to keep their house of worship a welcoming place. **Please make checks out to HUUC, memo: Partner Church.**

## **"Tasting Every Batch"**

### **Rachael Hayes, February 10**

It's tempting to get caught up in Best Evers and Greatest Hits, but is a memory preventing you from noticing life now? Being aware of the moment helps us build a more thoughtful future.

## **"Speaking the Truth With Love"**

### **Rev. Jill, February 17**

Every Sunday, we pledge to "speak the truth with love" in our unison covenant. I hear these words sometimes used in difficult conversations, and I appreciate their honesty. And I wonder what more is being asked of us if we are to live into this promise and to fulfill the words that follow, "and to help one another." Come and explore how we can ground ourselves and live into our promises of love.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Children start in the Sanctuary. Nursery is staffed 9:45 to 11:15.

Children meet 10:15 to 11:15, and afterwards will be escorted back to the Sanctuary.

Senior High Youth Group meets 11:30 to 1.

This Sunday the children will decorate, sort, and fill Valentines Day gift bags with your donations of hygiene products for Transitions at Devens. Middle School Youth Group is spearheading soup-making with children of the Rock Garden, also for Transitions.

Transitions at Devens provides housing for families needing help. Its shelter provides sanctuary—our church theme for this year. Valentine's gift bags will be delivered 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 12. Please continue to add donations in the box in the sanctuary foyer until then. Thank you.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Welcome to our new DRE!**

Many churches develop people's spiritual gifts as part of their ministry. The board is pleased to announce that we've hired our own Laura Vilain to be our DRE Intern and commit as a church to support the development of her leadership skills in religious education. We've also hired our own Deb Levering to coach Laura this year. Laura will be attending courses from the UUA, as well as a religious education conference. Laura will be learning how to direct our RE program and our congregation will also be learning how to support her development. We fully expect and welcome mistakes, as this will indicate that we are all learning. **Office Hours:** Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, and Thursdays after 3:00 by appointment. 978.456.7788, <mailto:dre@uuharvard.org>

## ANNUAL BENEFIT AUCTION

Join us on Saturday, April 6, 2019, at 5pm for our annual benefit auction in Fellowship Building. The theme this year is **NIGHT IN THE TROPICS**. We encourage you to come dressed in your tropical finery. Wear your flip flops, sandals, sunglasses, summer shirts, or sun dresses—whatever you'd wear for a night in the tropics. (Bathing suits optional!) Be prepared for an evening of food, fun, and fabulous finds. Registration and donation forms available soon. For more information--Carol MacFarlane ([carolmacfarlane@gmail.com](mailto:carolmacfarlane@gmail.com))

### February 17 Discussion after Service

At this month's Board meeting, we talked about space and possibilities at our church. When Bargains in the Belfry closed their doors last June, the area upstairs became available. Recently, the space has given Ted an office that is closer to most of the musical "gear" and we are storing the chimes in a more convenient closet. The space also has a monitor (thank you, Bill Corder!) which broadcasts the service, so that families with young children can take a break and still hear the service. We invite the congregation to join us on February 17 after the service to talk about space needs and possibilities. We'll meet upstairs in the Belfry so that you can bring your coffee a short walk upstairs, tour the space, peek in the closets, and think creatively about both the sanctuary and the Fellowship Building.

-Heidi Bachmann and Stacie Green.

**HUUC is pleased to be offering *Starting Points*, a UU program that gives both new and longer-term members an opportunity to learn more about Unitarian Universalism.** Rev. Jill and member facilitators will lead the program, which focuses on our history and our theology. The program emphasizes UU as a faith tradition that is a journey of self-awareness. The program will be offered on **Sundays, February 24, March 3, March 10, and March 24 after service, from 11:30-1:00, in the Fellowship Building Community Room.** Light snacks will be provided as well as child care.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday February 10

10:00am Worship Service

**"Tasting Every Batch"**

**Rachael Hayes**

11:20-11:50am Jr. Choir

12:00-1:00 Chimers

Tuesday February 12

6-8:30pm Board meeting

7:15pm Auction Meeting

Wednesday February 13

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday February 14



4:30-6:00pm Caring Network

7:30-9:00pm Choir

Sunday February 17

10:00am Worship Service

**"Speaking the Truth With Love"**

**Rev. Jill**

11:00am Belfry space Discussion

Tuesday February 19

**Noon Belfry Deadline** (corrections accepted Wednesday morning)

### HUUC Regular Meetings

Board: 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 6-8:30pm.

Caring Network: 1st Thursday of the month, 4:30-6:00pm.

Senior Choir: generally every Thursday 7:30-9pm now, but usually every other.

Junior Choir: not quite every Sunday, 11:20-11:50am.

Chimers: not quite every Sunday, 12:00-1:00pm.

Alliance: first Tuesday of the month, pot luck 6:30, program 7:30pm.

Worship Team: generally the 3rd Tuesday of the month 7pm.

### COMMUNITY EVENT

**"Immigration Now: Are We Still A Nation of Immigrants"** February 12, 7pm Upper Town Hall, 3 Ayer Rd. Harvard. Dr. Westy Egmont. A pressing issue behind Brexit and the longest government shut down in US history is the politics around immigration.