



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
February 17, 2019

Sharing Our Plate: -- February 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.**

“Speaking the Truth With Love” February 17th Rev. Jill Cowie

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.

“Trusting and Transforming Our Anger” February 24th Rev. Jill Cowie

Sometimes it is hard to remember when you are in the grip of anger that your anger is actually a valuable emotion; a source of deep knowing that with practice can guide you through conflict to discover a sense of peace within yourself and with whom you were once angry.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 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.

This Sunday the children will meet all together, as one group. We will focus on trusting ourselves and others. Stations will include working with clay, fuse beads, making snack, and new games. Tea will be served.

No Building Bridges or High School Youth Group this week. And thank you from the children for your hygiene donations. Valentines' bags and 12 meals were donated to Transitions last week. Have a safe and happy school vacation week!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

February 17 Discussion after Service
When Bargains in the Belfry closed their doors last June, the area upstairs became available. **We invite the congregation to join us 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 buildings.

-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.

Guest at Your Table Results.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU SOOOO MUCH!! All those nickels, dimes, quarters and bills (and checks) that you put in your boxes have added up to a record breaking total for the GAYT collection this year!! Our donation will total \$7,183.68. This compares to an average of \$513 per year for the last six years. In addition, \$6,875.00 of this will qualify for the Shelter Rock match. This means that the UUSC can put \$14,058.68 to work helping the most marginalized people around the world. *Together we can make a difference!!* -Glen and Pam

It is a tradition that for the February and Valentine's monthly *Love and Fishes* donations that we focus on the theme of women. Please consider bringing in feminine hygiene products, poise incontinence pads, dental hygiene products, diaper pull ups, shampoo and conditioner and anything else that you think will make women-in-need happy. Thanks. **Collection date: Feb 24th.** Drop off in front foyer of church in basket.

-Hugh and Maddy Silk

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. 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)

SOCIAL ACTION

Our next meeting is Sunday March 10, at 11:30 a.m. in a classroom in the Fellowship Building. All are welcome.

◇◇◇ Gem of the Week ◇◇◇

“We spend so much time listening to the things people are saying that we rarely pay attention to the things they don't,” says poet and teacher Clint Smith. This is his short, powerful TED Talk about finding the courage to speak up against ignorance and injustice. <https://tinyurl.com/huucsmith>

-Social Justice Ministries Council

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday February 17
10:00am Worship Service
“Speaking the Truth With Love”
Rev. Jill
11:00am Belfry space Discussion
Monday February 18: Office Closed
Tuesday February 19
Noon Belfry Deadline
7:00pm Worship Team meeting
Wednesday February 20
7-8pm Meditation
Thursday February 21
9-11am Soul Matters
7:30pm Sectional (choir)
Sunday February 24
Collection for Loaves & Fishes
Bring in items to help women-in-need
10:00am Worship Service
“Trusting and Transforming Our Anger”
Rev. Jill
11:20-11:50am Jr. Choir
11:30-1:00 Starting Points