



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
February 24, 2019

Sharing Our Plate: -- February 24,

March 3 & 10: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

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.

[United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees](#) – UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, is a global organization dedicated

to saving lives, protecting rights and building a better future for refugees, forcibly displaced communities and stateless people. Currently, it is seeking \$920 million to meet the needs of more than 900,000 refugees from Myanmar and 330,000 vulnerable residents in Bangladesh host communities.

“Trusting and Transforming Our Anger”

February 24 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.

“A Thirst For Goodness”

March 3 Rev. Jill Cowie

Mary Oliver writes in her poem *Thirst*, “Another morning and I wake with thirst for a goodness I do not have.” Her beloved partner of forty years had just died. Philosopher Martha Nussbaum says the condition of being good comes from trusting a life you cannot control. That being open to goodness also makes you vulnerable to tragedy. Come and explore what the sages have to say about wresting from the world the good life you desire.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Building Trust

- 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.
- In the spirit of trying something new: Children may be picked up between 11:20 to 11:30 in the upstairs Belfry room where they’ll be waiting, having snacks and a story.

Butterflies will enjoy the Spirit Play story, William’s Doll, learning about the different roles we grow into, and how we can trust ourselves.

Rocks will create a song(s) in round, trusting each other as they sing in parts with music-maker extraordinaire, Donnalisa. Tea will be served.

For Building Bridges, please contact Piali this week for meeting time information, depiali@earthlink.net.

No High School Youth Group until Sunday, March 3.

Last week we tried eating snacks with long spoons and learned that the best way to be fed was by trusting each other. Games, popcorn, tea, and clay-making all happened.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HUUC is pleased to be offering *Starting/Restarting Point*, 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. **Participants in the Starting Points class will convene in the foyer at 11:15 and walk over to the FB together.**

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

Annual Benefit Auction Join us on Saturday, April 6, 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. **Donation forms are available and due March 10; for ideas please see the extra insert with today's Order of Service.** 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 ◇◇◇

February 20 is the United Nation's World Day of Social Justice. This year's theme is: If you want peace and development, work for social justice. This year, the UN stresses: Job creation, better quality jobs, and better access to jobs for the bottom 40 percent have the potential to increase incomes and contribute to more cohesive and equitable societies. Learn more about global labor social justice here: <http://www.un.org/en/events/socialjusticeday>

-Social Justice Ministries Council

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

11:20-11:50 a.m. Jr. Choir

11:30-1:00 Starting/Restarting Point

Tuesday February 26

6-8:30 p.m. Board meeting

7-9 p.m. Soul Matters

Wednesday February 27

7-8 p.m. Meditation

Thursday February 28

7:30-9:00 p.m. Choir

Sunday March 3

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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12:00-1:00 Chimers

12:15-1:15 Starting/Restarting Point