



Chalice Chat

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

Sharing Our Plate: -- [Addameer](#) --

March 24 ADDAMEER (Arabic for conscience) Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association is a Palestinian non-governmental, civil institution that works to support Palestinian political prisoners held in Israeli and Palestinian prisons.

Established in 1992 by a group of activists interested in human rights, the center offers free legal aid to political prisoners, advocates their rights at the national and international level, and works to end torture and other violations of prisoners' rights through monitoring, legal procedures and solidarity campaigns.

“Revolutionary, Radical Righteous Love”

Rev. Karlene Griffiths Sekou and

Rev. Jill Cowie, March 24

Rev. Karlene Griffiths Sekou is a minister, public theologian, and community organizer with Black Lives Matter Boston. She is also a candidate for the PhD in Religion at Harvard University where her research is at the intersections of religion, gender, culture, theology, social movements, ritual, art, and performance aesthetics, and transnational politics.

“Becoming Practically Imperfect”

Rev. Jill Cowie, March 31

Author Brene Brown says, “Perfectionism is a self-destructive belief system that says, ‘If I look perfect, and do everything perfectly, I can avoid or minimize the painful feelings of shame, judgment, and blame.’” This is all myth. Learning to be practically imperfect is a joyful practice that opens us to be truly grounded in relationship.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Being on a journey

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

- Butterflies & Rocks will meet 10:20 to 11:10, and afterwards will be escorted back to their parents in the sanctuary. If we come early, a story will be read upstairs in the Belfry room.
- Building Bridges & SHYG will meet 10:00 to 11:30 to prep for UU Advocacy Day, with Stacie Green.

Please welcome the children to coffee hour. It's a time for sharing and getting to know one another.

This week, the Rocks will explore how it's important to make sure all people are treated fairly in our world community, regardless of differences in our skin colors (Principals 1, 2, & 6.) Emphasis for all the children will be on empathy and loving engagement. The Butterflies will be lifting up their “joys” with the parachute. We might have time to work on our Auction items!

Last week, St. Patrick's Day, the children met as a 1-room classroom and found the leprechauns made mischief, throwing puzzle pieces all over the room. Everyone worked together to build something new and whole out of the parts—learning that we are greater than ourselves individually and working together can be fun! Then we worked on our Auction stationery.

Check out the newly furnished old office in the Fellowship Building for the teens!

-Laura Vilain, DRE Intern

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donate Unique Foods and Items! This month we encourage you to drop off unique items that are most needed at Loaves and Fishes: Ensure, Carnation Instant Breakfast, feminine care products, soap, body wash, shampoo & conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, liquid dish soap, adult and kid pull up diapers, poise pads. Drop off in front foyer; *last day is March 31.*

-Hugh and Maddy Silk

SPRING CLEANING – We have started a Spring Cleaning project that will include digging into all of the closets in both the Church and Fellowship Building and getting rid of items that are no longer needed. In this process we are also looking for historically significant items that should be added to the church archives.

If you or a committee have items that are in storage but should be retained, please let me know. We will make sure they are properly stored and labeled so they can be found when needed.

Thank you,
Glen Frederick

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday March 24

8:45 -9:45 a.m. Chimers

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

“Revolutionary, Radical Righteous Love” Rev. Karlene Griffiths Sekou and Rev. Jill Cowie

11:15-11:45 a.m. Junior Choir

11:45-1:30 *Being in Solidarity* workshop

Wednesday March 27

7:00-8:00 p.m. Meditation

7:00-9:00 p.m. Welcoming Congregation
Renewal Team kick-off meeting

Sunday March 31

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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11:00-12:00 Bring Auction items and
Coffee Hour in Fellowship Building

11:15-11:45 a.m. Jr. Choir

12:00-1:00 p.m. “Say What You Mean”

SOCIAL ACTION

BLM Workshop, Sunday, March 24

The SJMC is sponsoring a workshop, *Being in Solidarity*, after church on Sunday, March 24 from 11:45 – 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Building. A light lunch will be served from 11:15 – 11:45 pm. The workshop will be facilitated by **Karlene Griffiths Sekou**, an inspiring speaker and Black Lives Matter Boston Core Organizer. Please join us as we continue our work toward advocating for a common, loving, sustainable world.

Childcare will be provided. Sign up encouraged but not required. Contact Ginger Kendall at 4kendalls@charter.net.

◆◆◆ Gem of the Week ◆◆◆

A sixteen year old Swedish girl has started a global environmental movement. She states -“Our house is on fire. I am here to say, our house is on fire.” According to the [IPCC \(Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change\)](#), we are less than 12 years away from not being able to undo our mistakes. In that time, unprecedented changes in all aspects of society need to have taken place, including a reduction of our CO2 emissions by at least 50%. To see her video speech, go to-

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2019/jan/25/our-house-is-on-fire-greta-thunberg16-urges-leaders-to-act-on-climate>

-SJMC (Social Justice Ministries Council)

All Leaders Meeting Thursday, April 25, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Charlanne Van Wormer Community Room in the Fellowship Building. Topics to be covered:

How is your committee progressing towards its goals? What is something you’d like to address next year, in line with the larger vision of our purpose? We are looking to gather how to message the ministries of our committees to the full congregation, so the ideas shared at this meeting are vitally important. We are Committees. Please send a representative to the meeting; RSVP to kirsti.gamage@gmail.com