



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
April 14, 2019

Sharing Our Plate – April 14, 21, 28

Citizen Climate Education: Citizens' Climate Education empowers individuals to educate elected officials, community leaders, and the general public about climate change and climate change solutions.

Our consistently respectful, non-partisan approach to climate education is designed to create a broad, sustainable foundation for climate action across all geographic regions and political inclinations. By building upon shared values rather than partisan divides, and empowering our supporters to work in keeping with the concerns of their local communities, we work towards the adoption of fair, effective, and sustainable climate change solutions.

“Through the Gates”

Rev. Jill, April 14th

This Sunday will be the beginning of the Easter journey as we stand at the gate, preparing to enter Jerusalem, the site of so many “thresholds” in the life of Jesus and the disciples—and by extension, the thresholds of our lives. On Palm Sunday, hope seemed to be afoot. But like many moments of our lives, things can turn on a dime and we find ourselves going through gates we never dreamed of—facing turbulent times and things that require change, courage, and perseverance.

“Life After Life” An Easter Celebration

Rev. Jill, April 21st

The Reverend Peter Gomes of blessed memory, tells us Easter is not just about Jesus, it is about you. He has claimed his new life, now is your chance to claim yours. Time for you to make your way from the empty tomb to sunrise, to have a change of mind and heart, a transformation, to live and

die by standards that defy the standards of the world.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Being a people of wholeness

- 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.

The children will meet together to view a kid-friendly video about advocacy, with a UU message. Last week, we went outside and mindfully-created fairy houses. We also shared our 6-word stories. No Building Bridges or Senior High Youth Group.

-Laura Vilain, DRE Intern

Easter Bunny Help Needed Please pick up zip lock bags of plastic eggs to fill with your small-wrapped, nut-free candies and stickers for the youngsters. Please bring filled eggs back to church on or before Easter Sunday, April 21.

Help Wanted: Bunny job description

Thank you Tim Coonahan for your nearly 20 years of heading the Bunny Committee—and now we are looking for new member(s)! Please talk with me, Laura, to apply. Guaranteed happy outcomes, a single meeting per year, and close proximity to chocolate!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our annual auction was a huge success this year, raising over \$38,500! “A Night in the Tropics” was a lot of fun. Thank you,

everyone, for all of your generous donations, your delicious contributions of dinner items, and your very generous bidding. And a special thanks to the members of the Auction Committee—Victoria Anderson, Heidi Bachmann, Eric Broadbent, Jim Colony, Marcia Croyle, Glen Frederick, David Kendall, Ginger Kendall, Scott Nutting, Liv Radue; William Kellogg, Edie Joyce and Carol MacFarlane (co-chairs). We couldn't have done it without many others—those who helped to set up and create the ambience, those who worked at the event in any capacity, and those who brought food. A special thanks to our auctioneer Jim Colony, our MC Charles Redinger, and to Kate Jones and Leslie Neville for their help decorating, to Teddy Coffin for the centerpieces, and Barbara Kemp for the linens. It was a real team effort with over 30 people involved with making the auction happen, plus an additional 38 people bringing food items for a magnificent tropical feast. Thank you, all!

Easter Flowers! Time to sign up for our Easter Flower display April 21. This year you can buy flowers in memory of someone who has passed away or in honor of someone still with us. Your name and the name of your loved one will be printed in the Order of Service that Sunday. Order your flowers on the sign-up sheet located in the church entrance lobby this Sunday. You can take the flowers home with you after the service on Sunday April 21. Your choice of flowers are: pink, blue hydrangea \$24/Easter lily \$9/Asia or Oriental lily \$9/white, yellow Mini-daffodil (6") \$9/white, yellow daffodil \$9/purple and pink, blue and white hyacinth \$9/ red, purple, yellow, pink, white tulip \$9/crocus (if available) \$6

35th Annual Great Food Walk on Good Friday, April 19th GFW to benefit Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. **Date:** Friday, April 19th. **Time:** Start anytime between 7:30am - 12:30pm. **Distance:** 5-mile loop on scenic course. **Where:** Harvard Common with registration at the Congregational Church of Harvard, 5 Still River Rd. **Website:** gfwalk.org

(information here including sponsor sheets & posters). **Sponsor Sheets:** can be found on back bulletin board in the sanctuary. – Becca Day-Newsham & Jeanie Colony

Have an interest in next year's RE program? The RE Committee and DRE Intern Laura Vilain are hosting a listening and learning session in the Fellowship Building after worship from 11:30am-1pm on Sunday, April 28, to gather the perspectives and feedback we need to start turning the visioning work started by the HATCH (How Are The Children) Committee into action. We will use the report to support a design approach that clarifies values, priorities, dependencies, and challenges. Please come share your voice. Childcare and a light lunch will be provided. RSVP to jon@greenclan.org or in person appreciated but not required. Jon Green for the RE Committee.

LOST & FOUND -- Missing a pair of gloves, a jacket, a serving dish, or your favorite water bottle?? We'll check the baskets that have been set up in the main closet of each building and in the FB kitchen pantry. Unclaimed items will be consolidated in these baskets and held for a reasonable time. However, the first week of every month, all items will be discarded or donated to a local charity. Thank you, Glen Frederick

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday April 14

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

"Through the Gates"

Rev. Jill

11:30-1:00 Say What You Mean

Tuesday April 16

Noon Belfry deadline

7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Soul Matters

Wednesday April 17

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

Thursday April 18

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

Sunday April 21

10:00 a.m. **"Life After Life" An Easter Celebration, Rev. Jill**