



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
May 5, 2019

Sharing Our Plate – May 5, 12, 19

Moms Demand Action

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.

Checks made payable to the organization will be mailed directly to them.

Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence.

“The Courage to Covenant”

Rev. Jill, May 5

We are bound by covenant, each to each and each to all, by what theologian Rebecca Parker calls “freely chosen and life-sustaining interdependence.” The central question for us is not, “What do we believe?” but more, “What do we believe in? To what larger love, to what people, principles, values, and dreams shall we be committed? These are the questions we will explore together to begin our focus on covenant, beginning with the UUA May 11th workshop at our church—all are welcome.

MUSIC SUNDAY NEXT WEEK!

The Harvard UU Church Choir will present the Spring 2019 Music Sunday next week, May 12 during the regular Sunday Service. This year we’ve chosen to present *Frostiana, Seven Country Songs*, based on music by Randall Thompson with words by Robert Frost. During the service the choir will sing five of the songs and two will be recited as poems.

Thompson was commissioned by the town of Amherst to write a piece for its bicentennial in 1959. Frost and Thompson had admired each other’s work for some time and it was decided that Thompson

would set some of Frost’s writings to music. The lyrics are set to the following Frost poems: The Road Not Taken, The Pasture, Come In, The Telephone, A Girls Garden, Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening, and Choose Something Like a Star. In the service, the choir will sing five of the songs, and two will be read as part of the spoken word. Flautist Claire Rindenello will join us along with our wonderful accompanist Marsha Martin to help bring all of this to life.

Please join us on Sunday May 12 – a musical gift to Moms – for this delightful and moving service of music and the spoken word.

Theodore Johnson, Music Director
and Organist

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Being a people of curiosity

- Children start in the Sanctuary. Nursery is staffed 9:45 to 11:15.
- Butterflies & Rocks will meet after the Time for All Ages until between 11:15-11:30, when the parents may come to pick them up.

It’s the Walk For Hunger this Sunday and the Butterflies and Rocks will do their best to support out walkers when they return to the church. We will be making soup and treats, signs and posters. Thank you in advance, walkers!

Last week we wondered about how tiny seeds can make a big difference—for better and worse. And how being mindful of where you plant those seeds can have a positive effect.

-Laura Vilain, DRE Intern

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phil Wood's Memorial Service will take place Sunday May 19, 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Building.

Women's Alliance Meeting, Tuesday, May 7, 6:30, Fellowship Building. Pot luck dinner with Guest Speaker, Lehka De, who will update us on progress and developments at Jhalak School, a free school for underprivileged and marginalized children in a poor neighborhood 35 kilometers from Kolkata. Everyone welcome to join us!

Walking the Talk of Covenant Workshop in the Fellowship Building May 11th 9-2

We frequently talk about Unitarian Universalism as a *covenantal* tradition, as opposed to *sacramental* or *creedal*, but what does that mean exactly? Most congregations have written covenants and many recite their covenants at weekly services. *Living* the covenant, however, is more than knowing or saying words. It assumes embodied practices that knit us to each other and to something larger than ourselves. Because we are hosting, it's free. For more information and to register for this UUA sponsored workshop:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/walking-the-talk-of-covenant-may-11-harvard-ma-registration-56914064499>

-Rev. Jill

All Annual Reports are due to me on or before 10:00 a.m. Monday May 13. All corrections are due before noon Wednesday May 15. Our Annual Meeting will be Sunday May 19 after worship. If you want me to send you a file of any of last year's reports, or previous years, let me know. Or if you have questions, let me know. My email and phone contacts are below. I'll make and send the final pdf of the Annual Report on Thursday May 16, and make some paper copies. Thanks everyone.

-Elinor Stapleton, admin@uuharvard.org
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GEM OF THE WEEK

"Healthcare is a human right."

- Ady Barkan

This week the U.S. House of Representatives held a the first hearing on a proposal to radically expand Medicare across the country. Activist Ady Barkan testified in person despite his rapid deterioration from ALS. His opening statement is a powerful message call for changes to afford all people the dignity of care when they are ill. You can watch it here: https://youtu.be/TSH_tUKq7Jc

Sincerely, David Radue, for the
Social Justice Ministries Council.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday May 5

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

"The Courage to Covenant"

Rev. Jill

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

11:30 – 1:00 Soul Matters

12:00-1:00 Chimers

Tuesday May 7

6:30 & 7:30 p.m. Potluck and

Alliance Program: *Jhalak School*

Speaker: Lekha De

Hostess: Barbara Cerva

Wednesday May 8

7-8 p.m. Meditation

Thursday May 9

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

Saturday May 11

9:00-2:00 Covenant Workshop

Sunday May 12

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Music Sunday, Ted Johnson

Compositions by Thompson-

"Frostiana", for Mothers' Day