



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
May 19, 2019

Sharing Our Plate – May 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.

“A New Way of Being” May 19

Rev. Jill Cowie

UU minister Victoria Safford says, “The awakened eye is a conscious eye, a willful eye, and brave, because to see things as they are, each in its own truth, will make you very vulnerable. An eye that invites a kind of curiosity with the courage to ask a question that risks a change.” In this service, I will ask such a question (it’s a surprise) and explore a new way of being in conversation with the wisdom and literature of Afrofuturism.

We will also celebrate the dedication of Aurea Newbold. What joy!
(Worship Service will be followed by our Annual Meeting.)

Memorial Day Sunday May 26

Rev. Jill Cowie

Chris Hedges says “War is a force that gives us meaning.” Join us and share in the meaning making of our very own Imre Toth who traveled to Vietnam this year to revisit the places he served as a medical doctor for the armed forces. We will also explore the meaning making of our historic ancestor, Julia Ward Howe, and others. During Joys and Sorrows we will invite space to honor and remember those in our own lives who have served in the armed forces.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Being a people of curiosity

- Children will start behind the High School at the tennis courts
- Nursery is staffed 9:45 to 11:15.
- Parents may pick-up children at the High School tennis court between 11:20 to 11:30 to be in time for Annual Meeting at 11:30.

This week Bob Douglas will lead us on a Vernal Pool hike, starting at 10 a.m., behind Bromfield High School, at the tennis courts. All ages invited. Suggest bug spray and old shoes. Please bring permission slips, though I’ll bring some to the hike to sign. We will truly be a people of curiosity!

Last week our children learned about Unitarian Julia Ward Howe who founded Mother’s Peace Day in 1870. We also read aloud a Navajo play and talked about the tension between the 1st and 7th Principles; inherent worth and interdependent web.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Please join us for a celebration of Lynne Wood’s husband Phil Wood’s life on Sunday, May 19th at 2:00 in the Sanctuary.** Reception at the Fellowship Building to follow. Link to his obituary: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/bostonglobe/obituary.aspx?n=philip-a-wood&pid=191845802>

**From the Endowment Committee** - Our recent request for a show of interest in learning about the options for planned gifting to support our Church and liberal faith was encouraging. With the end of the church year and the annual meeting fast approaching, we have decided to schedule a session in late September or October that will include a representative from the UUA. We will announce the details in September and hope you will join us for this discussion. In the interim, if you have questions, please contact Jim Colony, Darrell Wickman or Glen Frederick.

**Wanted** – An energetic young person to mow the grass at the Fellowship Building over the summer. Generally takes an hour a week plus an additional hour every three weeks for the field. We have the mower and it is a paid position at \$15 per hour. If you are interested contact Glen Frederick at 978-456-3312.

### **BLM Workshop, v2**

Join us after church on Sunday, June 2 from 11:30 to 1:30 for a follow up to the Black Lives Matter Workshop led by Karlene Griffiths Sekou in March. In this workshop, Karlene will lead us through a discussion of the article [\*Levels of Racism: A Theoretic Framework and a Gardner's Tale\*](#) by Camara Phyllis Jones. Copies of this short but powerful article are available in the back of the church. We will also view and discuss a film clip from [\*Race: Power of an Illusion\*](#). Snacks/light lunch will be served. Child-care provided. Sign-up (appreciated, but not required) by telling a SJMC that you can come, or emailing Ginger at [4kendalls@charter.net](mailto:4kendalls@charter.net). -Ginger Kendall, for the Social Justice Ministries Council

### **Spring into Action!**

Spring is a time for cleaning. Theme for this month's Loaves and Fishes donations is to help our neighbors with energy foods and cleaning products. Please bring shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste and dish detergent as well as Mac & cheese, tuna helper, and boxed flavored rice.

Thanks. Hugh and Maddy Silk

### **GEM OF THE WEEK**

"Instead of asking whether anyone should be locked up or go free, why don't we think about why we solve problems by repeating the kind of behavior that brought us the problem in the first place?"

- Ruth Wilson Gilmore

Long-time activist and prison abolitionist Gilmore argues that prisons are institutions that create and exacerbate the very traumas for which people are incarcerated. In a recent article she calls for a radical re-thinking of criminal justice and a social order that treats every life as precious. Read more at

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/17/magazine/prison-abolition-ruth-wilson-gilmore.html>.

### **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday May 19

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**"A New Way of Being"**

**Rev. Jill Cowie**

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

11:30-12:30 Annual Congregational Meeting

2:00 p.m. Celebration of Life

for Phil Wood, followed by

3:00 p.m. Reception for Phil Wood

Monday May 20

7-9pm Soul Matters

Tuesday May 21

**12:00 Belfry Deadline**

6-8pm Worship Team meeting

Wednesday May 22

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday May 23

7:30-9pm Choir

Sunday May 26

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Memorial Day Sunday**

**Rev. Jill Cowie**

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

Monday May 27 Memorial Day

Office Closed

Tuesday May 28