



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
September 8, 2019

Sharing Our Plate – September

Sandy Hook Promise

Each month, 33% of the contributions in the collection plate, other than those specified for pledges, go to a designated tax-deductible social justice organization or local charity.

[Sandy Hook Promise](#) educates and empowers parents, schools and community organizations on how to prevent gun violence BEFORE it happens by providing mental health & wellness early-identification and intervention programs, gun safety storage practices and advocating for sensible state and federal violence prevention policy. *Please make checks payable to Sandy Hook Promise Foundation.*

Ginger Kendall

“Ingathering Celebration”

Sept 8th Rev. Jill Cowie and others

This year, several youths and their parents join Laura and I in bringing to life the joy of connection and the power of hope we experience in our faith community. As water as our metaphor we will enact a story, offer reflections, hold each other in prayer, and share in our water communion by which we will renew our covenant of coming together in the spirit of love.

“Creating the Spirit of Expectancy”

Sept 15th Rev. Jill

In her 2016 Ware Lecture, Brittney Packnett asked the Unitarian Universalists at General Assembly, “Do you know what your neighbors in your faith community expect of you? She challenged all of us that day to use everything you got to meet and exceed those expectations in exchange for justice. This is our work she says, and it pay huge

dividends. But it is not easy to always meet expectations on behalf of something bigger than you. This service will tap into the wisdom of the late Toni Morrison, who expected her characters and her readers to learn something vital and morally insightful, saying "when you encounter your humanity your humanity makes you confront inhumanity." Together, let us create the spirit of expectancy and realize its power.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

All congregation worship this Sunday, children are invited to stay. The following week, Sunday 9/15, Religious Education classes will begin. Children start in the sanctuary. Please note: there will be no snacks during R.E. Please pack a small snack for your child if needed.

[Link to 2019-2020 registration.](#)

With warmth and excitement,
Laura

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Home concert to benefit the church on September 22.

Harvard's own Sonya Ovrutsky Fensome (piano) and Jan Muller-Szeraws (cello) are playing a concert at the Chapman-Ruze home on September 22 at 4:30 to benefit the church. This will be Jan's premier concert in his new home of Harvard. He, like

Sonya is an award-winning musician of world stature. They will be playing music of Franck, Schubert and Chapman. Tickets are \$40 and can be obtained at <https://uuharvard.tix.com>, or contact John at 978-456-0033 or jpnchapman@yahoo.com

◇ ◇ ◇ **GEM OF THE WEEK** ◇ ◇ ◇

A thoughtful new podcast series called "1619". Episodes are released weekly.

Four hundred years ago, in August 1619, a ship carrying more than 20 enslaved Africans arrived in the British colony of Virginia. No aspect of the country that would be formed here has been untouched by the 250 years of slavery that followed. "1619," a New York Times audio series examines the long shadow of that fateful moment. [Episode 1](#): "The Fight for a True Democracy."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/23/podcasts/1619-slavery-anniversary.htm>

Colleen Pearce

Please note, from Admin office: I will be attending a family wedding in mid-September. I will be leaving the office at noon Thursday September 19. I will work all day Wednesday September 18, and I will be back in the office Monday morning by 9:00 a.m. September 23.

The next Belfry deadline is: Tuesday September 17 before noon; corrections accepted Wednesday morning only. I will send it out before noon Thursday.

Anything for the 9/22 Order of Service or for the 9/19 Weekly News/Chalice Chat must be given to me before 3:00 p.m. Wednesday September 18. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Elinor Stapleton

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday September 8

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
"Ingathering Celebration"

Rev. Jill Cowie and others

Wednesday September 11

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

Sunday September 15

10:0 a.m. Worship Service

"Creating the Spirit of Expectancy"

Rev. Jill

Tuesday September 17

Belfry Deadline before noon!

Wednesday September 18

Before 3:00: deadline for Weekly News & Chalice Chat & Order of Service!

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday September 19

11:00-1:00 Soul Matters

12:00 Elinor out

7:00-9:00 Soul Matters

Sunday September 22

10:0 a.m. Worship Service

Rev. Jill

11:30-1:00 Senior High Youth Group

12:00-2:00 Board meeting