



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
September 15, 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

## “Creating the Spirit of Expectancy” September 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

## “Forgiveness”

### September 22<sup>nd</sup> Rev. Jill

In anticipation of the Jewish High Holy Day, we will explore the practices of forgiveness, and the possibility of saying yes to the fullness of life.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Welcome!

This month we consider how we are a people of expectation.

Children, it seems, expect everything! They want to explore, have fun, be loved, and be cared for—all offered and open to them unconditionally.

However, for us parental-types, life-guides, and mentors, expectations mean something different. They need to be set, exceeded, raised and possibly lowered. Although the work can be gratifying, it’s always complicated. And forever, we look back to being child-like again, regaining a life full of expectation!

This Sunday in RE, we will explore the magic of the unexpected! We will be working with the non-Newtonian fluid, *oobleck*. Please have the kids dress accordingly.

Looking forward, with much expectation, to our first classes together.

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

With warmth and excitement,  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Save the Date! October 20th.** We will have a fall potluck after the service to celebrate Stewardship Sunday. Fun and games promised! To volunteer, please contact your Stewardship Committee Co-Chairs, Danielle Kehoe [daniellewoodmankehoe@gmail.com](mailto:daniellewoodmankehoe@gmail.com) and Chuck McCormack [chuck.mccormack7@gmail.com](mailto:chuck.mccormack7@gmail.com). More details to come!

**Fall Food Drive for Loaves and Fishes**  
During the month of September we will be looking for food donations that will be going to Loaves and fishes. Some of the main items we are looking for this month are... baked beans, clam chowder, hardy beef soup, canned chili, and refried beans (or other non-perishable foods). The pickup date is September 30th so make sure to drop off your donations by then. Thank you very much, Maddy and Hugh Silk

**Hurricane Dorian Relief for Bahamas**  
To make a donation to help people in the Bahamas recover from Hurricane Dorian, Eric Broadbent and Susie Macrae suggest the following via the UUSC. [World Central Kitchen](http://WorldCentralKitchen.com). Thanks.

◇ ◇ ◇ **GEM OF THE WEEK** ◇ ◇ ◇  
There is a growing recognition of the disregard Indigenous Peoples have suffered from the waves of subsequent immigrants. Massachusetts looks at the [symbolism](http://symbolism) of our state flag. There is a State Bill that will have a hearing on this issue Tues, Nov. 19. <https://www.wgbh.org/news/news/2019/03/26/critics-say-its-time-to-change-the-massachusetts-flag>

Colleen Pearce

**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. -Elinor Stapleton

**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](mailto:jpnchapman@yahoo.com)

## CHURCH CALENDAR

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  
By 3:00: deadline for Weekly News  
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  
**“Forgive for Good”**  
**Rev. Jill**  
11:30-1:00 Senior High Youth Group  
12:00-2:00 Board meeting

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## Non-HUUC Events

**Worcester Chamber Music Society, in our sanctuary,** performs a program of music celebrating the multi-cultural American spirit with music by Gabriela Lena Frank, Paquito D’Rivera and Antonin Dvorak. Friday, Sept 28, 7:00 pre-concert talk, 7:30 concert. Tickets \$25, Youth free admission. [worcesterchambermusic.org](http://worcesterchambermusic.org) or phone 508-757-5006.