



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
September 22, 2019

**Sharing Our Plate – September**  
[UUSC's Hurricane Dorian Crisis Response Fund](#) will deliver critically needed support to those in the Bahamas affected by Hurricane Dorian. UUSC will focus especially on the Haitian migrant community on Abaco Island and other groups most likely to fall through the cracks of traditional rescue and relief efforts. *Please make checks payable to UUSC, and note Dorian Crisis Response Fund in the memo line.*

Ginger Kendall

**“Forgiveness”**  
September 22, Rev. Jill Cowie

In anticipation of the Jewish High Holy Days, the ten days that center the practice of forgiveness, this service will lift up the forgiveness teachings of our religious sages, and hone in on the empirically proven and practical steps that psychologist Frank Luskin says will help you let go of your anger and grievances to experience health and peace. Come learn how much your expectations can help you in the process!

**“Letting Go of Expectations”**  
September 29, Worship Committee

As we come to the end of September's worship focus on Expectations, we will explore what it means to let go of some of our expectations. Led by members of the Worship Committee, this Sunday we ask: can we, should we and what does it mean if we do?

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This week we offer the children and youth a chance to learn about their own and others expectations. Some messages include:

- Expect the unexpected—learning through magic;
- Celebrate the different;
- Find strength and value from within;
- Release grudges and forgive.

Last week, we opened with a shared chalice lighting, welcomed newcomers, formed covenants, sang songs, shared stories, and enjoyed time outdoors.



Parents, please do & print a copy for next Sunday: [Link to 2019-2020 registration.](#)

**COA youth** (only) will meet this Sunday, 9/22, with facilitators, from 10 to 11:15 a.m.

**Senior High Youth Group Planning Meeting**, this Sunday, 9/22, from 11:30 to 1.

Best wishes, Laura Vilain, DRE  
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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

### 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!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### ◇ ◇ ◇ **GEM OF THE WEEK** ◇ ◇ ◇

The Bahamas were hit by devastating hurricanes followed by our president excluding some of them from refuge. Did you know:

- The Spanish started seizing native Lucayans as slaves within a few years of Columbus's arrival, by 1520 all native people were exterminated.
- British ownership was established in 1783, when Great Britain ceded East Florida to Spain, receiving the Bahamas in return.
- The first European settlers were 1500 Loyalists fleeing the American Revolution in 1783 with their slaves. Harsh conditions made many white people leave. In 1807 Britain abolished the slave trade.
- In 1841 a slave ship rebellion led to 128 enslaved people gaining their freedom in the Bahamas. The Creole case was the most successful slave rebellion in US history.

<https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/creole-case-1841/>

### Upcoming Social Justice Events

**Saturday Sept 28, 7-9:30 *The Uncomfortable Truth* Film and Discussion, First Church Unitarian, 19**

Foster Street, Littleton. When the son of civil rights leader Joan Trumpauer Mulholland dives into the 400 year history of institutional racism in the United States, he is confronted by the shocking reality that his family helped start it all from the beginning. A comprehensive and insightful exploration of the origins and history of racism in the United States told through a very personal and honest story.

**Saturdays Sept 28, Oct 12, Oct 26, Nov 9 and Nov 23. 1:00 pm and 2:15 pm Fall Roxbury Youth Led Tours:** Are you curious about the history of Boston? Interested to know more about the First Church in Roxbury's role in the Revolutionary War? Do you wonder what architectural styles can be found in John Eliot Square? Let Roxbury youth show you around THEIR neighborhood! Sign up for a fall tour [here](#). Sponsored by UU Urban Ministry.

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday September 22

10:00 a.m. Coming of Age meeting for Youth only

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**“Forgiveness”**

**Rev. Jill Cowie**

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

11:30-1:00 Senior High Youth Group

12:00-2:00 Board meeting

4:30 p.m. Concert to benefit HUUC

At Chapman/Ruze home

Tuesday September 24

7:00pm Endowment Committee meeting

Thursday September 26

7:00pm Connections Team meeting

7-8:30pm Welcoming Congregation

Renewal team meeting

7:30-9:00pm Senior Choir rehearsal

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10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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