



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
September 29, 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

“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?

“Planting Seeds, Changing Lives”

October 6, Rev. Jill Cowie

Cultures and religions around the world celebrate and honor the time in the lives of their youth when they embark on their own quest of truth and meaning. For us, we dedicate ourselves to walking with the youth during this time, listening, reflecting, and honoring. Come meet the youth, their dedicated mentors and facilitators, and by your presence offer your witness and support to this year of growth and connection.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This Sunday, we welcome Carol Macfarlane and her husband, Dan Kozarsky, as our first story sharers! All classes—Butterflies, Rocks, Bridges—will meet in Sutherland Hall in the Fellowship Building to hear of Carol and Dan’s adventures as they hiked across the Bernese Alps for 10 days this September in Switzerland.

With the theme of expectation, Carol and Dan will relate stories of anticipation of preparing and packing for the trip, of photographing the Alps shrouded in clouds as they slowly revealed their glory, of learning the lessons of slow-moving and powerful glaciers, and of sharing the fun as they were part of sacred rituals in the area.

Last week, the children learned how to expect the unexpected, and the Bridges youth talked about climate change. The Coming Of Age youth created a covenant with facilitators David Kendall, Tom Daniells, and coordinator Carol Macfarlane. Senior High Youth Group met to plan monthly events with co-coordinators Suzie Allen and me (temporarily; we are still looking for a second person!)

Please register your child/youth for RE; and for adults working with children or youth, please fill out a CORI form. Email or see me for either. Thanks in advance.

This week, RE will take place under the capable guidance of the RE Committee. I, along with most DREs, have off one Sunday per month.

Warmly,
Laura Vilain, DRE
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

“An Immigrant’s Story” Otto Solbrig Alliance, Tuesday October 1, 6:30pm
Otto was born in Argentina, but before completing his university studies, he was imprisoned for his political activities. He will tell us his experiences coming to the US to study and make a home. Fellowship Building, potluck followed by program.

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 and Chuck McCormack chuck.mccormack7@gmail.com. More details to come!

◇ ◇ ◇ **GEM OF THE WEEK** ◇ ◇ ◇

“... It’s time to face the reality, the facts, the science. And the science doesn’t mainly speak of “great opportunities to create the society we always wanted”. It tells of unspoken human sufferings, which will get worse and worse the longer we delay action – unless we start to act now. And yes, of course a sustainable transformed world will include lots of new benefits. But you have to understand. This is not primarily an opportunity to create new green jobs, new businesses or green economic growth. This is above all an emergency, and not just any emergency. This is the biggest crisis humanity has ever faced. ... Stop pretending that you, your business idea, your political party or plan will solve everything. We must realize that we don’t have all the solutions yet. Far from it. But you must not spend all of your time dreaming, or see this as some political fight to win. You must take action. You must do the impossible. Because giving up can never ever be an option.”

Greta Thunberg, excerpted from her speech to US Congress, 9/18/2019

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday September 29

Loaves & Fishes Collection:
Bring non-perishable foods (canned)

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

“Letting Go of Expectations”

Worship Committee

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

Tuesday October 1

6:30 Women’s Alliance Potluck, Program

“An Immigrant’s Story” Otto Solbrig

7:00-9:00pm Worship Committee

Thursday October 3

4:00-5:30pm Caring Network

7:30-9:00pm Choir

Saturday October 5

9-Noon Coming of Age Mentor training

Sunday October 6

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

“Planting Seeds, Changing Lives”

Rev. Jill Cowie

11:20-11:50am Jr. Choir

5:00-8:00pm Coming of Age

Mentor-Youth dinner

Sunday October 20 Stewardship Campaign Potluck:

The Power of We



Labyrinth Walk, Friday, October 25, 2019 -- 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm Fellowship Building, Sutherland Hall. It takes less than 20 minutes to walk this labyrinth.

Labyrinth Workshop: One Path, Many Experiences. Sunday, October 27, 2019 – 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm. In this workshop, participants will learn the differences between mazes and labyrinths. Participants will then experience two different labyrinths. **Please call Bobbi Tayne Gerlits to register for this workshop: 508-446-5131.**