



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
October 6, 2019

Sharing Our Plate – October

United Native American Cultural Center

Each month, 33% of the cash contributions in the collection plate, other than those specified for pledges, go to a designated tax deductible social justice organization or local charity. United Native American Cultural Center, located at Devens, has a mission to be a positive place for peoples of all cultures to gather, share, and educate one another. Essential to this endeavor is a program of cultural enrichment, education, and whole life strategies for Native American people; a place to learn and teach crafts, artwork, voices and traditional ways. Please make checks payable to UNNAC.

“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.

The Embodiment of Transformation

October 13

Join us as we explore what it means to truly be a Welcoming Congregation to LGBTQ+ members of our community, followed by installation of our new banner.

Offered by the Welcoming
Congregation Committee

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children/Youth Programming

This Sunday begins our next month-long theme— we are a people of belonging. The children and youth will be encouraged to reflect about how we belong to both the independent web of life and to have a stake in our own inherent worth. In essence, we’ll be looking at Unitarian Universalist identity through Principles 1 and 7. Later this month, the children and youth will have an opportunity to learn and do Bobby Gertlis’ labyrinth.

Last week, we enjoyed our first Story Sharing with Carol MacFarlane and her husband Dan Kozarsky. They shared their mountain adventures of Switzerland. Thank you to both!

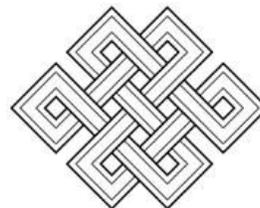
Coming of Age

The Youth & Mentor Gathering potluck is planned for Sunday, 10/6, from 5 to 7 p.m. Come hungry; we’ll have fun and feast!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



*Alone we can do so little;
Together we can do so much.*

Helen Keller.

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!

An Important Update and Ask from the Covenanting Team “We live in a time ... that is calling us to recognize the harm we humans can cause on so many levels of relationships. Covenant is an ancient practice that recognizes we have the power to heal this harm, a healing that calls us back to each other again and again, back to *the power of we*” states Meek Groot. We want to bring our sense of covenant to life for our October 20th service and to do so we ask that you send us your pictures of harm and healing that you have experienced and witnessed in your relationships within the church, within your local community, within your relationships with our urban neighbors, and within your relationship with Gaia. Pictures that answer the question: What does a vital vibrant practice of covenant make possible? Please email your pictures by October 13th to Piali De at piali@sensciosystems.com Thank you-

SOCIAL JUSTICE

In October, SJMC will focus on issues surrounding Indigenous people in Massachusetts. Sharing Our Plate will benefit the United Native American Cultural Center in Devens. Also we will be asking for your help in advocating for two important issues before the State Legislature. The first is a bill that is held up in committee which asks that Columbus Day be changed to Indigenous People’s Day. The second is a bill that will be presented at a hearing on November 19 to change the state seal and state flag. Please look for handouts in the back of the church with more information about these important issues.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday October 6

9:10 a.m. Coming of Age Youth & Parents ‘dry run’ for worship
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
“Planting Seeds, Changing Lives”
Rev. Jill Cowie

11:20-11:50am Jr. Choir
5:00-7:00pm Coming of Age
Mentor-Youth dinner

Wednesday October 9

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday October 10

1:00pm Staff meeting
7:30pm Choir

Sunday October 13

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
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2:00 p.m. Memorial Service for John Ball
Followed by reception in Fellowship Bldg

Monday October 14

Office Closed

Tuesday October 15

Noon Belfry deadline
6:00-9:00 p.m. HRA:PI Meeting

COMING UP, REMINDERS

Sunday October 20 Stewardship Potluck
Fellowship Building 11:30 A.M.
“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: please call 508-446-5131; or email bobbigerlits@icloud.com**