



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
October 13, 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 **UNACC**.

The Embodiment of Transformation October 13

Welcoming Congregation Committee

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.

“The Beating Heart of Unitarian Universalism”

October 20

The Covenant Team

The late Unitarian Universalist theologian James Luther Adams claimed that people come to church because they seek deep meaning —*Ultimacy*— and richer connections —*Intimacy*. Both come to be in community as we embody our shared values and power to create relationships grounded in concern for another’s well-being. As a church community we are making this radical inclusiveness our aspirational promise. Join our Covenant team, Jon Green, Piali De and Rev Jill as we launch our stewardship drive with this prophetic call. What does the power of we look like for you? For Us?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

This week the children and youth will learn about the choice of belonging or not belonging, and practice finding the courage to leave.

Last week in church, we launched the Coming of Age program for 12 of our teens. The teens symbolically “bridged” from their parents’ side to sit beside their mentors, after pledging to commit themselves to the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. We also pledged ourselves to supporting and nurturing our youth and living out the Principles of our Unitarian Universalist faith. It was magical.

Meanwhile in the Fellowship Building, the Butterflies, Rocks, and Bridges groups explored the theme of “Belonging.”

The Bridges also created art for UU Mass Action for them to attach to packets for 200 legislators encouraging them to pay extra attention to climate action & environmental justice.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



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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
Chuck McCormack
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For October, think comfort food when you donate to LOAVES AND FISHES: cookie mix, beef/oriental ramen, beef soup, canned chili, refried beans, boxed flavored rice. Bring it in a reusable grocery bag (they are needed too). Pick up date October 27th.

Last month = 34 lbs - let's beat that!

Maddy and Hugh Silk

Great opportunity to volunteer! There are still a few slots left on the usher schedule To sign up use the sheets at the back of the church on the Connections table, or <http://uuharvard.org>.

SOCIAL JUSTICE

◇ ◇ ◇ **GEM OF THE WEEK** ◇ ◇ ◇

The Amazon of the North and Recycled Toilet Paper Proctor & Gamble has been on the receiving end of pressure from environmentalist groups to change its sourcing from virgin pulp to recycled fibers for its paper products, Charmin and Bounty. Currently the company sources of about one-third of their raw materials from Canada's boreal forest — a large swath of virgin forest that rings the Arctic Circle and acts as a critical check on climate change.

In 2009, America alone used 36 billion rolls of toilet paper, which amounts to about 15 million trees. The top three companies in the tissue industry — P&G, Kimberly-Clark, and Georgia-Pacific — rely almost exclusively on virgin pulp for their products. The push is to get these companies to increase the portion of FSC certified fiber in its products to 75% within six years and to better protect caribou habitat in the Canadian forest. FSC certification ensures that products come from responsibly managed forests that provide environmental, social and economic benefits. This past week P&G set new industry-leading commitments for their paper products to protect, grow, and restore forests globally. Here is a link to their new commitments —

<https://us.pg.com/blogs/new-sustainability-goals-forestry/>

Indigenous People's Day...Action Step

One way each of us can support the focus on our Native People for this long October weekend and those to follow until it is more appropriately named, is to just start using that nomenclature ourselves. 'What are your plans for Indigenous People's Day?' Stop by the Social Justice table in the back of the church for more ways to advocate for reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday October 13

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**The Embodiment of Transformation
Offered by the Welcoming**

Congregation Committee

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

Wednesday October 16

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday October 17

11-1:00 Soul Matters

7-9:00pm Soul Matters

7:30-9:00pm Choir

Saturday October 19

4 PM Set-up for Stewardship Potluck

Sutherland Hall, Fellowship Building

Sunday October 20

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**"The Beating Heart of Unitarian
Universalism" Rev. Jill**

10-1:00 Senior High Youth Group &
Coming of Age

11:20-11:50am Jr. Choir

11:30 a.m. Stewardship Potluck

Sutherland Hall, Fellowship Building

Labyrinth Walk, Friday, October 25

7-9pm Fellowship Building, Sutherland Hall.

Labyrinth Workshop: One Path, Many Experiences. Sunday, October 27

12-2pm. Contact Bobbi Tayne Gerlits

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