



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
October 20, 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 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, Barbara Kemp 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?

## “Stillness, Solitude, and Silence” October 27

The late mystic John Donahue said, “Your trust in your inner belonging radically alters your outer belonging.” He goes on to say, “unless you find belonging in your solitude, your external longing will remain needy and driven.” During this more contemplative

worship we will invite this inward journey with contemplative practices that encourage inner-belonging. A journey, Donahue says we enter as individuals and yet emerge from part of a community more capable of serving the needs of hurting world.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### *Children/Youth Programming*

This Sunday we re-discover how we belong to each other as a larger church presence. The children will meet during worship upstairs in the Belfry room. We will be doing trust-building activities and then return to the worship service to share in the power of “we.”

Next Sunday the COA youth will be on retreat at Camp Green Eyrie; the children/youth will experience the labyrinth.

Join us for our **First Annual après-Halloween Candy Swap**, Friday, Nov. 1, 5:30 p.m. Come in costume; bring a salad or drinks to share—and candy to swap, share, or donate. Pizza provided. \$5 donation; \$10 max/family. Please RSVP to Laura, [dre@uuharvard.org](mailto:dre@uuharvard.org).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE**  

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**ME**

### The Power Of We

We will have a fall potluck after the service to celebrate Stewardship Sunday.

Fun and games promised!

**Labyrinth Walk Friday, October 25, 2019 -- 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm** The labyrinth is an ancient pattern with one path that

winds in a circuitous way to the center. Walking a labyrinth quiets the mind and reduces stress. Please stop by the Fellowship Hall and walk the labyrinth. It takes less than 20 minutes to walk this labyrinth. Hand-held labyrinths will be available for those with mobility issues. Please wear or bring socks to protect the canvas labyrinth. Shoe covers (booties) will be available for those who prefer to leave on their shoes. **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. They will also learn the parts of the Chartres-Style Medieval Labyrinth, and the three stages of a labyrinth walk. Participants will then experience two different labyrinths. **Please call Bobbi Tayne Gerlits to register 508-446-5131, or [bobbigerlits@icloud.com](mailto:bobbigerlits@icloud.com)**

## 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.

## ◇ ◇ ◇ GEM OF THE WEEK ◇ ◇ ◇

Over 1000 scientists have pledged their name on a declaration of support for all of the people taking part in almost daily actions to demand action on the climate crisis.

“As scientists, we have an obligation that extends beyond merely describing and

understanding the natural world to taking an active part in helping to protect it,” reads the letter. “We note that the scientific community has already tried all conventional methods to draw attention to the crisis. We believe that the continued governmental inaction over the climate and ecological crisis now justifies peaceful and nonviolent protest and direct action, even if this goes beyond the bounds of the current law.”

The scientists commend activists for engaging “peacefully against governments around the world that are failing to act.”

To read the full text of the declaration, or to sign your name (all individuals holding a Master's Degree or more, in a field directly related to the sciences, or who work in a scientific field are welcome to sign)

Go to [Declaration](#)

[<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1FuZYgT5EPTLDyvgNnlYIS5dAy43TM1MnvOIs48qIc/edit>]

## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday October 20

9:20 a.m. Jr. Choir

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**“The Beating Heart of Unitarian  
Universalism”**

**The Covenant Team**

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

Wednesday October 23

7:00-8:00 p.m. Meditation

Thursday October 24

7:30-9:00 p.m. Choir

Friday October 25

7:00-9:00 p.m. Labyrinth Walk

Sunday October 27

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**“Stillness, Solitude, and Silence”**

**Rev. Jill**

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

12:00-2:00 p.m. Board meeting

12:00-2:00 p.m. Labyrinth Workshop