



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
November 10, 2019

Sharing Our Plate – November, Partner Church. *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.* The Partner Church's mission is to join with our partners in faith in Magyarandrasfalva, Transylvania to exchange the stories of our lives, to learn from one another, to deepen our faith, and to share our understanding and resources in order to help support each other's dreams. We help them make needed repairs and maintenance to keep their house of worship a welcoming place. **Please make checks out to HUUC, memo: Partner Church.**

“The Power of the Positive”

November 10, Rev. Jill

Built into our human conditions is the bias towards the negative. Dr. Rick Hansen says our brain like Teflon for the good and like Velcro for the bad. But research shows that with the right attention we can see the whole and elevate the positive. We don't need to search for meaning, we can make it!

“Dignity and Identity: Claiming Our Whole Selves” November 17, Rev. Jill & Whole Congregation.

Join us for a whole congregation worship in which a worship team of Coming of Age and Senior High Youth and Laura and I will lead us in an exploration of identity and its importance to your and our engagement with the world. After the service and before Connection hour we will hold a 10 minute vigil outside in which the church bell will toll for the people who have been murdered this year for their transgender identity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children/Youth Programming

Last Sunday's \$100 worth of chicken soup, made from scratch by our Building Bridges group, was gratefully accepted by Transitions at Devens, a shelter for families. The Rocks also showed their culinary aptitude with homemade cranberry relish. Butterflies strung “prayer bead”-fruit-loops on pipe-cleaners for the birds, and took a deep dive into understanding what prayer means to each of us, especially as moments of attention.

This Sunday our children and youth will continue to explore being a people of attention. We will learn to be mindful as a way of centering ourselves when our feelings get out of control.

Other RE Programming

The **après-Halloween Candy Swap** was a success! Three families, seven kids of all ages, cool costumes, lots of games, and a boatload of candy all made it a fun evening. Operation Gratitude will be pleased — candy was even dropped off during the party. Thanks all.

Celebrate Chalica, Our Unitarian Universalist Holiday celebrating a weeklong observance of our Principles, December 1-7. Be on watch for more information about this!

Caroling on the Common, Save the Date: Wednesday, 12/18/19, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Traditional songs with preprinted lyrics; bring your voices and a flashlight!

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CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanksgiving at Loaves and Fishes

This month we are collecting everything for Thanksgiving including stuffing kits, crackers, gravy, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, juice, etc. Food collection is Sunday Nov 24th. If you would like to donate a turkey bring it frozen on the 24th to church or bring money/check and we will purchase a turkey for you. Let's make our neighbors' Thanksgiving meal as special as our own! Thanks, Hugh and Maddy Silk

Stewardship Campaign The 2019-2020 Stewardship Campaign is off to a great start! In our third week, we have achieved pledges of \$122,031 or @ 58% towards our goal of \$210,000. Please make sure you complete your pledge card as soon as possible and either mail or place your envelope in the weekly collection plate. Thank you for your generous support of our church! (Additional pledge cards/envelopes will be on the Connections Table at the rear of the church.)

The Power of We – Together

John Chapman and Patty Ruze are hosting the annual 'Classical Cocktail' on November 17 at 4 pm. This event was an auction item, but there are more seats available at the low, low price of \$20. Ted, Eleanor, Helen, John and special guest star Mike Jacobs will be performing French music, including works by Debussy, Ravel, Faure and Poulenc. Your hosts will also provide French appetizers and wines for the perfect late Sunday afternoon. Please let John know if you're coming so we can make sure to have sufficient food and drink for all (jpnchapman@yahoo.com or 978-456-0033).

Save the New Date! Our next HUUC Potluck has been changed to Sunday December 22nd right after the Solstice

Service! We'll celebrate the Power of We and the end of the Stewardship Campaign.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES COUNCIL SPONSORED EVENTS

Sunday, November 17, 11:30am -

12:30pm Fellowship Building - 1619

Discussion. Join us after church to discuss readings from NY Times Magazine's August 18 issue titled '1619' after the year that the first Africans were sold to Virginian colonists. The essays within focus on different contemporary issues that have their roots in slavery and raise the question – what would it mean to reframe American history by regarding 1619 as our nations' birth year. **Pick up a packet of readings from the Social Justice Table in the back of the church** All are invited - we will provide snacks and coffee.

Sunday, November 24, after church -

Fair Trade Faire, Fellowship Building.

This Christmas give gifts that support fair trade with indigenous people from around the world. More details to come, but mark your calendar!

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday November 10

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

"The Power of the Positive" Rev. Jill

11:30-1:00 Newcomers Lunch

12:00-1:00 Chimers

Wednesday November 13

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

Thursday November 14

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Soul Matters

7:00-9:00 p.m. Soul Matters

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

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