



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
November 17, 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.**

“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.

“The Gift of Presence” November 24 Jennifer Johnson

As we approach the season of giving, perhaps the most valuable gift we can give one another is our attentive, compassionate presence. (Jennifer is a seminarian and Candidate for Unitarian Universalist Ministry. She is currently serving as a Learning Fellow with the Church of the Larger Fellowship and as Intern Minister at First Parish of Chelmsford. Prior to answering the call to ministry, Jennifer's winding vocational journey included stops in literary studies, nonprofit communications, and childbirth coaching. She lives with her family in Franklin, MA.)

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Last week, the children and youth continued with the theme of attention. From enjoying the sensory pleasure of eating a raisin to being guided, while blindfolded, during a walk in the woods, the children practiced focus and being mindful of their surroundings. The books, *Henry Hikes to Fitchburg*, and, *Ahn's Anger*, helped give structure to the lessons that we're taught.

This week, please join us for an all-congregation service on the strength of identity. Nursery care will be provided however there will be no RE classes.

On Sunday, November 24, the children and youth will be treated to a talk on Indigenous Peoples by our Social Justice team, members Colleen Pearce and Ginger Kendall.

Celebrate *Chalica*, Our Unitarian Universalist Holiday celebrating an observance of our Principles, starting in December. 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!

Laura Vilain, Director of Religious Education, dre@uuharvard.org

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stewardship Campaign The 2019-2020 Stewardship Campaign is off to a great start! In our fourth week, we have achieved pledges of \$142,621 or @ 68% 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).

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

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. **Babysitting available.**

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 17
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
“Dignity and Identity: Claiming Our Whole Selves”
Rev. Jill and the Whole Congregation
11:30-12:30 Group Read discussion
‘1619’
12:00-1:00 Chimers
Tuesday November 19
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7:00-9:00 p.m. Worship Team meeting
Wednesday November 20
7:00-8:00 p.m. Meditation
Thursday November 21
7:30-9:00 p.m. Choir
Sunday November 24
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
“The Gift of Presence”
Jennifer Johnson
Fair Trade Faire until 4:00 p.m.
12:00-1:00 p.m. Chimers
12:00-2:00 p.m. Board