



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
January 5, 2019

**Sharing Our Plate – The Brennan Center January.** The Brennan Center for Justice is a nonpartisan law and policy institute. They strive to uphold the values of democracy, by standing for equal justice and the rule of law. They work to craft and advance reforms that will make American democracy work, for all.

## January 5, 2020 “Roaring Twenties”

### Rev. Jill Cowie

As we look to put 2019 behind us and build a better 2020, the world is gripped by an escalating crisis of neoliberalism that began with the recession of 2009. Capitalism can no longer deliver prosperity or stability even in its core countries of the United States, Europe or East Asia, let alone worldwide. As people sense that that the old order is faltering, both right and progressive movements are rising to propose their solutions. Let us rise and join the progressive “roar” for a more just, healthier, and peaceful 2020.

## January 12, 2020

### *Integrity and Wholeness*

#### **Worship Committee**

Join the Worship Committee as we continue to explore what it means to be a people of Integrity. There are many facets to the concept of Integrity. It’s certainly in the news. Today we will examine integrity as wholeness: we examine the wholeness of Self; how we contribute to the wholeness of our community and individual wholeness: people who live their whole selves and make Integrity visible in the larger world.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### *Children/Youth Programming*

**Cheers to 2020** With gratitude we start the new year; thankful for our families, friends,

teachers, volunteers, and our children and youth. We celebrated this holiday season with caroling, performing, music-making, singing, and dancing. The darkest night was lit with candles and good cheer.

## **Sunday Meeting of Children and Youth**

This week the children and youth will explore and learn about this month’s theme of integrity, with elements of knowing and owning who we are and what we stand for. The nursery will be open.

**Coming of Age Youth** will meet in the Fellowship Building, 10 a.m., for class. Please bring your journals.

**Mentors and Coming of Age Youth** will also meet this Sunday in the Fellowship Building, 11:30 a.m., for a combined group gathering.

Save the Date: **Coming of Age Retreat**, Friday, Feb. 7, All Saints Church, Worcester, 7 p.m., through Saturday, Feb. 8, until 2:30 p.m. Also, the COA youth will be starting a clothing drive for Worcester’s homeless population. Contributions to be gathered include: travel-size toiletries, new/gently used hats and gloves, new mens’ socks (white), and new mens’ and womens’ underwear.

## **Coming of Age Youth are Available to Help You**

Do you need help shoveling snow? Do you need someone to walk your dog, or babysit for your kids? They have volunteered to work for \$10 an hour at a variety of tasks. If you would like to hire them to do any of the following, just contact me at [carolmacfarlane@gmail.com](mailto:carolmacfarlane@gmail.com).

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**We are a Welcoming Congregation.** This means we affirm and include people who

are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer at every level of congregational life—in worship, in program, and in social occasions—welcoming them as whole people. <https://tinyurl.com/rcazkci>

**The next Music Committee meeting** will be Tuesday January 14th at 7:30 p.m., at John Chapman's house #42 Willow Road, Harvard.

**Calling All Persons!!!** We need YOU to help make our All Ages, Sing and Be Well, Pick up Choir a reality. Led by the one and Only Donnalisa Johnson we will meet and Sing on Sunday, January 12. Come and sing along. Families especially encouraged to join the fun/no age limit! Meet in the Sanctuary at 8:45 AM on Sunday Jan. 12.

**Women's Alliance next meeting is Tuesday evening January 14, 2020: Climate Change.** Christopher J. Ryan, Harvard's Community and Economic Development Director will discuss the Town's participation in the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) program, which addresses how Harvard will prepare for and adapt to the impacts of climate change.

**BRUNCH COMING February**  
Hard to realize another year...  
Time for the Hungarian brunch is here!  
So all ye Magyar cooks  
Get out all the appropriate books  
Or, failing that, a good bet:  
"Hungarian food" on the Internet.  
February 9 is the date  
Your ethnic appetite to sate.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday, April 4**  
**2020 Dinner Party and Auction**

**SOCIAL JUSTICE**  
**State Senator Ed Markey will be holding a Green New Deal Town Hall** on Sunday, Jan 5 from 6 - 7:30 pm at the RJ Grey Junior High School in Acton, MA. If anyone is interested in going and in need of

a ride, please contact Ginger Kendall at 978-621-8314 or [4kendalls@charter.net](mailto:4kendalls@charter.net).

**Why Don't We care about China's Uighur Muslims?** It's been described as the worst human rights crisis in the world — the arbitrary detention in sprawling camps of perhaps 3 million Uighur Muslims in China's northwestern Xinjiang province. In November a trove of leaked documents, dubbed the China Cables, confirmed what the world had long suspected: the camps are Communist Party re-education centers in which Uighurs are forced to abandon their traditional religion and language and love the Communist party. When will we decide "Never Again" means now? Look for the whole story at [theintercept.com](http://theintercept.com).

**Sunday, January 12 at 4:00 join us for a live webinar for the launch of a new UUA program called 'UU the Vote.'** In this political moment, UUs are called to live our values and join forces with others who want to organize our communities and our nation to #VoteLove and #DefeatHate. In this online launch, hear about the organizing plan for 'UU the Vote' across the country, some of the strategies the UUA will be deploying, examples of on-the-ground work from congregations already engaging, and how you and your congregation can get involved. The SJMC will be hosting a watch party at the Fellowship Building from 4 – 5pm, followed by a discussion of what our church can do to help

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday January 5

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**"Roaring Twenties"**

Rev. Jill Cowie

11:30-12:30 Coming of Age

Tuesday January 7

7:00-9:00 p.m. Welcoming Renewal

7:00-9:00 p.m. Worship Team

Sunday January 12

8:45 a.m. Pick Up Choir, all are welcome

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

***Integrity and Wholeness***

**Worship Committee**