



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
January 19, 2020

**We are a Welcoming Congregation,** recognized by the Unitarian Universalist Association. 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/rcazkcj>

**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 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**“What is the Essence of Kingian Nonviolence?”**  
**Theodore A Johnson, JD, MALD, PhD.**

**January 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**The Hope Inside your *Pithos***  
**by Helen J. Batchelder**  
It’s just sitting there, that “thing with feathers,” as described by Emily Dickinson, singing, waiting out the storm, asking nothing of that which inside it dwells. So sweet it is, so patient. So constant. But what’s the extent of its influence? What’s the best way to use it? Is it at risk? Does it run out? And just how is it *actionable*?

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

*Children/Youth Programming*  
This Sunday we will be talking with the children and youth about the Birmingham’s children’s march in 1963, and how empathy

and integrity can be present at any age. It’ll be a one-room schoolhouse model.

**Family Ministry: The Power of We**  
Last Sunday, Donnalisa orchestrated the Time for All Ages with the newly-formed Be Well Pickup Choir singing “A Place in the Choir” by Bill Staines. A reflection of a reflection of how wonderful the power of we is in the family-ministry sense. In other words, music and song brings us all together!

We also lit our last candle of Chalica until next year. A Unitarian Universalist reminder of our Principles celebrated amidst our other holidays.

The children and youth learned hands-on what integrity meant by building towers and marshmallow structures. A key learning is that we attain greater heights by working together.

## Charitable Collections: Especially Toiletries

The Coming of Age youth launched their collection drive for the upcoming ReachOut Worcester retreat for the homeless.

Contributions includes: toiletries, hats and gloves, mens’ white socks, and mens’ and womens’ underwear.

In addition, the Valentine’s Day collections of toiletries for distribution of families served by Loaves & Fishes will start this Sunday. Please be generous with your donations.

Gratitude to all for an inspiring-to-action start of the new year. Cheers to 2020!

## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Many thanks to those brave beings who stood up to participate in our Sing and Be Well Pick Up Choir last week.**

You were wonderful!  
Thanks, Donnalisa J.

**Food Donations for January** We are averaging over 100 lbs a month in donations for Loaves and Fishes, let's keep this up. This month think winter hearty food like Mac and Cheese, canned soup (beef, chicken, mushroom, chowder) and chili, pancake mix, hamburger helper and boxed flavored rice. Collection date is January 26th. -Maddy and Hugh Silk

**Looking Ahead to Sunday, February 9,** the children will be making Valentine's Day bags full of items for self-care/health supplies. Please bring **shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes and deodorant for them to add to the bags.** In addition, we would like to provide other needed self-care items to Loaves and Fishes. Please bring these needed items for us to send along:

- Feminine Care Products, Poise Pads
- Depends- large & X-large Both Mens and Womens
- Shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes and deodorant.

**The Alliance would be grateful if the kind** folks who bought a Boxwood tree or centerpiece last month, could recycle the ornaments, ribbons and green bases, by donating them back to us so we can reuse them for next year. This way, we can cut down on our expenses, and donate more to the church. Just place in a bag, and give them to Diane Cordner, Audrey Ball, or Dorothy Solbrig, when you see them at church. Thanks, Alice Rennie for the Alliance.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**HRA:PI (Human Rights Awareness: Palestine Israel) committee members will collect signatures from official members of HUUC, after church Sunday, January 19, to get a Business Resolution onto the ballot at GA in June**

UUJME, UU's for Justice in the Middle East, has combined forces with Black Lives of UU, UU Refugee and Immigrant

Services and Education, UU Ministry for Earth and UU Peace Ministry Network for a UU business resolution. The UUA's Socially Responsible Investing and Investment Committees also supports this resolution. The resolution seeks to enhance UU use of Investment/Divestment and shareholder advocacy for social justice in two ways: a) by calling on the UUA to maintain and follow explicit guidelines for incorporating human rights considerations in their investment decisions and shareholder advocacy; and b) by developing mechanisms for connecting UU social justice groups and UUs in general with the UUA investment committees. The resolution mentions Palestinian rights and places them in the context of all human rights.

## **Brunch February 9**

The partner church brunch is coming soon. For Andrasfalva, Romania 'twill be a boon. If you'd like to help your best bet is Sign up Genius on the Internet  
Mary Donald for the partner church

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday January 19

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

*Music Sunday, Martin Luther King*

**Ted Johnson**

Monday January 20

Office Closed

Tuesday January 21

12:00 Belfry Deadline

Wednesday January 22

7-8pm Meditation

Thursday January 23

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

Sunday January 26

Food Collection

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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## **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Saturday, April 4**

**2020 Dinner Party and Auction**