



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
February 2, 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 – February Samaritans

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. [Samaritans](#) mission is to reduce the incidence of suicide by alleviating despair, isolation, distress and suicidal feelings 24 hours a day; to educate the public about suicide prevention; to help those who have lost a loved one to suicide; and to reduce the stigma associated with suicide. By writing a check made out to the Samaritans, Inc. 100% of your contribution will go to this charity.

February 2nd “Lynching” Rev. Jill Cowie Maya Angelou once said “History despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived but if faced with courage need not be lived again.” We as a nation, must face our legacy of lynching, something, Ida B. Wells, a 19th Century Unitarian anti-lynching activist considered to be primary America’s sin. How do we atone for this sin so that this history need not be lived again?

February 9th Loaves & Fishes, Guest Speaker Join us as we continue to consider the wonder of our capacity for resilience. This week we will look at the things that help us to recover and or adjust to challenges and changes. Hugh and Maddy Silk will share their experiences as our

liaisons with Loaves and Fishes and we will be learning more about Loaves and Fishes and it’s important mission of supporting those in need who look for outside supports as they meet life’s many challenges.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children/Youth Programming

Last Sunday the children and youth were very excited for Rev Jill’s stories of Africa, the Maasai, and their way of life. Her story-sharing was inspiring and amazing!

This Sunday the children and youth will explore the idea of resilience, experientially.

Coming of Age youth meeting; then mentor and youth meeting

This Sunday is the only COA meeting for the month of February, leaving a month of Sundays to join in worship service! Youth meet from 10-11:15 a.m. The ReachOut Worcester retreat in next Friday, Feb. 7 (7 p.m. arrival, 7:30 p.m. start) to Saturday, Feb. 8 (pickup at Fellowship Building approx. 4:30 p.m. for debrief.) Also, from 11:30-12:30 is the COA/Mentor meeting for the month. We look forward to seeing you all!

We continue our charitable collections—up to Thursday, February 6

This is our last week for dropping off items for the Coming of Age youth to bring to the homeless on their ReachOut Worcester retreat. Items are toiletries, hats and gloves, mens’ white socks, and mens’ and womens’ underwear. Loaves & Fishes Valentines Day bag contributions include soap, shampoo, deodorant, Chapstick, disposable razors, shaving cream, lotions, cough drops, toothbrush & toothpaste, pocket-size tissues. Thanks to all in advance!

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Women's Alliance, February 4, 2020
@6:30 p.m. Potluck; 7:30 program.**

“Two Opportunities for Peace and Reconciliation” Ted Johnson The art and practice of Compassionate Listening in Israel-Palestine and Alabama. Insights from recent trips to Israel-Palestine and Alabama. Come and discover the potential for significant change within the context of careful and compassionate listening. All are welcome. Hostess: Diane Corder

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.**

Starting Points New to Harvard Unitarian Church or Unitarian Universalism? Come to a fun, interactive three session series (“Starting Points”) during which we delve into our theology, history, and make meaning together. February 9th, March 8th and March 29th, 11:30-1:00 in the Fellowship Building's community room.

Caring Circle for those Impacted by Depression, Addiction, and Suicide February 5th 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Have you been impacted by depression, addiction or suicide? Sharon Concannon and Rev. Jill and Joe Dzekevich invite you to share a quiet, reflective, and healing space with others. Bring a symbol, or sacred object as we create an altar that holds our collective sorrow, fear, love and resilience.

Healing Conversations Grief Group at Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church Healing Conversations is a small group specifically for those who are moving through grief of a major loss in their life. The group meets four Tuesday nights starting on starting February 11th to share stories and experiences, to learn about the grief process and to talk about what it means to move toward healing. To register

email Rev. Jill or Elinor our administrator to let them know of your interest.

Revjillcowie@gmail.com or
Admin@uuharvard.org

ANNUAL UU DINNER PARTY AND AUCTION—ROARING IN THE 20s!

Join us on Saturday, April 4, 2020, for our annual dinner party and benefit auction in Fellowship Building. The theme this year is ROARING IN THE 20s. We encourage you to come dressed in your 20s finery and join the fun. All proceeds from the dinner and auction benefit the church. Registration and Donation forms will be on the web site in the next week. Event Co-Chairs: Edie Joyce and Carol MacFarlane. For more information contact Carol MacFarlane (carolmacfarlane@gmail.com) or 978-505-4370.

Partner Church Brunch February 9

Go to our [website to find out more](#) and to [sign up](#).

Mary Donald

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday February 2

10:00-11:30 Coming of Age class

10:00-11:00 a.m. Worship Service

“Lynching” Rev. Jill Cowie

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

11:30-12:30 Coming of Age/Mentors

12:00-1:00 Chimers

Monday February 3

7:15-9:00 p.m. Auction meeting

7:30-9:00 p.m. Stories Group

Tuesday February 4

6:30pm Potluck & 7:30 Program, Alliance

Ted Johnson

7-9:00 p.m. Worship Team

Wednesday February 5

7-9:00 p.m. Caring Circle

Thursday February 6

4-5:30 p.m. Caring Network

Saturday February 8

3:00-5:00 p.m. CoAge Debrief

Sunday February 9

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Loaves & Fishes Jim Breslauer,

11:15-1:15 Partner Church Potluck

11:30-1:00 “Starting Points”