



# Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church  
February 9, 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**February 16<sup>th</sup> Rev. Jill Cowie**

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### *Children/Youth Programming*

Resilience is such a fun topic, and so interesting. Last Sunday the children and youth played with the idea of resilience with *sculptey* clay, torn up pieces of paper, drawing, and experiments in the kitchen. I'll be sharing the kitchen lesson during this week's time-for-all-ages. The gist is we have a choice of how we react to things that happen to us.

This week we will be preparing our Valentine's Day gift bags for the families in need for the Loaves & Fishes program. Did you know that members at First Church Unitarian Littleton, some with Quaker backgrounds, started the program? Did you know that CVS donated \$25 of toiletries from our letter-writing campaign? It's all good!

**Coming of Age** will be going to the ReachOut Worcester retreat Friday and Saturday. Thank you so much for your many and thoughtful donations to the Worcester homeless. Very much appreciated.

### **Support our partner church in Hungary**

Come to this week's Hungarian potluck today after the service to hear more about our future as good partners. Let's think big and brainstorm youth/children connection ideas!

## **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**The Music Committee would like to increase their budget for 2019-20.** By our by-laws, this requires a special

congregational meeting. Please come on February 23, immediately following the service, to hear a presentation and vote.

Stacie Green, Co-President

### **New Times for Two Covenanting Groups**

*Stewardship Covenanting Conversations*

10:00 on Saturday February 29th in the Fellowship Building.

*Sunday Morning Experience Covenanting Conversation* will be 1:00 on Saturday February 29th in the Fellowship Building.

**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.

### **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 11<sup>th</sup> to share stories and experiences, to learn about the grief process and to talk about what it means to move toward healing. Meets in the Community Room in the Fellowship Building. To register email Rev. Jill or Elinor our administrator to let them know of your interest. [Revjillcowie@gmail.com](mailto:Revjillcowie@gmail.com) or [Admin@uuharvard.org](mailto: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](mailto:carolmacfarlane@gmail.com)) or 978-505-4370.

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES COUNCIL**

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A 2016 study by the Rand Corp. found that every \$1 spent on correction education saved almost \$5 in reincarceration costs. All federal funding for such programs was eliminated after the 1994 crime bill. *College Behind Bars* (<https://tinyurl.com/https-CollegeBehindBars>) is a new documentary series from PBS exploring privately funded degree programs in New York State.

Sunday April 24 after the service, 11:30 – 1:00 Book Discussion – *How to be an Antiracist*, by Ibram X. Kendi. Join SJMC for a discussion of award-winning author Ibram X. Kendi’s latest book. How can we start treating antiracism as an action and not just an emotion?

## **CHURCH CALENDAR**

Sunday February 9

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Loaves & Fishes Jim Breslauer, Maddy Silk, Hugh Silk**

11:15-1:15 Partner Church Potluck

11:30-1:00 “Starting Points”

Tuesday February 11

7:00-9:00 p.m. Healing Conversations

Wednesday February 12

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

Thursday February 13

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

Sunday February 16

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

**Rev. Jill Cowie**

11:30-1:00 UU the vote

Monday February 17

Office Closed

Tuesday February 18

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