



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
February 16, 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 16th “Seeking What Unites Us”

Rev. Jill Cowie

Psychologists once thought resilience was a fixed trait some of us had and some of us didn't. Research now shows that we are all resilient most of the time and it's a capacity we can strengthen. Resilience is like the art of Kintsugi (golden joining) where our broken places are mended with gold lacquer. In the spirit of Black History Month, this service explores the alchemy of compassion and dignity as the gold that heals us as a person and as a people. As Harvard Professor Donna Hick's writes "if indignity tears us apart, dignity can put us together again."

February 23rd

“No Time to Say Goodbye: Resilience after Suicide Loss”

Rev. Jill Cowie

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children/Youth Programming

This coming week the children and youth will be in the kitchen, making and decorating surprises for their families. Happy February school vacation!

Last week we provided to Loaves & Fishes 69 lbs of toiletries and 17 beautifully decorated Valentine's Day gift bags. Thank you to all who helped and donated.

The children and youth sang for their supper and our joy at the Hungarian Potluck. Thanks to all that took part, and to Mary, George, Liv and to everyone else who donated food, helped with setup and later in the kitchen.

Coming Of Age at ReachOut Worcester

The homeless of Worcester thank our church for the many and thoughtful donations of toiletries and clothing. It was very much appreciated!

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.

We of the Mentoring Circle group would like to borrow your hand drums for a while. Please label your drum(s) with your name and bring them in to Donnalisa Johnson. All drums will be securely stored. Thank you!

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 three more Tuesday nights, February 18, 25, and March 10, to share stories and experiences, to learn about the grief process and to talk about what it means to move toward healing. Meets in Jill's office. To register email Rev. Jill or Elinor our administrator to let them know of your interest. Revjillcowie@gmail.com or Admin@uuharvard.org

AUCTION DONATIONS

The Auction Committee needs your donations for the UU Auction and Dinner on April 4, 2020. Do you have items in your home that no longer spark joy? If so, contribute them! No treasures? Do you have a hobby or an area of expertise? Consider sharing your knowledge. Have a vacation getaway? Please consider donating it. Theme dinners are also a great contribution. We welcome any and all donations. The deadline for including your item in the catalog is March 10. Donation forms available on the Church website: uuharvard.org Questions? Contact: Heidi Bachmann (h.bachmann72@gmail.com).

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRIES COUNCIL

◇ ◇ ◇ **GEM OF THE WEEK** ◇ ◇ ◇

In the 2018 election, Floridians voted to restore voting rights to ex-felons who completed their sentences. Since then, the state legislature has added new requirements to disenfranchise as many as 800K of these voters. *We Got The Vote* is an advocacy organization working to register ex-felons and help them pay back outstanding debts. Find out more at www.wegotthevote.org.

Sunday February 16, 11:30 – 1:00 UU the Vote Meeting in Fellowship Building to discuss next steps and actions we can take as we count down to November 2020.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday February 16

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
“Seeking What Unites Us”
Rev. Jill Cowie

11:30-1:00 UU the vote

Monday February 17

Office Closed

Tuesday February 18

Noon Belfry deadline
7-8:30 p.m. Healing Conversations

Wednesday February 19

7-8 p.m. Meditation

Thursday February 20

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soul Matters
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7:30-9:00 p.m. Choir Sectional rehearsal

Sunday February 23

10:00 a.m. Worship Service
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11:00 Special Congregational Meeting