



Chalice Chat

Sunday News from the Harvard Unitarian Universalist Church
February 23, 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/rczakcj>

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 23rd Rev Jill Cowie and Sharon Concannon, “No Time to Say Goodbye: Resilience in Response to Suicide”

The Center of Disease Control says we are in the throes of a national suicide epidemic. Sharon will share her journey of resilience since her husband committed suicide two years ago. Rev Jill will engage us in a ritual of intention and healing, as we reflect together how suicide has impacted our lives. Guitarist Joe Dzekevich will hold us all with the sweet and comforting sound of folk songs.

March 1st Rev. Jill, “Becoming Wise” King Solomon, the greatest sage of ancient Israel exclaims: “Wisdom is brilliant, she never fades. By those who love her she is readily seen. By those who seek her she is readily found.” Psychologist Robert Kegan speaks of wisdom as the gateway to integrity and the antidote to despair. What does it mean to become wise today? How do we seek her?

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children/Youth Programming

This Sunday we welcome Pat Westwater-Jong as our social justice, story-sharer. Pat will read *Sitti's Secret* by Naomi Shihab Nye. It's a story about American-born Mona who visits Sitti, her grandmother who lives in a small Palestinian village. Their connection speaks to the 7th Principal of our interdependent web of which we are a part. As Pat says, “Even if we don't speak the same language, we are still connected with members of our families and people all over the world.” Do you have a story about your grandparents?

Coming Of Age youth will meet, Sunday, March 1 in the Fellowship Building at 10 a.m., followed by the **Coming Of Age youth & Mentor meeting**, at 11:30 a.m.

RE Covenanting meeting is also Sunday, March 1 in the Fellowship Building at 1 p.m. Refreshments and a light lunch (and coffee) will be available 12:30 to 1 p.m.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Congregational Meeting Cancelled. The Music Committee has

withdrawn their request for additional money for this year. We have cancelled the special meeting we had scheduled for this Sunday, February 23.

March 3, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.

Women's History Month Alice Rennie

Come celebrate Women's History Month, and the centennial of U.S. women's right to vote. Hear about the brave women who defied the entrenched power of men to stand up for themselves and their rights, for a say in how our country is run. Alice Rennie will spotlight these heroines, and tell the story of her own great-grandmother, Mary Doolittle Fisk, who fought all her life for women's right to vote. Everyone is welcome to come. Hostess: Alice Rennie

Potluck at 6:30, Program at 7:30.

Women's Alliance

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 two more Tuesday nights, February 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 7-8:30.** 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).

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday February 23

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

“No Time to Say Goodbye: Resilience in Response to Suicide” Rev. Jill Cowie

12:00-2:00 p.m. Board meeting

Monday February 24

6:00-7:00 p.m. Covenanting/Justice

Tuesday February 25

7:00-8:30 p.m. Healing Conversations

7:15-8:45 p.m. Auction meeting

Thursday February 27

7-8:30 p.m. Covenant/Connection Caring

Saturday February 29

10-11:00 a.m. Covenanting/Stewardship

1-2:00 p.m. Covenanting/Sunday morning

Sunday March 1

8:45-9:45 a.m. Be Well & Sing

10-11:15 a.m. Coming of Age Class

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Rev. Jill, “Becoming Wise”

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

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

12:00-1:00 Chimers

1:00 p.m. Covenant/Families and Children

Donation Wanted: Recently, the leaf on our serving cart collapsed during coffee hour, dramatically spilling milk and coffee on the floor. Between the fussy leaf and the wheel that likes to fall off, the time has come to replace it. In the spirit of *Konmari*, we thank it for its service and say goodbye, as it is no longer bringing us joy. **Do you have a bar cart or tea cart that you aren't using and would like to donate?** If so, please email stacie@64crayons.com.