

Sunday, July 12 **We Are Each Other's Angels**
10:00a

Rev. Tony Lorenzen

Tony reflects on angels as metaphors of the bringers of hope in the form of help from unexpected sources. Angels are of interest in religion, art, and philosophy; from the rationalist medieval rabbi Maimonides to popular culture and popular songs, angels aren't what we might expect.

The Rev. Tony Lorenzen grew up in Leominster, Massachusetts, and is a graduate of Fitchburg State University and Harvard Divinity School. A former Catholic high school teacher, he has served congregations in Massachusetts and Texas since being ordained to the Unitarian Universalist ministry in 2007. He has just been called as the new settled minister at Hopedale Unitarian Parish in Hopedale, Massachusetts, and will begin his ministry there in August.

Music by StrongHousian Quartet and Lynda Gulley

Sunday, July 19 **Lessons from Guatemala**
10:00a

Steven McCloy

Steve has been working in Guatemala as a medical volunteer for over 20 years. What has he seen? What has he done? Has it made a difference? To whom?

Dr. Steven McCloy has attended First Unitarian since 1977. He is a physician in Providence. He has found First Unitarian to be his family. That has led him to be a Deacon, to sing in the choir, to teach Sunday School, and to serve on the Stewardship and Prudential Committees. He wonders if there is there a male equivalent to "church lady."

Music by Village Harmony (a choir from Vermont) and Claire Rosenbaum

Sunday, July 26 **The Circle Game**
10:00a

Greg Kniseley

Many people think golf is an elitist game, an old white man's sport and hard to learn. Spouses think their mates play golf to avoid household chores. But for Greg, playing golf is a spiritual and ethical journey. Walking the fairways with his weekly foursome is a way to connect with self, others, and the world. He reflects on learning to play golf, Chalice Circles, and the first and seventh UU principles.

Greg Knisley joined First Unitarian Church in the 1990s and has served on the Worship Committee, a Ministerial Search Committee, and as a group facilitator for Small Group Ministry. He and his wife, Susie, share two daughters and four grandchildren. Greg is a professor of science education at Rhode Island College and enjoys travel, photography, and tennis. He took up the game of golf several years ago when he turned 60.

Music by Claire Rosenbaum

Sunday, August 2 **Living Words**
10:00a

Joan Richards

Joan has spent the past year following the development of a family of English Unitarians from the middle of the eighteenth century to the middle of the nineteenth. Constructing a narrative from the traces left behind has led her to ponder the ways our words build and shape not only our relations to our past, but our lives in the present.

Joan Richards has been a member of First Unitarian since moving with her family to Providence in 1983. Her day job is as a professor of history at Brown University.

Music by John Moran and Claire Rosenbaum

Summer at First Unitarian

Summer Office Hours

The church office will be open from 9:00a to 4:00p from June 22 to September 8. The office will be closed for holidays on July 3, August 10, and September 7 and for vacation the weeks of July 20 and 27, reopening on Monday, August 3.

Ministry Services from mid-June to mid-August

Nearby ministers will be on call for emergencies during the summer. Speak with staff in the church office for names and contact information.

In case of emergency during the office vacation break (July 20 to August 2, reopening on August 3), a message will be left on the answering machine regarding contact information.

Social Justice Programs

Knitting for a Better World

Every Tuesday at 7:00p

Come join fellow knitters for a casual evening of knitting and conversation. Work on your own project or join in one of our many group efforts: hats, socks, mittens, scarves, and more.

Beginners are always welcome. We have plenty of yarn and needles to get you started.

Our Food Share Pantry

Distribution: Mondays, July 20 & August 17

The biggest social justice program at First Unitarian is the Food Share Pantry. It takes many volunteers to keep the program going! Volunteer for a shift on Distribution Day:

Set-up: 2:00p–3:00p

Shopping: 3:00p–5:00p

Restock, recycle, & clean up: 5:00p–6:00p

Contacts: Nori Duncan (nori.duncan@gmail.com), Martha Manno (Mmanno7@comcast.net), or Brian Paradis (briananddeacon@comcast.net).

Loaves & Fishes Outreach Mission

Every first Tuesday of the month year round (July 7 & August 4)

We will continue our outreach mission during the summer months, so please help out if your schedule allows.

There are three shifts:

noon–1:00p: sandwich crew

3:00–5:00p: clothing organizers/supply loaders

5:00–7:00p: delivery crew

Contact: Joe Salvatore (joesuu@gmail.com) for details.



Sunday, August 9 The Challenge of Creating Safe Spaces

10:00a

Lorena Garcia

What is a safe space? What is required of us to fully support the diversity of our beliefs? Lorena will explore some of the challenges and opportunities in creating safe spaces.

Lorena Garcia is an MD/MPH student at Alpert Medical School, trying to grapple with how we talk about and try to address disparities in our communities. She spends much of her time out of school reading science fiction and exploring with Lisa Sampson by her side.

Music by Chris Sanzo and Claire Rosenbaum

Sunday, August 16 From Pentecostal to Pagan with Some Side Trips

10:00a

Nancy Green

Nancy found herself dragged sideways through religion in the '70s with Catholic Charismatics, Pentecostal Holy Rollers, a Buddhist saint, some witches, and some martial artists. One basic truth she found is that people are people wherever you go. Be kind.

Nancy Green recognized her spiritual path in Starhawk's book Dreaming the Dark. She unexpectedly found her home when she walked through the doors of First Unitarian Church of Providence. After only 30 years of seeking Right Livelihood, she gratefully serves as a nurse case manager, reforming health care one person at a time.

Music by The Gray Matter Trio and Lynda Gulley

Sunday, August 23 Dive In

10:00a

Rev. Sarah Napoline

After celebrating 50 years as a united faith and as we continue this first century of Unitarian Universalism, how must we change and adapt as a movement to continue growing? Are you ready to dive into the work of faith?

Rev. Sarah Napoline holds a Master of Divinity degree from Andover Newton Theological School and was ordained to the Unitarian Universalist ministry in September 2014 by the First Parishes of Brookline and Concord, Massachusetts. Sarah is a lifelong Unitarian Universalist who is passionate about prayer, preaching, and worship; about communion in all definitions; about our powerful and life-saving faith movement; and about the role of progressive faith for liberation and justice.

Music by the First Unitarian Barbershop Quartet and Claire Rosenbaum

Sunday, August 30 An Uninvited Guest

10:00a

Rev. Gwendolyn Howard

How can a liberal religious outlook inform our understanding of mental illness, and how it is addressed by society?

Rev. Gwendolyn Howard is a Community Minister at First Unitarian. She teaches business ethics as a member of the adjunct faculty at Johnson & Wales University, as well as maintaining a small private practice as a clinical social worker. She is also serving as regular part-time pulpit supply at a church in Rockland, Massachusetts.

Music by Greg Waksmulski and Claire Rosenbaum

Sunday, September 6 Unicorns, Mermaids & Dragons: The Quest for the Perfect Minister

10:00a

Martha Manno

As we enter the coming church year with our interim minister, the Ministerial Search Committee is hard at work. Who will they find?

Martha Manno has been a member of First Unitarian for almost 25 years. She is a former President of the Prudential Committee and chaired the Search Committee that brought us James Ford.

Music by Neil Bartholomew and Lynda Gulley

Sunday, September 13 Homecoming Sunday

10:30a

Rev. Charles Ortman

We welcome our interim minister for the coming year and celebrate Water Communion.

Spiritual Development Programs

Benevolent Street Zendo: An Ongoing Zen Meditation Group

Every Monday at 7:00p

Benevolent Street Zendo is a member community of the Boundless Way Zen Sangha, an interfaith Zen community that maintains close ties with the Soto Zen Buddhist Association and the American Zen Teachers Association.

Everyone is welcome. Brief instruction available at 6:45p.

Leaders: Cindy Bapties and George Beshers

Innate Wisdom and Compassion Meditation

Every Wednesday at 7:00p

These guided meditations of love and wisdom from Tibetan Buddhism have been adapted into new forms that can touch the hearts and minds of people from all backgrounds and faiths to help each of us bring out the best in ourselves within our relationships, service, and social action.

Contact: Ken Bent (kenbent@cox.net)

Reimagining Religion

Second and Fourth Tuesdays, 7:00p

Reimagining Religion is an ongoing attempt to employ the best recent scholarship in coming to grips with issues raised by radically new developments in the study of religion and thereby achieving a fuller appreciation of what religious literacy entails in the twenty-first century.

Leader: Tom Hall (twh2nd@aol.com)

Tai Chi

Every Tuesday at the home of Sean Connor, 7:00-8:30p

Tai Chi class for Beginners to Advanced, Children to Seniors. All inclusive. Instruction and Performance.

For more information or to sign up, contact Sean (seanconnor@cox.net).

