



# THE MEETING HOUSE TIMES

February 11, 2018

## TODAY

10:30a in the Meeting House

**The Wholly Family, A Multigenerational Service**

**Cathy Seggel, DRE, Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay & Families**

An annual celebration of the many ways we are family. Over the years, family stories have been shared by people of many ages, races, and economic conditions and many family configurations: GLBTQ, “traditional” couples, one parent, and single-person families. Come, and celebrate with us!

*Childcare for infants to three-year-olds will be open on the second floor of the Parish House.*

11:30a **Annual Cookoff in the Parlors (see page 2)**

**Coffee Hour in the Parish House Parlors/Atrium**

Newcomers Cafe in the Paneled Parlor

Coffee Hour Baking Sign-up

Women’s Alliance Coffee Sale

Atrium Bookstore Open

12:15p **Green Team in the Haynes Room**

5:00p **Campus UUs**

All college aged young adults are welcome to weekly gatherings in the Parish House. Contact Maria (maria\_ronchi@brown.edu) or Cathy in the church office.

7:00p **UU Men (see page 2)**

## NEXT SUNDAY

**Sunday, February 18**

**Beauty as Spiritual Nourishment Rev. Lilia Cuervo**

Looking for and enjoying beauty is a way to nourish the soul, observes Matthew Fox. Let us reflect on how we can encounter beauty in splendid features of nature and, most important, in ordinary things around us. Persevering on the path of beauty, we are bound to experience joy, gratitude, and love, necessary values to nurture the human and the spiritual in us.

*The Rev. Lilia Cuervo, a native of Colombia, was the first Latin American woman ordained in the Unitarian Universalist denomination. At First Parish in Cambridge she also made history by being the first woman to be installed as Parish Minister there. She is a co-founder of the Latino/a UU Networking Association (LUUNA) and the initiator and a translator of several pieces for Las Voces del Camino, the Spanish-language Unitarian Universalist hymnal.*

Young people begin in classrooms and worship in chapel.

## THE WEEK AHEAD

**Monday, February 12**

6:00p **Worship Committee**

7:00p **Benevolent Street Zendo**

**Tuesday, February 13**

6:00p **Deacons meeting**

7:00p **Reimagining Religion**

7:00p **Knitting for a Better World**

A weekly gathering for knitting and conversation.

Bring your own project or work on one of our group projects. Yarn, needles, and instruction available.

**Wednesday, February 14**

4:00p **Nominating Committee**

7:00p **Natural Wisdom and Compassion Meditation**

A weekly drop-in guided meditation adapted from Tibetan Buddhism.

Contact: Ken Bent (kenbent@cox.net)

**Thursday, February 15**

7:00p **Sanctuary Training**

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**For details on these and future programs**  
(meeting locations, contact information, etc.),  
see the monthly newsletter on the church website at  
[www.firstunitarianprov.org](http://www.firstunitarianprov.org)

# PROGRAM NEWS

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### **Annual Cook-Off to Feature Your Best Stew/Hearty Soup! Today, February 11 during Coffee Hour**

The Membership Committee invites you to cook up a batch of your best stew. During Coffee Hour today, folks will have the chance to taste all entries and vote on their favorite! All are welcome to join in, and last-minute dishes will be accepted.

### **Path to Membership Class**

#### **Two-part session, Saturday, February 24, 2:00–5:00p and Sunday, February 25, 12:00–2:00p**

The Path to Membership class is for anyone who is interested in membership or in learning more about Unitarian Universalism and First Unitarian. The classes are led by our minister, Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay; our Director of Religious Education, Cathy Seggel; and our Membership Coordinator, Jenn Nardone. Childcare provided if requested in advance.

Registration forms are available in the Newcomers' Café and on the Membership Board in the Parish House hallway.

For questions, contact: Jenn Nardone, Membership Coordinator (mem@firstunitarianprov.org) or call the church office (401.421.7970). On Sundays, Jenn can be found in the Newcomers' Café in the Parish House (behind the fireplace).

### **Newcomers' Café - Every Sunday during Coffee Hour**

Held in the elegant and intimate Paneled Parlor, the Café is hosted by a rotating cast of church members and offers coffee, goodies, and fellowship. If you're new to the church, this is a great place to meet people in a less daunting setting than the regular Coffee Hour. If you've been around for a while, this is a great place to help new folks get acclimated. To sign on as a café host, contact: Jennifer Nardone, Membership Coordinator (mem@firstunitarianprov.org)

### **Women's Alliance Gourmet Coffee Sale**

Why settle for any old coffee. You can create your very own unique coffee using the gourmet coffees sold by the Women's Alliance. They sell two bold coffees, one medium, and two decafs. All types come in both beans and drip-grind 12 oz. bags. And all are organic and freshly roasted in Rhode Island! Your purchase helps the community – the Alliance donates proceeds to worthy causes. Visit their coffee table.

### **Our Coffee Hour.**

Be Our Valentine this month and bring treats for our Coffee Hour. Our Coffee Hour is a cooperative effort organized by The Women's Alliance with donations from our congregation of peanut and peanut butter free baked or bought goodies such as brownies, cookies, fruit, cheese and crackers, sandwiches, coffee cake and more. In order to feed the ravenous crowd each Sunday, we need 8 people bringing donations that serve 24 each. Sign up in the first parlor during Coffee Hour and go home with a reminder so you won't forget. And – you just might get a kiss!

### **A Night at the Theater - "Twelve Angry Jurors"**

**Thursday, March 8 at Barker Playhouse**

**Reception at 6:30p, Performance at 7:30p**

**Tickets on sale February 11, 18, 25 during Coffee Hour at the Alliance Coffee Table**

The Alliance has purchased half the house (50 seats) on the evening of Thursday, March 8, and is inviting members of the congregation to join them.

Discounted, limited-seating tickets are \$20. There will be a dessert reception before the performance. Reserving your ticket now helps the Alliance plan for the evening. You will be given a ticket as a reminder.

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

### **UUMen**

#### **Sunday, February 11, 7:00–9:00p**

The topic is Gratitude and How One Can Cultivate It and Increase Our Well-being and Happiness by Doing So. Facilitator: Paul Bazin (pbazin11@gmail.com)

### **Benevolent Street Zendo: An Ongoing Zen Meditation Group - Mondays at 7:00p**

If you have never attended, please arrive at 6:45p for a brief orientation. You may call or text Cindy Bapties (401.573.0881) for more information.

### **Innate Wisdom and Compassion Meditation Every Wednesday at 7:00p**

Contact: Ken Bent (kenbent@cox.net)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### **Knitting for a Better World Mitten Tree**

Our tree is blooming! Please bring any new or gently used hats, scarves, mittens, gloves or sock donations to the basket in the atrium. Mittens and gloves are desperately needed. Thanks!

### **Calling all Sanctuary Host Volunteers!**

Please look for an email in the coming week from the Sanctuary Host Committee. We will be doing a trial run of our Host sign up to test how it works. For more information, talk to a member of the Sanctuary Host Steering Committee, or email firstsanctuary@gmail.com

### **Sanctuary Host Training Part 2**

#### **Thursday, February 15, 7 to 9pm**

If you attended one of our first Sanctuary Trainings you are invited to join us for the second part of our Non Violence Training this coming Thursday.

We will be doing role playing and learn how to record video on a cell phone. The Center for the Practice and Study of Non Violence will be conducting this training. Donations are appreciated. RSVP at firstsanctuary@gmail.com