



# THE MEETING HOUSE TIMES

March 25, 2018

## TODAY

### One Thing You Need To Know from your program staff

#### Child Dedications - Easter Sunday, April 1

The next child dedication ceremony will take place on Easter Sunday, April 1, during the service. Families who would like more information or to participate can contact Cathy in the church office (401.421.7970).

#### 10:30a in the Meeting House

##### We're All Omelettes

##### Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay

None of us comes through life unscathed. Some of us have come through a lot – and maybe aren't done, by a long shot, with what we've come through. How do we manage in lives and a world that can throw us so off-balance, that hurt us, sometimes even break us – and yet we live, and life calls us on. What does it mean to live like this – what does it require of us, and what does it, even improbably offer us, to live on these trying, and inevitable, terms?

*Young people begin in classrooms and worship in chapel.*

#### 11:30a 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

#### 11:45a RE Sing along in the Atrium - Pick up children and youth early

#### 12:15p Art Collective in the Haynes Room

#### 5:00p Campus UUs are on spring break and will resume on Sunday, April 8

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

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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)

## THE WEEK AHEAD

### Monday, March 26

7:00p Benevolent Street Zendo

### Tuesday, March 27

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, March 28

7:00p Harvest the Power

7:00p Natural Wisdom and Compassion Meditation

A weekly drop-in guided meditation adapted from Tibetan Buddhism. Contact: Ken Bent ([kenbent@cox.net](mailto:kenbent@cox.net))

## NEXT SUNDAY

### April 4 Easter (and Passover!): A Multigenerational Service Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay, DRE Cathy Seggel

As spring blooms, it's time to look at aspects of the Easter story for lessons, wisdom, maybe some things we've forgotten, or never knew, about Easter and the meaning it can hold for UUs. This rich, multi-age service will offer something (at least one something) for everyone.

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

## COMMUNITY LIFE

### Path to Membership

**Tuesdays, April 3, 10 & 24, 7:00–9:00p**

The Path to Membership class is for anyone who is interested in membership or in learning more about Unitarian Universalism or about First Unitarian. This three-session course is offered three times during the year; this is the last series for this church year. The classes are led by our Minister, Liz Lerner Maclay; our Director of Religious Education, Cathy Seggel; and our Membership Coordinator, Jenn Nardone. Childcare will be provided if requested in advance.

If you have questions or to register, contact: Jenn Nardone, Membership Coordinator ([mem@firstunitarianprov.org](mailto:mem@firstunitarianprov.org)) or call the office (401.421.7970). She can be found in the Newcomers' Cafe behind the fireplace on Sundays.

### 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](mailto:mem@firstunitarianprov.org))

### Women's Alliance Gourmet Coffee Sales

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 from its sales to worthy causes. Visit their table in the Atrium.

### Our March Coffee Hour

You don't have to be Irish to have good luck this month! Just sign up to bring goodies to our Coffee Hour to feel lucky. Our Coffee Hour is a cooperative effort organized by the Women's Alliance with donations from our congregation of peanut butter– and peanut-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-ups are preferred in order to plan for each upcoming Sunday. Sign up in the first parlor during Coffee Hour and go home with a reminder so you won't forget. You will feel lucky all day!

## SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

### Spirit in Life Worship Service

**Wednesday, April 4 at 5:00p (rescheduled from 3/21)**

Please join the Spirit in Life group in a worship service on Wednesday evening, April 4. This service is our way of connecting our ongoing group explorations back to the congregation. Come if you are curious about the group or just would like a worship service in the early evening to calm down your day. The service will be followed by a reception in the Hope Club. Because refreshments will be served, please let Rick Richards or Pat Gifford know if you plan to attend the reception ([pgifford1259@gmail.com](mailto:pgifford1259@gmail.com)).

### Come One, Come All to the First Unitarian Passover Seder! Monday, April 2, 6:00p to 8:00p in Parish House.

Our first ever First Unitarian seder is coming up and everyone's invited! Come with your family, friends, neighbors to this dynamic, traditional ritual meal, celebrating the inspiring story of the Exodus from Egypt, a tale that has meant a great deal to many different peoples over time. Participants are invited to sign up to bring food for the meal. We'll need entrees, side dishes, matzo ball soup, desserts, wine and grape juice. Foods appropriate for a seder; no regular bread or flour-based food, and no mixing of milk and meat, please! So brisket is great, but no beef stroganoff!

RSVP by Monday, March 26 to Meghan Smith to coordinate what you can bring for the meal or to join the clean-up crew. Meghan is available either via email: [firstunitarianseder@gmail.com](mailto:firstunitarianseder@gmail.com) or after church in the atrium Today. See you there! Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay; Cathy Seggel, DRE; Nancy Weiss-Fried; Judy Ortman; Meghan Smith

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

### Knitting For a Better World

**March Tuesdays 7:00 to 9:00p**

Join us as we take a break from knitting to create Fairy Gardens for the Roger Williams Park Botanical Center. Interested? RSVP at [dalisonb@yahoo.com](mailto:dalisonb@yahoo.com)

### Sock it to Me: Socks & Undies for the Loaves & Fishes Mission

First Unitarian's Loaves & Fishes Mission will be giving socks and underpants to men in need at Emmanuel House in April. Please bring new socks and underpants to coffee hour, and drop them off at the Social Justice table in the Atrium on 4/1. No time to shop? No problem! Donate a dollar or a few, and we will pool this cash to buy these much-needed items. Boxers, briefs, tube socks, argyles, or dollars—all will be received with gratitude. Please contact Katy Killilea with your other questions: [katykillilea@icloud.com](mailto:katykillilea@icloud.com).

### Training for Sanctuary at First Unitarian

**Thursday, April 5, 7:00-9:00p**

If you haven't been able to attend our other trainings, come find out what becoming a Sanctuary Host entails and learn about other volunteer options.

Beverages and dessert will be provided. Childcare available with RSVP. RSVP at [firstsanctuary@gmail.com](mailto:firstsanctuary@gmail.com).