



Services in the Meeting House

Sunday, September 2 Let's All Stop Exploiting Women! Gregory Wakszulski
10:00a (Last Summer Sunday Service) Music by Neil Bartholomew and Lynda Gulley

Sunday, September 9 Homecoming & Water Communion All-Congregation Service
10:30a Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay, Cathy Seggel DRE, Fred Jodry, Music Director

Our beloved tradition. We'll gather together in our fullest community – all ages, members, friends, and visitors alike – and enter our church as one as we embark on the fresh church year. We'll hear and make music together and share our water from the four directions where we've spent time this summer. Please bring real or symbolic water from wherever you spent your summer. We'll bless the water we gather and add it to the store we use for blessings and dedications during the church year. Come fill your senses, reconnect with familiar friends, and make new ones, celebrating community and connection as we come home again to First Unitarian.

*Childcare for infants to three-year-olds will be open on the second floor of the Parish House.
Church school registration open before and after the service.*

Sunday, September 16 Vocation Isn't about Duty, It's about Love
10:30a Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay

This service will begin our month's consideration of call and vocation, whatever our identity, our yearnings, and our vision. We've all heard the question countless times: What do you do? And if we're lucky, at least part of what we do, for pay or for love, is what we want to do and what we believe in doing. But is that true for each of us? Do we each have something we do that we truly love? Brain science tells us that anything that interests us makes us happy. Given that, are we living the life we want to live, that we could live, that we should love? Our worship this morning will look at these questions in the light of Thomas Merton, Joseph Campbell, and the Oracle at Delphi, among others.

*First day of Sunday school. Grades K and older begin in the Meeting House.
Origins and Play Circle/Pre-K (infants–four years) meet in the classrooms
on the second floor of the Parish House.*

Sunday, September 23 The One Living Poem
10:30a Tina Cane

Reflections on poetry, connection, and the Examined Existence.
Tina Cane is the Poet Laureate of Rhode Island, where she lives with her husband and their three children. She is also the founder and director of Writers-in-the-Schools, RI and is an instructor with the writing community Frequency Providence. Her poems and translations have appeared in numerous publications, including The Literary Review, Two Serious Ladies, Tupelo Quarterly, Jubilat, and The Common. She also produces, with Atticus Allen, the podcast Poetry Dose.

Young people begin in their classrooms and worship in Chapel.

Sunday, September 30 Creation
10:30a Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay

The great Jonathan Larson, creator of the Broadway musical *Rent*, put this wisdom in a line from the show: "The opposite of war is isn't peace, it's creation." It's such a rich insight. We'll focus this Sunday on the idea of creation as our shared vocation and its impact in sustaining peace and life, within us and around us. As children we're often given a great amount of room and resources to explore and develop our own capacity for creation and creativity. Do our adult lives allow us that same license and legitimacy? If not, um, can we change that?

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We are a Welcoming Congregation

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Lately . . .

Happy End of the Summer!

I hope everyone has gotten some summer sun in, some summer fun in. Water, sun, sand, woods, mountains; whether it's a sprinkler in a yard or a lake in a park or star-watching on a clear summer night or WaterFire – summer has gifts no other season offers. I hope each of us has had some chance to enjoy them and absorb the restoring energy of soft air and warmth and light. We all need it. For me, this was a very busy summer, with lots of good things and highlights, but always the best times were the easy-going ones – sleeping in, breakfast outside, precious time to do nothing with Tim, hanging out with the dogs, listening to folk music in a pub full of good sounds and good will, late-night conversations with family over the dinner table, floating in a lake with my eyes closed, just feeling the water around me. Urgent as the world seems – and is – all the time, everyone needs and deserves rejuvenation, not just in summer, but all the time. I'm working on that for myself, and I really want that for all of us - about which you'll hear more in the coming year, for sure!

Meanwhile, of course, things are gearing up at church. We'll be starting to launch the new church year when you get this newsletter and, as always, there is a lot going on. One of the things I most want to stress is the exciting discernment work we'll be doing this fall, our whole church, working with esteemed UU theologian and consultant Rev. Dr. Thandeka. It's been many years since First Unitarian looked at its identity as a church: who we are and how we are, what we need, what we feel called to, for ourselves and our neighbors, here and now. Congregations need to revisit these questions every five to ten years, to make sure the church has a sense of itself, its identity and priorities, to help guide what we do and how we do it.

Rev. Dr. Thandeka's Love Beyond Belief™ program has a lot of relevance for this, looking at just those kinds of questions, grounded in a deep sense of community and opportunity. She will be working with us from about September 28 to October 7. Thandeka will be meeting and leading programs with staff, lay leaders, and congregants over the course of this time. Please find the schedule for her work with us on page 5 and mark your calendars. You'll see there are workshops and meetings tailored to staff or lay leadership, and three important offerings for the whole church community:

1. Her "Got Race?" lecture on Monday, October 1 (open to the public), and
2. Her two dynamic laity workshops, meant to help us look at our identity and priorities going forward, on the evening of Friday, October 5, and 9:30–4:30 on Saturday, October 6

Please try to attend all three of these – it will be so important to involve as many members and friends as possible as we share this experience and the understandings and priorities we will form together going forward.

I'll just finish, for now, by mentioning the monthly ministry themes that help us organize over the year, so that different elements of the church – Sunday worship, whether in the Meeting House or the Parish House; some Chalice Circle groups; some programs during the week – offer a range of approaches to a unifying theme. This allows us lots of ways to consider a theme, and everyone can build on those themselves with friends over coffee, with family over a meal. Our theme for September is Vocation and Call, so be ready to dive in to this interesting, layered, and sometimes hard-to-pin down experience.

I've missed you lots this summer – and am so happy that I'll see you soon, have a chance to catch up with everyone, and share stories of the summer.

See you in church,

Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay, Minister
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
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The Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry (COM) would like to introduce itself: Our five members are Martha Rice Sanders, Chair; Michael Cappelli, Wendy Oliver, Tiffany Reed, and Bill Twaddell. Our primary purpose is to provide our minister with support as she transitions into her ministry at First Unitarian. We do this through advisement, as well as discussion and assistance with executing her ministerial goals for each church year. This work is undertaken in coordination with the PruComm, but gives the minister a separate space to discuss issues especially pertinent to her actions within the church. Although our church has not had a Committee on Ministry for some time, it is a common practice in UU churches, particularly for the first few years of a new minister's tenure.

The Committee on Ministry participates in various concrete projects in the church, as well as serving its advising function. For instance, last summer the COM began organizing the various groups needed for Liz's installation. We helped with the planning and execution of the event from July through its culmination in October.

We then turned our attention to larger goals, including developing a planning process for the church. This planning process began last year, through the PruComm, and will continue this fall in a special workshop led by Rev. Dr. Thandeka. Liz and the COM encourage the entire congregation to be invested in the planning process to help guide us over the next 5-10 years.

Last year's goals included coordinating our various social justice projects, including Sanctuary, Black Lives Matter, and gun violence prevention. COM members helped Liz get acquainted with members of the greater Rhode Island community, including our neighbors at Brown, on Capitol Hill, and in the religious community. These connections will help connect the church to the community in many ways.

One of Liz's goals was fair pay for the staff according to UU guidelines; our community met this goal last year through our Commitment Drive. Another goal is initiating a comprehensive pastoral care program this coming year. The demand for pastoral care has been constant, and it is difficult for one minister to address all the needs of a congregation of our size.

The COM looks forward to working with the congregation during the planning process this fall. If you have kudos, concerns, or comments, please let us know.

– Martha Rice Sanders, Committee on Ministry
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Looking for Liz? The best way to be sure to see her is to make an appointment for one of her office days. Contact Administrator Nancy Forsstrom (admin@firstunitarianprov.org) and she will find a time for you.



Spiritual Pathways

You and I, We make the circle
 If we choose to.
 Come, step in, I am waiting for you.
 "Waiting" – Marta Valentin

You are enthusiastically invited. The experience resumes soon and continues for a lifetime. We understand that you will have choices to make. We also know that the call is clear. You are needed. That means children, youth, and adults of all ages. You, of each and every identity, skill set and yearning. Once we embark on the path, it will twist and turn, be smooth and rocky, fun and rough, sweet and uncomfortable, always with room for growth, learning, and love.

You are invited – called, if you prefer that term – to navigate the seas of building and embracing a healthy faith community together. I know there are more than enough activities, programs, jobs, schools, and needs for unscheduled hours hankering for our participation. I believe that, amidst complicated choices, it is well worth the effort and the time to accept this invitation to our ministry with families, so that you don't have to parent alone.

There will be upcoming communications galore to beckon you to church life. For starters, I ask that you peek at your copy of the annual congregational *Resource Book*, mailed recently to households. It can also be found online on our website (www.firstunitarianprov.org). Beginning in September, I will also be sending a monthly family e-message.

For now, I am happy to share this brief description of Sunday mornings for children and youth to whet your appetite for more. Sundays flow from worship in the Parish House chapel or Meeting House into small groups of young people and volunteer teacher teams. Small Groups (aka classes) for children, youth, and adults meet to build connections and relationships. Gatherings will include time for the sharing of joys and concerns, discussion of relevant life and current issues, and a community snack, in a respectful, relaxed atmosphere. Each group has a theme or "rock" with associated goals. The curriculum is everything we do and how we do it, not simply the resources that present thematic content. Our family ministry is one that inspires collaborative learning and faith development.

This summer, I swam in the ocean, hugged fiends and family, and absorbed learning from colleagues and authors. I so appreciate the Star Island LRE workshop that informs this year's programming to better serve our congregation in our current world. I am full of energy to infuse wisdom into a family ministry where relationships are everything and where we value a message shared in *Salsa, Soul and Spirit*, by Juana Bordas, to create and sustain a collective community of all ages that is generous, interconnected, and based on love.

I am waiting for you . . .

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First Unitarian *Resource Book* for 2018-19

Copies of our annual *Resource Book* have been mailed to member households. This guide includes a congregational calendar, information about our staff, membership, programming for children, youth, and adults, with opportunities to connect and participate, and much more. The *Resource Book* is also being posted on the church website (www.firstunitarianprov.org).

Registration for the 2018-19 Spiritual Pathways Religious Education Program

Annual enrollment for our religious education program for children and youth begins in September, in person, on Homecoming Sunday, September 9. Online registration is available on the church website (www.firstunitarianprov.org).

Please note: Families must register children and youth each year.

Schedule of Opening Events

Sunday, September 9

10:30a – Homecoming/Water Communion – An All-Congregation Worship Service

- **Childcare** for infants to three-year-olds open on the second floor of the Parish House.
- **Registration** begins before church and continues during coffee hour in the Atrium.

12:00–2:30p – Coming of Age Parent Orientation in the Haynes Room

Thursday, September 13

7:00p – Teacher Team Orientation in the Parish House and classrooms.

Sunday, September 16

10:30a – First gathering of Small Groups (classes) for Children & Youth

Grades K and older begin in the Meeting House for the first portion of the worship service, leaving with teachers for classes.

Nursery/Toddler and Pre-K begin in classrooms.

Faith Skills and Themes

The Spiritual Pathways program supports and inspires Unitarian Universalist faith formation through creating connections, empowering passions, and discovering pathways for personal transformation and to serve the world.

The **five faith skills** that are foundational to our program philosophy are:

- Cultivating Spiritual Practices
- Navigating the UU Sources
- Articulating Your Faith
- Worshiping with Your Life
- Serving the World

These **overarching themes** for each age group help guide our path:

- Newborns–Kindergarten: Welcoming Love
- 1st–5th grades: Exploring Community
- 6th–8th grades: Creating Connections
- 9th–12th grades: Empowering Passion
- Campus/Young Adults: Discovering Pathways
- Adults–Seniors: Supporting Lifelong Learning and Transitions



Sight Lines

Hello and Welcome Back!

The summer had a little bit for everyone: rain, sunshine, heat, humidity, storms, even a tornado. I hope you had a chance to relax, spend time with friends and family, read a few books, or binge watch a show or two.

I plan to use this space to report on the long list of goals and activities the Prudential Committee, our governing body, plans to undertake during the church year. A few of those goals are launching the Love Beyond Belief™ program; working with our minister, Liz Lerner Maclay, to understand and implement her vision of pastoral care; and laying the ground work for celebrating the 300th anniversary of our congregation and the return of General Assembly to Providence, both of which are occurring in 2020.

This month, I would like to share a few updates on activities which occurred during the summer months. We launched a team, chaired by Neil Bartholomew, to define our sound system issues, determine solutions and costs, and ensure recommended solutions position the church to take advantage of Internet-streaming technologies. The Personnel Committee, led by Kate Bowden, will be looking into the need for and feasibility of hiring an additional staff member for pastoral care. The Sanctuary Host Team has been meeting regularly to prepare to for our first guest, and they have received all necessary approvals from the city. Full steam ahead! We have also taken steps to upgrade our security system to make our environment safer for all who visit, work, and worship in our buildings.

Volunteers! We need you! Several groups will be reaching out to you individually or via a general request for help during the church year. Please raise your hand or say “yes” to a volunteer opportunity. Your generous contributions of talent and time can make a difference in the life of our congregation.

I encourage you to find out more about the Prudential Committee. Stop by our bulletin board in the Parish House hallway to see our pictures, review the agenda for an upcoming meeting, or review meeting minutes of our past meetings. The Prudential Committee meets the second Wednesday of each month (except during the summer) at 6:45p in the Haynes Room. Meetings are open to the all and I encourage you to attend. With the help of the Communications and Technology teams, you will soon have access to some Prudential Committee materials on the church’s website.

And finally, if you have not done so, stop, look up as you approach the church, and take a long gaze at the restored steeple and building. Your contributions made this beautiful work possible. Thank you – and welcome to the start of a new church year.

Cheers!

John Simmonds
 President, Prudential Committee
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RAISE YOUR HAND if you’d like to volunteer for Sunday morning front desk duty.
 Contact: Lucille Riccitelli (luriccitelli@cox.net). And thank you!



Treasurer’s Report



The 2018/19 church year at First Unitarian is promising to be one of renewal and growth, both in commitment to our mission and increasing membership. Our congregation is enthusiastically responding to new initiatives by generously increasing their financial commitment to our mission.

This church year’s \$730,000 budget is fully funded in large part due to a 5.2% increase in pledge commitments. In fact, 60% of our budget is paid for by congregational giving. Endowment income covers another 31%, with parking and event rentals making up the final 9% .

Roberta Groch, our treasurer-in-training for next year, and I are looking forward to meeting congregational goals as we administer the budget funds approved at June’s Annual Meeting.

Still, there are many activities, programs, and responsibilities that still are not possible due to lack of funding. Many in the congregation would like to see increased involvement in social justice issues, spiritual instruction, internal and external community building, and improvements to our campus building and grounds.

This year the Treasurers’ primary goal is to help create a long-term financial strategy that will enable the yearly income growth necessary to fund a greater number of congregation-sponsored initiatives, while also increasing endowment principal. We will be working with Prudential and Finance Committee members in creating and recommending options to achieve that goal. We welcome input from friends and members of the congregation during this process.

In the meantime, see you in church!

– David House, Treasurer

Hats Off to ...

Our Summer Service Speakers: Cy O’Neil, Bruce Boucek, Jim Cowan, Nancy Shand, Nancy Worthen, Tony Allen, Pam Steager, Beth Armstrong, Marilyn Eanet, Kristen Ivy Moses, Tiffany Reed, Linda Scott, and Gregory Wakszulski.

Our Coffee Hour Providers last June: Court Tanzi, Louise Sloan, Joan Rollins, Elissa Emerson, Lynda Gully, Rachel Spaulding, Kelley Smith, Marilyn Eanet, Joyce Boober, Anne Connor, Hillary Salmons, Suzanne Francis, Lyn Bradford, Jude Sonder, Lucille Riccitelli, Beth Anterni, Tracy Hands, Nancy Shand, and all of you who brought something in to surprise us.

Love Beyond Belief™



We are excited to announce that First Unitarian has engaged renowned UU minister, scholar, and congregational consultant the Rev. Dr. Thandeka for a church-wide program of congregational discernment and empowerment. Thandeka will be with us from September 28 to October 7. She will be bringing us a custom-made version of her Love Beyond Belief™ program. Most recently, she offered the eight-day program at the 1,500-member First Unitarian Society of Madison, Wisconsin, and the 2,000-member All Souls Unitarian Church of Tulsa.

You'll find information in the sidebar on her Monday, October 1, presentation entitled "Got Race?" (to which the public is invited) and the Friday-Saturday, October 5-6 workshop, "Love Beyond Belief: Practicing the Heart of Our Faith" (for which the whole congregation is invited to register).

Thandeka trademarked the words "Love Beyond Belief" to describe her open-hearted, non-creedal and nondoctrinal approach, which uses insights from affective neuroscience to help participants know unconditional love. As her program proposal states,

In the language of theism, the experience of love beyond belief can be described as an experience of God. In the language of Humanism, the experience of love beyond belief can be described as a flash of insight and understanding bringing humanity together. These experiences mark the beginning of wholeness in our broken lives."

"Got Race?" traces the history of racial identity-formation in America, showing how racial identities were "invented" in America to keep both blacks and whites in their place. The presentation provides an alternative to shame- and blame-based anti-racism programs.

Thandeka's new book, *Love Beyond Belief: Finding the Access Point to Spiritual Awareness*, is now available for purchase at Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, and Westar Institute (www.westarinstitute.org/store/love-beyond-belief/).

Thandeka is a force of nature – an experience not to be missed!

Don't miss the heart of our time with Thandeka!

Mark your calendars now and make sure you're coming to her Laity Workshop: Practicing the Heart of Our Unitarian Universalist Faith

Friday, October 5, 6:00p–9:30p (dinner will be served)

Saturday, October 6, 10:00 am–4:00 pm
(coffee and lunch will be served)

This faith development workshop, led by the Rev. Dr. Thandeka, is for congregation leaders and laity, designed to develop a deeper sense of who we are as Unitarian Universalists and gain an expanded sense of what we can do together.

Registration is required.

Please RSVP to admin@firstunitarianprov.org with the number of people in your party. Programs/child care will be available on Friday and Saturday – please include in your RSVP the names and ages of any children to be registered for program/child care.

Thandeka's Consultation Schedule

Saturday, September 29, 9:00a - 5:00p

Ministry and Music Teams Workshop

All who are involved in worship planning are invited for a day of reflection on the foundation of our worship. Lunch will be served.

Sunday, September 30, 12 - 1:30p

Ministry and music teams will meet after the worship service to assess the time of worship, based on learnings and ideas from the Saturday workshop. Lunch will be served.

Monday, October 1, 6:00–9:00p

Public lecture, "Got Race?"

This theme explores the history of racial identity formation in the United States. This lecture is open to the public and we are encouraged to invite everyone we know. Let us know if you work in or frequent a public place and would like a poster to display.

Tuesday, October 2, 1:00p

Meeting with church staff

Tuesday, October 2, 7:00–9:00p

Production Meeting with Ministry and Music teams for October 7 service.

Wednesday, October 3, 7:00 - 9:00p

Meeting with Prudential Committee

Thursday, October 4, 5:00–9:00p

Meetings with other church committees

Friday, October 5, 6:30 - 9:30p

Saturday, October 6, 9:30 - 4:30p

Laity Workshop

This is a foundational event and you will want to attend *both sessions*. If you are not able to attend both, please plan to attend the session which fits with your schedule – it is better to experience one rather than none!

Refreshments, light supper, and lunch will be served.

Reservations are essential for this workshop!

Please contact Administrator Nancy Forsstrom (admin@firstunitarianprov.org or 421-7970) and let her know how many people will be attending each session.

Sunday, October 7, 12:00–2:00p

Assessment meeting with Ministry and Music Teams



Community Life

Welcome Back Ice Cream Social

Sunday, September 16, after Coffee Hour (12:00p)

It's that time of year again! Come one, come all to our annual Ice Cream Social to celebrate the start of the new church year. Say hi to some old friends and meet some new ones.



Bring a picnic or purchase a hot dog. Have some Ice Cream! Invite a friend and see you there! Sponsored by the Religious Education and Membership Committees.

Welcome to All Newcomers, Members, and Friends!

A warm welcome to all the Newcomers who have visited First Unitarian over the summer, to all the Friends and Members who have been away for these months, and anyone visiting for the first time. Our new church year gets under way at our Homecoming Sunday on September 9. This promises to be a year of settling in, growing deeper roots, continued branching out, new friendships and possibilities. We are all looking forward to coming together in our beloved community!

Here are some ways you can help to create a community of hospitality.

'Hello my Name is' Name Tags – Say Hello

Imagine coming into a large vibrant community as a new person – you have so many new faces and names to learn. Wearing your name tag is a thoughtful way to help everyone, from newcomers to long-timers, find their way into our community. It helps all of us learn each other's names and reminds us of names we just can't quite remember. It signals that we are welcoming and ready for conversation. If you need a new name tag, you can request one on the sign-up sheet (on the clip board) on the Welcome Table in the Parish House hallway. Thank you for wearing your name tag – and say Hello to someone who is new to you!

Help Meet the Parking Challenge

The start of a new church year is a good time to remind ourselves that parking on Sunday mornings can be challenging. Let's think of those who have never attended before, cannot walk far, and or are bringing small people. We all do our best to be considerate, but maybe we can do a little better. Can those of us who are able-bodied walk a little farther, leave the church parking lot open for the elderly and young families among us? And for the newcomer who has never been here? Parking is available at the Hope Club lot (most Sundays) across Benevolent Street and in the Brown University Horace Mann lot on George Street. Street parking means only a short walk. By planning ahead, we can all make the parking challenge more manageable for everyone.

– Jennifer Nardone, Membership Coordinator

Please Take Photos!

We're launching a new photo project: A Year in the Life of First Unitarian. If you have a camera, please bring it to any church activity – small or large – and snap away. We need photos of people of all ages doing things together – action shots that showcase what First Unitarian folks *do* and tell the story of what we are about. We have plenty of architectural photos of First Unitarian but not nearly enough of our people in action.

First Unitarian is an active congregation. We gather to make a difference in the world, to worship, sing, learn, cook, listen, help each other, create, share, socialize. All are photo opportunities, whether it's a committee meeting, a church school class, or a major all-church event.

The photos that you share will go into a photo library and may be used on our website, in the *Resource Book*, newsletters, and other publications. The Communications Team currently has access to many photos that have been taken over the years, but most are quite out of date. We need a refreshed photo library.

Please send your photos to FirstUYearInPhotos@gmail.com. We look forward to creating a photographic memory of our year together.

– The Communications Team

Newcomers' Café

Every Sunday during Coffee Hour

Held in the 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)

Welcome Back Coffee Hour

While you're catching up with friends, meeting new ones, and enjoying our Coffee Hour, take a moment to sign up to provide good things to eat all month. 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 goods, brownies, cookies, fruit, cheese and crackers, sandwiches, coffee cake, and more. These donations can be home-made or store-bought. Each Sunday we need eight to ten people bringing donations that serve 24 each.

Sign-ups are preferred in order to plan for each upcoming Sunday. You'll find the sign-up sheet in the first parlor during Coffee Hour.

Atrium Bookstore Reopens!

The Atrium Bookstore will be back September 9 with its eclectic mix of titles relating to meditation, social justice, spiritual paths, inspirations from other religious traditions, and environment concerns, plus an array of well-illustrated books for kids. We always look forward to suggestions for new titles.

– Irene and Tony Allen





Community Life

Preparing for the 300th

Meeting, Sunday, September 9, 12:00p in the History Room

The History Committee's mission is to archive and preserve the historical records of the church and develop ways to share its nearly 300-year history with the congregation. Past projects include a video of the 200th anniversary celebration of the Meeting House in 2016, materials describing First Unitarian's five-acre burial ground at Swan Point Cemetery, a self-guided tour of the Meeting House, "Moments in the 200-Year History of the Meeting House," and a Meeting House Coloring Book.

The work of the committee is now focused on contributing to the 300th anniversary celebration of the congregation's founding in 1720. Anyone interested in researching or writing about the people and events in our congregation's past is most welcome to join the committee's work.

For more information, come to our meeting on September 9 or contact Janet Downing Taylor.

2019 Commitment Drive: Getting in Gear

Your Commitment Drive team is at it again! We're feeling great about last year's successful mission-driven campaign, which reversed a three-year downward trend in both numbers of contributors and the amount of money raised to support our ministries. Our goal for 2018-19 is to continue the emphasis on thoughtful and engaged generosity, and we have already begun planning the 2019 Commitment Drive. At our first meeting in late July, we welcomed Derek Smith, Kim Ziegelmayer, and Tiffany Reed to meet with past members Joe Fisler, Cindy Rosengard, Gail Brule, Roberta Groch, Rick Richards, and Janet Downing Taylor. We would welcome the assistance of more willing workers and would be delighted if you would like to join us.

if you have questions or would like to sign up to be a part of the team, please contact either Cindy Rosengard (crosengard@gmail.com) or Joe Fisler (jfisler1@gmail.com)

Our New Online Directory Is Growing Fast

As we quickly grow to more than 500 members, the hope is that the new directory will help all of us – not least our minister, Liz Lerner Maclay, and our new church administrator, Nancy Forsstrom – connect names with faces and get in touch with each other more easily. The directory is free, and cost to the church is minimal. One big advantage of an online church directory is that we can update contact information at any time, making the directory always current.

Response has been positive to the email sent out this summer to each church Member and Contributing Friend with instructions on how to log in, verify contact information, and submit a photo. The directory already has around 200 photos.

Have you submitted your family photo and contact information? You can submit a photo and send up-to-date contact information to the email address below. If you would like a fresh photo of you/your family to be taken for the directory, several people with cameras will be available on upcoming Sundays after the service.

We encourage each member to log in from time to time and make sure that your contact information is up to date.

Have questions? Need log-in information? Contact anyone on the Online Photo Directory Team – Cynthia Rosengard, Jenn Nardone, Bev Koteff, and Bill Koteff – at FirstUPhotoDirectory@gmail.com.



Sample of a family photo and contact information that you will see on your smart phone when you log into our new online photo directory.

The Women's Alliance

September Is Membership Recruitment Month

The Women's Alliance is an affiliate of the First Unitarian Church with a mission to serve the community, provide friendship and enrichment for its members, and support the church and its denomination.

The Alliance meets monthly between October and June. Our programs and luncheons are open to the public (including men!). The first program of the new church year is on October 1 at 11am, followed by a gourmet, three-course luncheon (\$10) at noon.

We invite all women to talk with any of us about what it means to be an Alliance member. Several Alliance members will be ushering for the Homecoming church service on September 9. Or stop by the Alliance Coffee Sales table in the Atrium during Coffee Hour and pick up a flyer about the Alliance and its monthly programs, as well as a membership packet if you are interested in joining. You do not need to be a member of the church, or even attend the church, to become a member of the Alliance. There will be a photo album of past year's activities and events at the table, and members who will be happy to talk with you about what we do.

– Gail Brule, Alliance President

Camp Street Ministries

Save your grocery receipts from Eastside Marketplace and place them in the collection box at the back table in the Atrium near the Haynes Room. The Women's Alliance collects them for the benefit of Camp Street Ministries.

Gourmet Coffee Sales in the Atrium

Why settle for any old coffee? You can create your very own unique coffee using the gourmet coffees sold by the Women's Alliance: two bold coffees, one medium, and two decafs. All types come as both beans and drip-grind in 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 the Alliance coffee table in the Atrium on any Sunday.



Community Life

Meeting House Renovations Completed

As of late August, the contractors were putting the finishing touches on the Meeting House restoration. By Homecoming Sunday, September 9, we will see our Meeting House as the architect, John Holden Green, envisioned it in 1816, with crisp lines and gleaming surfaces. What a difference from past years! Be sure to look up as you approach the church this fall.

The finishing touches work includes a complete resetting of the stone steps at the Benefit Street entrance (see below), stone surface refinishing around the entry-way doors, and reinstalling restored metal work leading into the entrance. Grass planting around the restored step areas will just be coming in upon our return.

Even better news is that exterior restoration cost is coming in at about \$115,000 *less* than predicted. This means that if all who pledged make their final payments by March 31, 2019, the capital campaign fund will have approximately \$175,000 remaining to complete interior restoration work.

And there is plenty of interior restoration work to be done. Immediate work includes safety upgrades, bell clapper repair to ensure our Revere bell doesn't crack when rung, and Benefit Street entry foyer prep and painting, to mention a few. Much of that work can be done in spring and summer of 2019 as our Capital Campaign contributions continue to come in.

Grants and pledges received prior to August 1 allow us to pay all but \$70,000 of the final exterior restoration bill. We will make up the difference by borrowing from our Ocean State Capital Repair fund, to be paid back by remaining Capital Campaign pledge contributions. Your continued dedication to meeting the pledge contribution schedule will ensure that the Capital Repair Fund will be restored to its current level, while building funding for interior restoration so desperately needed.

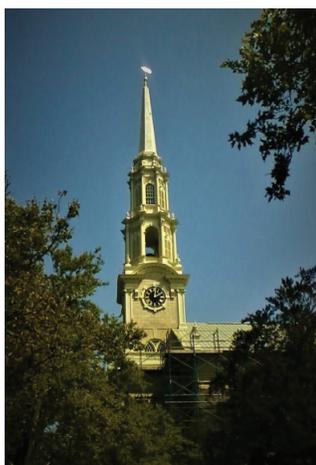
In the meantime, we all should be proud of our contribution to keep our Meeting House a shining beacon of our commitment to our mission and our community. Thanks to you all!

– David L. House, Meeting House Restoration Coordinator

Right: The Meeting House on May 15 (left) and August 15 (right).

As the scaffolding comes down, the majesty of the building shines through.

Below: The uneven stone steps at the front of the Meeting House were removed, the ground leveled, and the stone slabs replaced (note the numbered tape that identified the placement of each slab).



Deacons' Corner

New church year, new projects, new people joining the long-time First Unitarian community. We're excited to be getting back together!

One of the Deacons' priorities is to imagine, support, and encourage activities that strengthen our sense of community. The new church picture directory is just such a program. If you haven't looked at it yet, it's available to view on your mobile device! Instant Church Directory – the program we use to build our church directory – has a free app for church members to download.

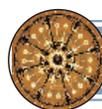
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- your Kindle Fire, go to www.amazon.com/Communication-Resources-Inc-Instant-Directory/dp/B00D76604E/ref=sr_1_1?s=mobile-apps&ie=UTF8&qid=1371671565

We'd really like to get everybody into the directory. It helps us all get to know each other, and feel like a family.

Another Deacons' priority is to be aware of people's experiences of and reactions to what the church is doing. We're trying to figure out the best way(s) to connect with everybody. In past years, we've used phone calls as our primary means of contact, plus email and a few other ways. But with all the political calling this year, we'd like to find some other options. Expect us to try some experiments in communicating. We'd like any good ideas about how to get in touch with you, or let you get in touch with us, without being a bother. Look for us at Coffee Hour.

The Deacons: Beth Anterni, Jim Barfoot, Joe Fisler, Peter Gray, Katy Killilea, Judie Knilans, Dave Lewis, Max Pounder, Meghan Smith



Wheel of Life

Condolences to:

The family of **Tim Dawes**, long-time member who passed away June 17, 2018.

The family of **Scott Davis**, who signed the book in November 2010 and died in June 2018.

Phyllis Cole, whose sister recently passed away.

Congratulations on their marriages to:

Skip Farinha and Louise Sloan
Lorin Pratt and Ray Zelinsky





Community Life

A Note from the Music Director

We are lucky to have a great team of music leaders and a chance for many people of different abilities to be heard at First Unitarian. Whether you sing or play an instrument, we hope to find a place for you to be involved musically. – Fred Jodry, Music Director

Y'All Come Sing

Rehearsal, Sunday, September 23 Performance, Sunday, September 29

A new place for singing is being offered this fall for those who like to sing, but may not read music or have time to participate in an ongoing group. There will be a song-learning opportunity with Beth Armstrong, after church in the choir room on Sunday 22, and then a few pieces will be offered in the service on Sunday, September 29.

Senior Choir

Our adult choir is a 25-voice group that meets Sundays at 9:00a and sings most weeks at the 10:30a service. Singing a broad range of choral rep, and occasionally working with a chamber ensemble, this group is most appropriate for those who sang in college – or who read music moderately well – as there is no evening, mid-week rehearsal. Members often commit to sing three times or so a month, and may sign out when traveling, etc.

An informal audition with the Music Director is required – sing your favorite hymn or song! An additional tenor or bass is being sought to round out the choir this year.

Contact Fred (Fred_Jodry@brown.edu) for more info

Joyful Noise

Joyful Noise, led by Marcia Taylor, is a more informal group, open to singers of all ages and abilities. Families are welcome. Joyful Noise typically shares music at Sunday services two or three times a year. Prepare for one performance, or all three. Rehearsals occur on Sundays at church and are scheduled in the month preceding the performance. Come to three half-hour rehearsals and a run-through on the day of the performance. Share your spirit in song! Joyful Noise often sings at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and once in the spring.

Contact: Marcia Taylor (mdt.renn@gmail.com)

Community Band

If you like to play an instrument, this pop/folk group may be a place for you. The Band meets throughout the year informally, and assists in Worship a few times each season.

For information, contact Kate Bowden.

Other musical events at First Unitarian include Sunday sing-alongs, sponsored here and there by the RE Committee, and a series of Chamber Music concerts presented in the Meeting House by Museum Concerts.

Peace Flag Project: September Is the Month of Peace

This year we want to highlight two special events.

There will be three Peace Art exhibits this September! A very special one here at the church will feature Jordan Seaberry, RISD graduate and Director of Public Policy and Advocacy at the Institute for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence. His Violence Project paintings focus on themes of restoration and reconciliation, creating paintings in collaboration with the families of gun-violence victims. Gallery Night on Thursday, September 20, will host a special bus to visit all three exhibits. Please sign up!

On Sunday, September 23, the Peace Flag Project will host "Triple Decker," the story of a fictional triple-decker building in Providence, about six immigrant groups and their relationship to each other and to the United States. So relevant for these times!

Please contact Ginny Fox (ginfox32@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer, or if you would like more information. Please also check out our Peace Flag Project Facebook page.



Join the Green Team to Work for Environmental Justice



Sunday, September 9, 12:15p

The Green Team Environmental Task Force promotes environmental issues and sustainable living within and outside First Unitarian. Caring for our environment is an important responsibility for ourselves and for those with the least power who are often most impacted by environmental destruction. If you share our belief that creating a sustainable way of life is central to a just and compassionate, please join the Green Team in the movement for climate justice.

Note: Our meeting time has changed from the fourth Thursday to the second Sunday.

September Birthdays

These members and friends are celebrating birthdays this month:

Katherine Ahlquist	Elizabeth Roche
Henry Allsworth	Mel Shelly
Amanda Cowan	Kristina Scheag
Aubrey Atwater Donnelly	Roxanne Stern
Madeleine Esch	
Herbert Fried	
Alison Green	
Roberta Groch	
June House	
Judith Knilans	
Bev Koteff	
Dianne Mailloux	
Ryk McIntyre	
Graham Nye	



Haven't seen your birthday? Do we know when it is? Contact us in the church office if you want your church friends to celebrate your special day with you!

Find Us on Facebook!



First Unitarian's Facebook page is loaded with updates, useful links, photos, and more! Type "First Unitarian Providence" in the search box and check it out!

If you are interested in posting a church-related event, send an email to Membership Coordinator Jenn Nardone (mem@firstunitarianprov.org) or contact the church office (401.421.7970).



Community Life

Volunteer at First Unitarian's Food Share Pantry

Next Distribution Day: Monday, September 17

The biggest social justice program at First Unitarian is the Food Share Pantry. It takes many volunteers to keep the program going! Volunteer with your van or truck to transport food from the RI Food Bank to the church, or volunteer for a shift on Distribution Day:

Set-up: 2:00p–3:00p

Shopping with clients: 3:15:00p

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

Contacts: Martha Manno (Mmanno7@comcast.net) or Judy Ortman (JudyOrtman@gmail.com)

Please note: The Food Pantry is open to all. Members of the congregation who are in need are also welcome to take part and receive food. You do not have to be receiving government help or otherwise demonstrate need. Just come to the church after 2:30p on the third Monday and fill out a brief registration form.

Welcome Back Parish House Pot Luck Supper

Friday, September 2

Everyone, young and old and in between, is welcome at these monthly gatherings of members and friends of the congregation for food, fun, and fellowship.

Times: 5:45 Reception in the Atrium

6:00 Pot Luck Supper in the Parish House parlors:

Bring a dish to share that serves eight to ten people main dish, vegetable, salad, beverage or dessert.

7:45 Program in the Auditorium



Donation: \$2 per person / \$5 per family at the door

Program: Welcome Back!

Welcome back, everybody! Join us in greeting old friends and welcoming newcomers as our congregation gathers once again for the beginning of our new church year. Our program will offer us an opportunity to reflect on recent events in our church, in the world, and in the year to come. We will also celebrate the restoration of our beautiful Meeting House!

We will be welcomed by Past President Jay Glasson and our new President, John Simmonds. They will each give a brief overview of what's been happening at the church and what's ahead for us. Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay, our minister, will discuss her views on the ministry, UU church life, and the role and the vision of the UU movement in today's world. We will also join in a Sing-along with the Community Band!

Reservations for the dinner are strongly requested. Please fill out the tear-off form in the Sunday Order of Service and put it in the collection plate or take it to the Parish House Pot Luck Suppers table in the Atrium during Coffee Hour or call the church office in advance (401.421.7970). Childcare for infants and children to age 10 will be available for parents who request in advance.

Mark your calendar for future Parish House Pot Luck Suppers!

Note that there will be two Saturday Suppers at an earlier hour to accommodate families with younger children.

Friday, October 12	Friday, February 8
Friday, November 16	Friday, March 8
Saturday, December 8	Saturday, April 13
Friday, January 11	Friday, May 10



As part of the UU Partner Church Council, we support the partnership between First Unitarian and the Unitarian church in Szentegyhaza, Transylvania, which is a part of Romania. We communicate through messages, visits and interaction with the community. The kopjfa, or memorial post, in our meditation garden and the wooden candlestick, used for our Joys and Sorrows ritual, are gifts made by our partner church. Through fundraising efforts our church helped fund the construction of their church bell tower and a loft apartment to house future visitors.

First Unitarian congregants traveled to Transylvania in 2006, 2012 and 2015. Another trip is planned in the near future. The committee welcomes all who wish to be part of this mutually enriching partnership with another congregation halfway 'round the world.

The committee is sponsoring a Congregational Conversation Sunday, September 23, right after the service in the Meeting House concerning our Partner Church's decision to allow a marriage to be sanctioned only between a man and a woman. There will be a summary handout available at the Partner Church table in the Atrium during Coffee Hour on Sundays September 2, 9, and 16. Members of the committee will also be available for questions or comments on this issue. The summary handout will include an area where people can provide questions that they would like answered at the Conversation or the Pot Luck Supper program on October 12, which will be part of the "Refresh Weekend."

We hope that the "Refresh Weekend," October 12–14, will strengthen our relationship with our partner church. The weekend, which is being planned with the UU Partner Church Council, will include the Friday night Pot Luck Supper and a program featuring Roger Bertschausen 13, and 14; the program speaker will be Roger from the Partner Church Council. Watch for details in next month's newsletter.

Contact: Tom Getz (thomas1getz@prodigy.net) or Janet Downing Taylor (jdtaylor39@verizon.net)

Mark your calendar for the Congregational Conversation about our Partner Church Sunday, September 23 in the Meeting House



Spiritual Development

Chalice Circles Fall Sign-up This Month

Chalice Circle Sampler, Sunday, September 23, 12:00p

Chalice Circles, our Small Group Ministry Program at First Unitarian, is for those seeking connections to our church community through active listening, speaking from the heart on topics that inspire, and reflecting on our daily lives. Small groups of eight to ten people enhance connections and provide an avenue for religious growth and spiritual meaning. Church members who are trained as facilitators lead, and groups share a common format: chalice lighting, check in, sharing of responses to a topic or a reading, check out, and closing. Members develop a covenant for how they will relate to each other and to the larger community.

Most Circles meet twice a month for two hours in the Parish House or in a member's home. Group members are asked to commit to six or eight sessions over four months.

If you're not sure if this program is right for you, you can experience a brief "sample" Chalice Circle, no strings attached, on Sunday, September 23 at 12:00p in the Auditorium.

Look for the Chalice Circles table in the Atrium on Sundays, September 16, 23, and 30 for more information and to sign up for fall Circles. Or you can talk with anyone wearing a "Ask Me About Chalice Circles" banner on their name tag.

For more information, contact Registrar Janet Downing Taylor (jdtaylo39@verizon.net)

Growing Our Lay Leadership

Many Unitarian Universalists experience a deepening commitment to their faith and congregation as a call to accept a position of leadership. The program helps lay leaders grow in spirit as they grow as leaders. Harvest the Power addresses the reality that today's leaders operate at a time of rapid cultural change, both in and outside our congregations. Leaders need a broad range of skills, both technical and visionary. The program's six workshops offer opportunities for both new and experienced leaders to enrich the skills they bring to their leadership and to experience their leadership journey as a Unitarian Universalist faith journey.



Harvest the Power weaves Unitarian Universalist values, Principles and Sources with four strands: spiritual development, ethical development, Unitarian Universalist identity development, and faith development. Do you feel called to a deepening sense of identity and leadership here at First Unitarian? The exploration will begin with a dinner, a Saturday retreat, and then monthly sessions (TBA). The program leaders are Cynthia Rosengard, Cathy Seggel, and Michael Currier.

If interested in joining, please contact Cynthia Rosengard (crosengard@gmail.com or 401-639-1560).

UU Men

September 9, 7:00–9:00p (monthly on the 2nd Sunday)

As we start what is (probably) our 26th year, we will gather to reacquaint, to catch up, to mourn the death of a member, and to pursue our mission to deal creatively with the issues of being male in our culture.

Steve McCloy has facilitated the opening meeting in past years. However, he will be away on September 9; so someone will need to step up and step in to facilitate the meeting, to get volunteers for the ensuing months and to open and close the circle.

"I will miss seeing you." Steve McCloy)

Ongoing Programs

Benevolent St Zen

Most Monday nights, 7:00-8:30p

We continue to practice with monthly visits from resident teacher James Cordova Sensei and occasional guest teachers for talks.

Taking our spiritual practice into action, we are planning two showings of a short movie, *A Plastic Ocean*, in conjunction with First Unitarian's Green Team on October 26 and 29.

We have a book group reading Larry Yang's "Awakening Together" and many of us got to hear him speak and join in a discussion about how to better welcome diversity in our community.

All are welcome. For an orientation please arrive at 6:45PM on Monday evening, contact us at benevolentstreetzen@gmail.com or Cindy and George Beshers are practice leaders. This is offered as an activity of First Unitarian but is part of Boundless Way Zen (www.boundlesswayzen.org Benevolent Street Zen.)

Reimagining Religion

Second and fourth Tuesdays at 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 7:00p

Tai Chi class for beginners to advanced, children to seniors. All inclusive. Instruction and performance. Make the connection between mind, body and spirit in a manner that embodies the concepts of Taoist philosophy with the practice of an old internal martial art.

Contact: Al Tringali (altringali@mac.com)

Innate Wisdom and Compassion Meditation

Every Wednesday at 7:00p

This drop-in group offers guided meditations of wisdom, love, and compassion. These practices are adapted from Tibetan Buddhism 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 and in our service and social action.

Contact: Ken Bent (krbent108@gmail.com)



Social Justice

Neighborhood Social Justice

NSJC Committee Meeting: First Sunday of each month at 12:15

Loaves and Fishes: First Tuesday of each month



The NSJC was founded to provide volunteer opportunities to work beyond our church doors, with those who have socially, economically, or legally marginalized. NSJC sponsors a monthly outreach mission to Emmanuel House, a homeless shelter in Providence, on the first Tuesday of every month, delivering food, clothing, and respectful companionship. The NSJC also sponsors various other outreach and/or educational programs including the Y'All Come Community Lunch for the homeless, held in collaboration with the Beneficent Congregational Church.

Many volunteer opportunities are available. We recently became a member of Loaves and Fishes Rhode Island (LFRI), a collaboration of various churches of different faiths, coming together to help those in need. Please stop by the NSJC table in the Atrium any Sunday after worship service to find out how you can help us, help others!

The monthly Loaves and Fishes mission, which is held on the first Tuesday of each month is set up as follows: • Sandwich brigade meets at noon at our church to make sandwiches and prepare the bags for distribution to the homeless community living on the streets of Providence. • The Outreach mission meets around 3:00p to prepare the lunch bags to be distributed those in need in Providence. • The serving crew gathers at Emmanuel House (239 Public Street) around 5:00p to prepare and then serve the homeless men staying at the shelter.

Side with Love

Wednesday, September 12, 7:00–9:00p

This summer, there were many opportunities to Side with Love by showing up for social justice. Join us on Wednesday, September 12, 7 to 9pm for our first meeting of the 2018/2019 church year, and share one way you helped resist this summer. We will be deciding where our focus should be for the year, and making plans for how we can meet our goals.

Contact: katherine.ahlquist@gmail.com

Knitting for a Better World



Every Tuesday, 7:00–9:00p

Our knitters have been knitting throughout the summer, but there is someone missing from our group. Could it be you? We knit every Tuesday night, working on our own individual projects or various group projects. We are always ready to welcome those new to knitting as well as those with years of experience. No RSVP is needed, just stop in and visit us sometime!

Contact: katherine.ahlquist@gmail.com

Sanctuary at First Unitarian

Trainings, Monday, September 17, 7–8:30p & Sunday, October 21, 12:15–1:45pm

Thanks to the hard work and perseverance of many, we officially and publicly declared our church ready to provide Sanctuary for a person or family at risk of deportation this past June. Welcoming a person or family to live within our church walls will require the support of many volunteers. Our focus this summer has been on reaching out to other faith communities in order to build our volunteer base and to promote the work of justice. We have been successful in these efforts and have held trainings in other locations to inform interested faith communities about what we are doing and how they can help. We now have volunteers from the Jewish Alliance and St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Greenville. We look forward to training more people in the autumn. If you are interested in becoming more involved, we have two orientation trainings coming up on September 17 and October 21.

We don't know when, or even if, we will be called upon to provide a safe and welcoming refuge for a person or family in need. We do know that we need to be ready, should the need arise, and to promote justice whenever possible. If you have questions, or would like to find out about additional trainings, email firstsanctuary@gmail.com.

Community Collections 2018-19

On several Sundays during the year, First Unitarian donates its nonpledge Sunday offering to a charitable cause, a practice we have been following for more than a decade. The Community Collections Committee has selected the following organizations to receive this year's contributions.

September 9 (Homecoming)

Resilient Power Puerto Rico

Resilient Power is a nonprofit organization based in Brooklyn, New York and San Juan, Puerto Rico. They are using volunteer labor and donations to obtain and install solar panels on buildings in Puerto Rico that are not connected to electricity. Much of the island is still without power after the 2017 hurricane.

October 7

Sojourner House

Sojourner House is an agency in Providence which works with the issues of domestic violence and sexual assault. They run a shelter for survivors, sponsor educational programs about sexual health, and engage in advocacy. They have a special mission to the LGBTQ community.

November

Loaves & Fishes Mission

January 13

The Girl Effect

The Girl Effect is an international organization that believes "girls are the most powerful force for change on the planet." All work and fundraising benefits organizations which donate funds directly to improve educational opportunities for girls around the world.

February 10

Providence Village

In the early 2000s, a group of Seniors in the Boston area decided that they were not interested in moving out of their homes, even as they aged. They created a model which is now guiding over 150 grassroots organizations around the country. Through member-volunteers and a small paid staff, Providence Village provides access to services and programs that allow individuals to stay in their homes.

April 14

Day One

During this Sexual Assault Awareness Month, our collection will support the efforts of Day One, a nonprofit agency in Providence working to reduce the prevalence of sexual abuse in Rhode Island, and to support and advocate for those who are affected by it.

For more information on these and future programs (meeting locations, contact information, etc.), see details in the church newsletter at www.firstunitarianprov.org

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 Last Summer Sunday Worship 10:00a	3 LABOR DAY Church Office Closed Zendo 7:00p	4 Loaves & Fishes 12:00–7:00p Tai Chi 7:00p Knitting for a Better World 7:00p	5 Meditation 7:00p	6	7	8
9 Worship 10:30a HOMECOMING RE Registration 12:00p History Comm COA Parents NSJC 12:15p Green Team 12:15 UU Men 7:00p	10 Zendo 7:00p Adult FD RT 7-8:30p Harry Potter 7:15p	11 Sanctuary N&B 6:00p Deacons 6:00p Finance 7:00p Tai Chi 7:00p Reimag. Rel. 7:00p Knitting for a Better World 7:00p	12 Prudential Committee 6:45p Meditation 7:00p Side with Love 7:00–9:00p	13 Teacher Team Orientation 7:00p	14	15 David Fox Memorial 10:30a
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