



# THE MEETING HOUSE TIMES

February 10, 2019

**TODAY**

# Welcome!

**February 10**      **The Wholly Family,**  
**10:30 am**      **a Multigenerational Service**  
**Cathy Seggel, DRE, Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay, and 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: GBLTQ, "traditional" couples, one-parent and single-person families. Come celebrate with us!

*Please note the change: Nursery and PreK meet in the Parish House, second floor*

**11:30 am**      Newcomers' Café in the Paneled Parlor  
Women's Alliance Coffee Sale  
Atrium Bookstore Open  
Ask the PruComm

*The Prudential Committee, which is the governing body of this church, invites the congregation to stop by the "Ask PruComm" table in the Atrium at coffee hour today. Representatives of the Prudential Committee will be available during coffee hour one Sunday each month to share information and welcome questions about what is happening at First U. Please stop by to chat about church matters or to ask about church business or events!*

**11:45 am**      Pastoral Care Team (Haynes)  
**12:00 pm**      COA Mentor/Mentee/Parents meet (Aud)  
**12:00 pm**      Path Class (tour)  
**12:15 pm**      Green Team (Resource)  
**5:00 pm**      Campus UUs (Ministers' Parlor)

**7:00-9:00pm**    UU Men  
**Topic: Big boys don't cry?**

Is there something wrong with men's relationship to their emotions? The rigid masculinity norms and collective socialization of men know as the "Man Box" begins suppressing the emotional expression of boys very early on. What long-term effect does this have? What effect has it had on you? How can we do better with the next generation of boys and young men? Can we still find emotional well-being and a healthier relationship to our emotions?

All those who identify as male are welcome to join us for an evening of deep, meaningful conversation and connection.

### **Can You Help Our Mitten Tree Fence?**

Please bring in any new or gently-worn mittens, hats, scarves, gloves or socks and place them in the basket in the atrium. We are running very low on all items and need your help restocking! Thank You!!

## A SPECIAL WELCOME TO NEWCOMERS AND VISITORS

We are delighted to have you with us today!

Ours is a Welcoming Congregation – which means we are people of many different religious backgrounds, and cultural and sexual identities. From this rich diversity we build a spiritual home that is open, caring, and respectful. Our programs offer a variety of adult opportunities for spiritual deepening and justice-making. We have a well-staffed and nurturing program for young people, from infants through senior high.

We invite you to read through this weekly Meeting House Times to learn about some of our upcoming services and activities. All are open to everyone. You can also learn more from our web page ([firstunitarianprov.org](http://firstunitarianprov.org)) or our Facebook page (First Unitarian Church of Providence).

To get better acquainted with our congregation, please join us for Coffee Hour, following the worship service, in the Parish House directly behind the pulpit (just follow the crowd!). There, in addition to coffee, tea, and goodies, you will find people who are happy to share information about our many activities and to answer your questions. Our Newcomers' Café (located in the parlor behind the fireplace), offers a more intimate setting for conversation with church members and other newcomers. There you can fill out a Guest Registry form if you would like to stay in touch.

Call 401-421-7970 to speak to Jenn Nardone with specific questions about programs, membership, or meeting with our professional staff.

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### **For details on any of our 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, February 11

- 5:30 pm**      **Worship Committee** (Resource)  
**6:00 pm**      **Spiritual Pathways Team** (Haynes)  
**7:00pm**      **Benevolent Street Zendo** (auditorium)

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

### Tuesday, February 12

**Please Note - Tuesday Tai Chi will resume in April**

- 6:00 pm**      **Deacons meeting** (Parlor)  
**7:00pm**      **Knitting for a Better World** (Resource)

Not limited to knitting !! Drop-ins welcome! Contact: katherine.ahlquist@gmail.com

### **7:00pm**      **Reimagining Religion**

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.

### Wednesday, February 13

- 6:45 pm**      **Pru Comm meeting** (Haynes)  
**7:00 pm**      **Side With Love** (Resource)

*We will be discussing a proposal from Rev. Gene Dyszlewski for working on the Reproductive Health Care Act of 2019.*

- 7:00 pm**      **Natural Wisdom and  
Compassion Meditation**

### Saturday, February 16

- 10:30 am**      **Memorial Service for Jim Edwards**

## NEXT SUNDAY

### Sunday, February 17 **Margaret Fuller's Church – In Providence and the Larger World** **Phyllis Cole**

Margaret Fuller, author of the nation's first consciousness-raising book for women, had surprising connections to First Unitarian during the earlier time (1837-38) when she lived and taught school in Providence. Some new digging in the archives shows how much she grew here toward her major religious vision. In light of our congregation's 300th anniversary next year, the sermon will tell this story, but it will also celebrate Fuller's messages for our own time about gender, social justice, and national borders.

*Phyllis Cole was at one time a Women's Studies in Religion Fellow at Harvard Divinity School; then, for over 25 years, taught as a professor of English at Penn State Brandywine. While writing at length about women of the Transcendentalist movement, she has served as president of both the Margaret Fuller Society and the Ralph Waldo Emerson Society. Now retired to Rhode Island, she is a member of First Unitarian and its history committee.*

*Young people begin in their classrooms and  
worship in Chapel.*

## A Night at the Theater

**Thursday evening, March 14, reception at 6:30pm, show at 7:30pm** - Tickets are available for purchase on Sundays during February

The Women's Alliance invites you to a performance by The Players at Barker Playhouse on Benefit Street. *Over the River and Through the Woods*, by Joe DiPietro, is the hilarious, warm-hearted story of intergenerational relationships and the changes that may threaten them in a close Italian-American family.

Discounted, limited-seating tickets are \$20 and are on sale during Coffee Hour in February at the Alliance coffee sales table. There will be a dessert reception before the performance starting at 6:30pm. Reserving your ticket helps the Alliance plan for the event. Net proceeds will be donated by the Alliance to charities supporting women and children.

## Thinking of joining a Chalice Circle?

Now is the time. Chalice Circles are starting up for the spring semester this February. Just fill out the pew card where you are sitting and take it to the Chalice Circle Information Table in the Atrium where you can learn more.

## Did you know...

Our Sunday services are live-streamed on Facebook? If you can't come, join us on your smart-phone, tablet, laptop, or desktop. Go to 'First Unitarian Church of Providence' on Facebook, and tune in at 10:30am on Sundays.

Later in the week, both the text and audio of Sunday sermons are posted on our church website, firstunitarianprov.org. Go to Worship, pull down to Past Services, and click on the sermon you would like to hear or read.

## The Weather...

***It is THAT season again... when any day can be totally up-ended because of wintry weather... Here's what you need to know: On Sunday, decisions about closing the church will be made by 8:00 am and posted on our Facebook page and website. Notices will be sent to the major media outlets in the area (TV and radio stations). You can also go to your favorite station website and sign up for text alerts. During the week, any cancellations will be posted when the timing is appropriate. Stay safe!!***

