



THE MEETING HOUSE TIMES

May 12, 2019

TODAY

10:30 am

In Our Hands
Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay,
Scott Lapham of One Gun Gone

In honor of Mother's Day, first founded as a holiday for non-violence, our service will again be part of a local interfaith coalition. All over the country, people of faith are rising up to demand gun control, and the increased safety for houses of worship, families, students, and schools. This morning we will celebrate the transformation of a firearm we dedicated last year into a gardening tool we can use to plant our new grounds in front of the church. Also, we welcome Scott Lapham, founder of One Gun Gone, as we remind ourselves of the sacred possibilities we hold in our hands and of our commitment to live in a world devoted, not to weapons, but to community and comity on which all peace depends.



6th - 12th graders are encouraged to attend the service;
PreK - 5th graders, there is a special program in the
auditorium with storyteller, Len Cabral,
and Marcia Taylor.

The Nursery is open on the 2nd floor of the Parish House.

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

12:15 pm Joyful Noise Rehearsal - MH

7:00-9:00pm UU Men

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

Keep an eye out for details about events and activities:

- **Memorial Day Weekend away**
- **Choir & Teacher Recognition**
- **Lay Ministry Commissioning**
 - **Annual Meeting**
 - **Flower Communion**
- **Volunteer Recognition**

Calling all Planners!

On Monday, June 10, 7:00 pm, there will be an all-church calendaring meeting. All those who plan events and/or programs for the church are urged to attend. We are hoping to leave this meeting with a good idea of what's ahead on our schedule for the 2019-2020 year. Bring your dates and your info, and come join us.

Welcome!

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) 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.

For details on any of our programs

(meeting locations, contact information, etc.),
see the monthly newsletter on the church website at
www.firstunitarianprov.org

THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday, May 13

6:30 pm Spiritual Pathways Team
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.

7:15pm Harry Potter and the Sacred Text
Take a look at the experience of applying the study of sacred texts to one of the most popular book series of our time. New folks are always welcome.

Tuesday, May 14

6:30 pm Deacons meeting (Parlor)
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.

7:00pm Tai Chi
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. First-timers can meet Al Tringali in the Auditorium for some orientation at 6:45.

7:00pm Knitting for a Better World (Res. Rm)
Not limited to knitting!! Drop-ins welcome! Contact: katherine.ahlquist@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 15

4:00 pm Spirit in Life Worship
7:00 pm Sanctuary Steering Committee
7:00 pm Meditation
A weekly drop-in guided meditation adapted from Tibetan Buddhism. Contact: Ken Bent: kenbent@cox.net

Friday, May 17

5:00 pm Art in the Atrium Opening reception
6:00 pm Parish House Pot Luck

Next Sunday

Sunday, May 19
Coming of Age Service
8th graders and mentors, with
Rev. Liz Lerner Maclay,
Cathy Seggel DRE

Our annual recognition of eighth-grade Coming of Age honorees will be the centerpiece of the service. With mentors by their sides, the class will share reflections about their individual beliefs, and the congregation will celebrate and affirm the beginning of the next stage of their lifelong faith development. Please join us for this meaningful rite of passage.

*Childcare open for infants to three-year-olds
in the Parish House, second floor.*

*Following the service there will be a Congregational
Conversation about the 2019-2020 budget.*

*The Annual and Budget Meeting of the congregation will
be held Sunday, June 2, after worship.*

The Spirit in Life group invites you to its worship service this coming Wednesday, May 15, from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. The service will be followed by a reception at the Hope Club. All are welcome!

The May exhibit in Atrium Space will have works of art by Members of the Warren, RI Artist Cooperative. Artists will include Beth Adoette, "nature mandala" photographer, Sarah Jane Lapp, visual artist, and Elizabeth O'Connell, watercolor painter and UU member. They hope to see you at the opening on Friday, May 17, from 5-7 pm.

And Don't Forget...

Sign up today for the Parish House Pot Luck, this Friday.

Your Next Faith Development Opportunity!

Are you interested in being on a 4-5 person teaching team next fall? Contact Cathy in the church office.

dre@firstunitarianprov.org

Save the date!

On June 15, Side with Love will be representing for First U during PRIDE. Mark your calendars! We will be looking for folks who want to be at our table during the festival and folks who would like to march in the Illuminated Parade that evening. Interested? Sign up at the Side with Love table, or email Katherine.ahlquist@gmail.com for more info.

Did You Know...???

You can give financial gifts to First Unitarian electronically, through our website - look for the 'give online' space on our homepage. Or... There's an App for that! For your smart phone or tablet, you can download the GivePlus+ App and make your gifts easily.



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MAY 16TH

RI COUNTRY CLUB

150 NYATT RD, BARRINGTON

6-9PM \$40/PERSON

BUFFET DINNER W/CASH BAR

SILENT AUCTION

50/50 RAFFLE

Silent auction items include a getaway to Nantucket, a "GRONK" autographed football, liquor and wine baskets and so much more----

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20,000 MEALS AND COUNTING—HELP US SERVE
OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN NEED!**

Corporate Sponsorships are available, if you would like to donate an item for the auction, purchase tickets, find out more about being a Corporate Sponsor, please stop by the NSJC table after service or contact Svetlana at

svetlanagoretaya@gmail.com

For more information about the LFRI, please visit LFRI.org

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