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If you have something YOU are passionate about, please tell us so we can spread the word.

MASS SHOOTINGS, 2017
251 gun deaths last week 14,086 gun deaths so far this year
http://www.gunviolencearchive.org/

VIGIL TO END GUN VIOLENCE
Trinity Church of Northborough, 23 Main St., will be hosting a vigil to end gun violence Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m. This vigil is part of a nationwide effort to raise awareness and educate the public on the issue during the month of December. Sylvia **ssirignano@msn.com** is going and wants company!!

PARIS AGREEMENT
Governor Baker has stated that he supports the Paris Agreement, but his actions are to embrace Methane Gas companies and continue to support investing in new fossil fuel infrastructure. The Governor needs to do what's best for the people of Massachusetts, not what's best for gas companies.

The Social Justice Committee is thinking about having a mass-call-in to our State Legislators after church and before coffee hour. 5 minutes MAX. Do you support this idea? Tell Jerry, John, Kathie, Linda, Sylvia, Marge.

You don't have to call during business hours. You can call anytime day or night and leave a message. If you don't have their phone numbers handy, look at https://malegislature.gov/Search/FindMyLegislator

**Jerry Breecher is the editor of this Social Justice Action sheet. I welcome any and all notices you would like to place here. Inherent in any such listing as this is a point of view – your point of view may differ from mine, but I would be truly delighted to express your social action agenda here.

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THANKS FOR TAKING THE SOCIAL JUSTICE SURVEY
We got approximately 40 responses – a good percentage so we appreciate the feedback. We're just starting our analysis, but more info with be coming soon.

RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE & FAMILY/MEDICAL LEAVE
Final numbers coming later this week, but UUs have now collected 1,000 signatures for EACH petition – both Raise the Minimum Wage and Paid Family & Medical Leave! *Way to go!*

4th ANNUAL THEODORE PARKER LECTURE
Islam and the Beloved Community
Speaking: Samer Naseredden, Youth Program Director at the Islamic Society, **Sunday, December 3rd, 2:00 – 4:00 PM, Theodore Parker Church 1859 Centre Street, West Roxbury.**
More info here → tinyurl.com/ydxx9nag

Help prepare welcome boxes for area refugees and others in need.
Dec 9th at 9 AM. Stronger bodies needed after 11 AM for distribution to families. **Worcester Islamic Center,** 248 East Mountain Street, Worcester. Contact Linda Clark (who is the Social Justice Chair in Northborough) → LindaAndPete@comcast.net

Coming this Spring to UUCSW →
Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want, by Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen, (Beacon Press, 2017) lifts up the importance of democracy itself. It examines the anti-democracy movement that has led to the Trump presidency, then offers a vision and call to action to save our democracy and to take our civic life to a place it has never been.