

## Social Justice Action

*"We must use time creatively, and forever realize that the time is always ripe to do right."* - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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

There are SO SO SO many social justice opportunities in our church right now!

## SATURDAY APRIL 7, 2018 - HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Many people may be hesitant about trying this. Some may fear they don't have the "necessary" skills. Here's the truth. No skill is needed – there are many kinds of jobs. AND you will learn new skills. Ever wanted to run a chop saw? Or even want to know what is a chop saw!! There are many people who arrive never having used a hammer – and a useful task is found for them. For more information, contact Ed Walsh at walshnboro@gmail.com

## GUN VIOLENCE STATISTICS



Daily Average:	96
Homicides:	35
Suicides:	59
Other:	2

Black men are 13 times more likely than non-Hispanic white men to be shot and killed with guns.

## Tuesday April 10<sup>th</sup> UU Advocacy Day!

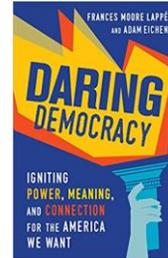
**Where: Arlington St. Church, 9:30 – 4:00**

This is a chance to talk with your state legislators about a wide range of important issues. John and Jerry have gone to this the last few years and can tell you more. We have taken the train in that morning – no parking issues. Here's what happens: In the morning hear speeches relevant to Social Justice Issues. Learn how to advocate for the issues important to you. In the afternoon, visit your state senator and representative and talk about what's important to you.

## Each Wednesday – Community Learning!

A COMMUNITY LEARNING SERIES – Next Date March 28st! RACE: THE POWER OF AN ILLUSION Where: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church 183 West Main Street, Westborough, MA When: Each Wednesday 6:30 to 7:30 PM What: Film series and discussion on Race. A number of our members have been going to this – you will not be alone!

## Daring Democracy Report



The discussion centered around what we can do to assure our beliefs are made visible. It's not what you SAY, it's what you DO. What are You planning to DO in the elections this fall? Plan now!

## Criminal Justice Reform

A joint Senate and Representative committee has reported out a bill to be voted on by the legislature. The overall effect is to greatly reduce mass incarceration. Here are the key provisions:

- Decriminalize minor offenses
- Divert minor offenses away from prosecution/incarceration
- Reform Bail to reduce unnecessary incarceration
- Limit mandatory minimums for non-opiate, retail drug offenses
- Strengthen minimum mandatorys for opioid trafficking
- Strengthen Protections for Public Safety
- Reduce solitary confinement
- Generally, improve prison conditions
- Release incapacitated prisoners who pose no safety risk
- Make it easier for people to get back on their feet
- Take better care of juveniles and young adults
- Improve transparency of the criminal justice system
- Better protect women in the criminal justice system

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.