



## What's Happening at First Parish?

# MEETING HOUSE NEWS

**FEBRUARY 2019**

### Unitarian Universalist Valentines



*Thank you, Rev. Freedman, for the images.*



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## Sundays at First Parish

*A welcoming Unitarian Universalist congregation that seeks ways to deepen spiritually, build community, and make a positive difference in the world.*

### Worship-at-a-Glance

**Services are held at 10:00 a.m. unless otherwise noted.**

#### **Sunday, February 3 – “Immigrant Experience”**

A service for immigration justice featuring the cantata by John Kramer.  
First Parish Choir and guest musicians

#### **Sunday, February 10 – “Kindness” All Ages Service**

Rev. Amy Freedman  
First Parish Combined Choirs

#### **Sunday, February 17 – “Religious Freedom”**

Laurel Gray, Ministerial Intern  
Contemporary Vocal Ensemble

#### **Sunday, February 24 – “Living Hope, Living Justice”**

Rev. Mary Katherine Morn, President and CEO, UU Service Committee  
First Parish Choir

#### **Sunday, March 3 – “Reach High, Reach Wide” – Celebration Sunday**

Rev. Howard N. Dana  
First Parish Combined Choirs

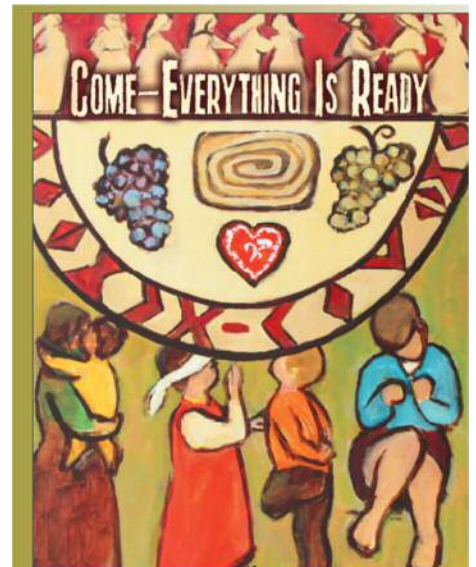
### World Day of Prayer

#### **Service and Luncheon**

**Friday, March 1, 11:00 a.m., 54 Walden Street**

The Trinitarian Congregational Church hosts Concord’s commemoration of the 2019 World Day of Prayer (WDP). The WDP Women of Slovenia wrote this year’s service, which will serve as a reminder that all people, regardless of social or economic status, are welcome to participate in life’s feast. The women’s dance group Skyloom will add interesting thematic sacred dance elements to the service. The service is followed by a lunch celebrating the people of Slovenia.

The service will be held in the Sanctuary and the luncheon in the Parish Hall of Trinitarian Church at 54 Walden Street. There is no charge for the luncheon. Reservations are not required. A freewill offering will be accepted at the service. All men, women, and youth are warmly invited.





## Celebration Sunday

### 2019-2020 Annual Pledge Campaign Kickoff Sunday, March 3

Please mark your calendar for the kickoff of our Annual Pledge Campaign. On this special Celebration Sunday we come together to pledge financial support to our shared community. Please come prepared to pledge. You should receive a mailing in mid-February with more information and a reminder of your last year's pledge. Your generosity will help sustain this vibrant congregation and our work in the wider world. We hope you will increase your pledge over last year's amount, if possible. This year, Celebration Sunday also marks the return of Rev. Howard N. Dana from his three-month sabbatical!

## Pastoral Care

### Walking with One Another through the Changes Life Brings

#### Ministers

##### Minister for Pastoral Care, Rev. Marion Visel

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##### February Pastoral Care Lay Minister, Virginia Taylor

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## PC Programs

### First Tuesday Group

#### "Legal Documents in Later Life"

February 5, from 1:30-3:00 pm, Parish Hall

The First Tuesday Group will be led by Margaret Hoag of the law firm of Eckel, Morgan & O'Connor LLC. Margaret specializes in the needs of senior clients.

What are your later life legal questions? What about your will? What about your health proxy? How do you talk to family members about these issues? What else should be on your list? Come hear which of these important concerns should be on your check list of later life's transitions.

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While our focus is on seniors, please come if you are interested, whatever your years. For more information, contact Virginia Taylor at 978-263-9777 or [virginiarosstaylor@verizon.net](mailto:virginiarosstaylor@verizon.net).

### *Capturing Memories on Paper*

#### **Workshop**

**March 20 and 27, April 3, 10, 17, and 24, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m., Emerson Room**

Connecting with the future and giving our descendants an impression of our lives is one good reason to write memories down. Perhaps even more important is the personal pleasure and insight that often comes from reconstructing parts of our lives in words. This six-week workshop will invite participants to write their memories down, not as full-length autobiographies but as short reflections in response to concrete writing prompts. Each week we'll start with a different memory prompt, ranging from "the kitchen table, to a childhood friend, to a turning point." We will discuss tips for writing vivid description and look at samples of powerful writing. Mostly, we will write. Participants will have an opportunity to share their writing with the group if they choose. Reflecting on our lives, one story at a time, offers a portal to reenvisioning all the stages of our lives and the selves we are or have been.

Facilitator: Virginia Taylor, Ph.D., former professor of English and currently a private writing instructor. Participant maximum of 12. Sign up in church office or contact Rev. Marion Visel, [mvisel@firstparish.org](mailto:mvisel@firstparish.org) or 203-931-5239 (cell).

### *Cancer Support Group*

**Second and fourth Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., Greeley Room**

All cancer patients and survivors, whether a member of First Parish or not, are welcome to join this free, confidential, and caring support group. The group provides gentle embodied support through the sharing of our stories while being present to others. Drawing on the practice of InterPlay®, we'll explore our experiences through simple movement, words, sound, and stillness, and engage in ways of moving through them. The emphasis will be on our present experiences to know better the next steps on our path. For more information on InterPlay, visit <http://www.interplay.org/>.

Facilitator: C.C. King, M.A. in Expressive Therapies, certified InterPlay® Leader and trainer, visual artist, teacher, and workshop facilitator. For questions and to sign up, contact C.C. at [ccking.interplay@gmail.com](mailto:ccking.interplay@gmail.com).

### *Caregiver Support Group*

**First Monday, Monthly, 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.**

Are you caring for a family member, an aging parent (perhaps while caring for your children), an ill spouse, or a sibling or child with physical or mental issues? Whether you are providing direct care or overseeing care at a distance, you don't have to sacrifice yourself in the process. Get support from others while learning new coping skills. We welcome new members to join this ongoing group, which meets the afternoon of the first Monday of each month.

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If you are unable to attend Monday afternoon meetings or to learn more, contact Marion Visel, Minister for Pastoral Care, [mvisel@firstparish.org](mailto:mvisel@firstparish.org) or 203-931-5239 (cell), or Diane Clapp, [dianeclapp@gmail.com](mailto:dianeclapp@gmail.com).

### *Holiday Plant Delivery*

#### **Thank-You, Team**

Thank you to Caitlin Selle, who organized the team and to all who helped deliver the holiday flowers this year. Twenty-eight plants were delivered to very appreciative people. Most importantly, new connections and friendships were made and friendly support offered. This past season, the delivery team was Paula Adelson, Lori Gill-Pazaris, Peter Mitchell, Brooks Stevens, and Caitlin Selle.



## **Staff Updates**

### **PC Ministerial Search Update**

#### **Search for New Pastoral Care Minister Is Under Way**

Last September Rev. Dana informed us that Rev. Marion Visel will retire in June, and the search has been under way for a new minister for Pastoral Care to start this summer. He appointed an Advisory Search Committee consisting of Jeff Clanon, Diane Clapp, Dana Snyder-Grant, and Virginia Taylor. First Parish has received 18 applications for the full-time position—an impressive field of candidates from across the country who bring a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. The committee has narrowed the search to six applications. During the next four weeks, the committee will select top candidates to interview in person.

### **Zach Roe Moving On**

#### **Good-Bye and Good Luck to Zach Roe**

Zach Roe, Social Action Coordinator for almost two years, has resigned and will leave First Parish January 31. During his time with us, Zach and the Social Action Council have achieved many of their goals—reorganizing SAC with an emphasis on intersectionality, enhancing the on-line presence of First Parish Social Action including social media, transforming the funding for SAC and its programming, and working to make SAC more effective in its outreach and in-reach while streamlining their work. It has been a time of growth and change and that's always challenging. The congregation will say good-bye to Zach during the service on Sunday, January 27.

We thank Zach for his work, and wish him all the best in his professional and personal life.

Submitted by Rev. Marion Visel



## From Zach

Greetings,

I want you to know that I have resigned as Social Action Coordinator effective January 31. This decision comes after much thought and discussion. I leave with words of hope and of blessing.



We live in a time filled with turmoil and uncertainty, and I have encountered so many who work to bring sparks of light into these dark times. As this community continues to work for justice in our world, let it also remember to be just. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of the Beloved Community: a world where peace and justice prevail and where love, relationship, and common humanity flourish. It is my hope that First Parish become that Beloved Community: teaching to love by loving each other, teaching respect for others by giving respect to each other, inspiring the world around it as a symbol of what it means to be kind, compassionate and welcoming.

I leave with words of blessing. May you be blessed with discomfort that brings good transformation, with success in creating justice inside and outside your walls, with strength to face the challenges of today, and hope in a vision of a better tomorrow. In the ancient words of blessing from my tradition:

May God bless you and keep you.  
May God cause the divine light to shine upon you and be gracious to you.  
May God turn toward you and grant you peace.

In hope and strength,  
Zach

Zachary Roe  
Social Action Coordinator  
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## Music Ministry

### MUUsings

**"I Go to Sing," by poet Lindy Thompson**

The poet Lindy Thompson (<https://lindythompson.net/>) says all that I need to say this month is in her poem "I Go to Sing." I share it here with her permission.



I might be exhausted and the children might be cranky,  
but I will be going to church on Sunday.  
Don't know who is preaching, doesn't matter –  
the sermon may be helpful or not, holds my attention or doesn't –

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it's the singing.  
I go to sing.  
I get up,  
get clean,  
get dressed,  
possibly get mad (at not-ready kids, at empty coffee pot, at traffic)  
get going,  
get there,  
get seated,  
get comfortable,  
get focused  
and when the music starts,  
get saved.  
It's the singing.  
I go to sing.

It's the willingness to stand if you are able,  
the common agreement on page number,  
the voluntary sharing of songbooks with people on your row,  
even ones you rode there with –  
but most of all,  
it's the collective in-breath before the first sound is made,  
the collective drawing upon the grace of God,  
the collective, if inadvertent, admission  
that we are all human,  
all fragile,  
all in need of the sustaining air, freely dispensed,  
all in need of each other to get the key right and not sound discordant —  
it's the hidden life-celebration  
in the act of making a joyful noise,  
all together.  
We don't even have to sound that good.  
Singing together still brings home  
the we-ness of worship,  
the not-alone-ness of life in God,  
the best of all we have to offer each other.  
When we are singing, I think that I might actually be able to forgive you  
for being so terribly human,  
and you might be able to forgive me  
for being so terribly not there yet,  
and we might be able to find peace now,  
not postpone it for some heavenly hereafter  
but live and breathe it today,  
drawing in the grace of God,  
voicing out our need and hope and gratitude and longing.  
When we are singing, I can feel the better world coming,  
and if I get to be a part of it, you do too . . .

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so sing with me,  
and we'll make our way down that blessed road together,  
collectively better  
than we ever thought  
possible.



Blessings,  
Beth  
Beth Norton, Director of Music Ministry  
Contact: [music@firstparish.org](mailto:music@firstparish.org) or 978-369-9602, ext. 420

## Religious Education (RE) News

### Kindness—All Ages Service

**Sunday, February 10, 10:00, Sanctuary**

Join us for a service celebrating kindness! Our children will help lead this service with Rev. Amy Freedman and Dawn Van Patten. On Sunday, February 3, during Religious Exploration time, each age group will prepare to lead the service. We will reflect on what kindness is and how we can bring more kindness into the world.



### Celebrate the Lunar New Year!

**Sunday, February 24, 10:00- 11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and Parish Hall**



We are delighted to welcome back Wah Lum Kung Fu and Sifu Evan Hughes to First Parish. As a way of blessing our Meeting House and welcoming the Year of the Pig, they will offer a Lion Dance during our service. Following the dance, children and youth are invited to a Kung Fu lesson in the Parish Hall. This is an energizing experience for all ages!

### February Religious Exploration

Day, Date, Time	Theme	Description
Sunday, February 3 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Preparing to Lead Sunday Service	Religious Exploration
Sunday, February 10 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	KINDNESS	All Ages Service
Sunday, February 17 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Pathways to Peace	Multiage Program
Sunday, February 24 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Wah Lum Kung Fu Lion Dance	Multiage Program



## UU Explorers Go Near and Far

This past fall's UU Explorers program had 8th graders focusing on learning more about Unitarian Universalism, as well as exploring individual practices that help develop a personal spiritual practice and connection to the divine.

We visited other area Unitarian Universalist congregations and walked the nearby Emerson-Thoreau Amble path to learn about Transcendentalism. We also discussed UU and personal values and how they guide the inner compasses that help us live true to ourselves.

Students walked our labyrinth, practiced mindfulness meditation, and made UU prayer beads as examples of individual spiritual practices. The class was capped off with a December bake sale that raised over \$300 for the Southern Poverty Law Center. Special thanks to Jan Power and Peter Nobile for leading this enriching experience!



## Finance Committee

### Procedures and Practices Review

This fall First Parish in Concord engaged Scheid & Company PC of Concord to conduct an agreed-upon review of the financial procedures and practices at First Parish. This was conducted in accordance with the church's standard financial policies to engage an independent expert every five years. The last review was done in 2013.

The Finance Committee is pleased to report that the review was concluded in November and Richard Brown of Scheid & Company PC presented his report to the Standing Committee on January 8, 2019. There were no major findings, and overall the operations are in good shape.

Scheid & Company PC made recommendations to consider for best practices and continual improvement. We would like to thank Fifi Ball and Tina Storey for the extensive effort they made in getting ready for this review and to Rudi Scheiber-Kurtz for overseeing the effort on the Finance Committee. A copy of the report is available to members, if interested. Michelle Fortier, First Parish in Concord Treasurer, and Fifi Ball, Director of Operations, are also available to answer questions.



## Stewards Needed

### Join the Annual Pledge Campaign Team

Planning for our Annual Pledge Campaign is under way and we'd love to have your help! First, please pledge on Celebration Sunday, March 3. Then, we need a large team of stewards who will help us contact parishioners who were not able to pledge that Sunday. This active campaign is just during March and most contacts are made by email. Our Steward Captains are pros at helping their teams with information and suggested ways of writing your message! We have a great system to keep you informed of progress during the campaign and for your feedback. For questions or to join the Steward Team, please contact Irl Smith at [opticsmith@mindspring.com](mailto:opticsmith@mindspring.com).

## Standing Committee News

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 12, 7:00 p.m., Emerson Room**

### Meetings Summary

With input from the Finance Committee and First Parish members who attended the budgeting listening session, we have discussed budget priorities for the next fiscal year, beginning in July. The current financial position of First Parish is solid but there are areas that need additional attention, including our contribution to the UUA and building maintenance. The Governance Committee is reviewing our policies, including that requiring a financial commitment for membership (with exceptions granted for need). The Black Lives Matter banner is approved for another six months, through June of 2019. Meeting minutes are posted at [Standing Committee Meeting Minutes](#).



### Time for Action

**An Invitation from the Standing Committee  
Saturday, February 2, 9:30 a.m., Emerson Room**

Over the last year and a half, we as a congregation have discussed, surveyed, analyzed, and identified what makes First Parish wonderful and what gives us challenges. Now is the time to turn our attention to action. We invite First Parish members to a meeting to begin identifying and implementing those things that will strengthen First Parish in the future by joining one of four task forces. We are looking for leadership, ideas, and commitment to make desired changes in these areas.

- *Strengthening Bonds within Our Community* – How do we strengthen and develop our culture to be one of kindness, welcoming and fostering interconnections?
- *Increasing Our Growth and Diversity* – How do we increase the number of members of First Parish and expand our diversity and retention of members?
- *Expanding Our Connections with Other Communities* – How do we expand our connections and engagement with other communities and organizations? Who? Why? And How?
- *Deepening Our Spiritual Selves* – How do we create a richer, deeper spiritual experience for each member of our congregation and those we impact?

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We plan to report progress at our Annual Meeting in June, but we expect activities to continue into the next year. Please come and participate at whatever level is right for you. Child care will be available. Please RSVP or send questions to Dave Elwood, [daveelwood@hotmail.com](mailto:daveelwood@hotmail.com).



### **We Want to Hear from You!**

Standing Committee members are always ready to listen to First Parishioners. As your board one of our jobs is to represent the First Parish membership; please reach out to any of us to discuss your First Parish concerns and experiences. You can find contact information for Standing Committee members, as well as meeting agendas and minutes, governing policies, operating procedures, and reports at [First Parish Standing Committee](#).

Dave Elwood, chair, Standing Committee  
[daveelwood@hotmail.com](mailto:daveelwood@hotmail.com)

## **Operations**

### **Emergency Procedures**

First Parish has recently written down and posted Emergency Procedures. These cover events such as medical, weather, and fire emergencies. The Emergency Procedures are posted strategically around the Meeting House. If you have questions or comments, please contact Fifi Ball at [fball@firstparish.org](mailto:fball@firstparish.org).

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## **Arts at First Parish**

**Fostering Community through the Arts**

### **Silent Movie Night—"Safety Last!"**



**Saturday, February 9, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary  
Organist: Rob Humphreville; Admission Free**

"Safety Last!" is the critically hailed 1923 American romantic comedy silent film that cemented star Harold Lloyd's career as a major figure in early motion pictures. It includes one of the most famous images from the silent film era: Lloyd clutching the hands of a large clock as he dangles from the outside of a skyscraper above moving traffic.

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Robert Humphreville, who accompanied our silent film last February, continues as a freelance accompanist and organist throughout greater Boston. He accompanies silent movies all over New England and has been singled out several times by the *Boston Globe* for his inventive improvisations.



## Art Exhibit

**Kathy Spang, Susanne H. Altshuler Gallery, through early February**



*Transylvanian Village*

You are invited to view the exhibit of Kathy (Katalin) Spang's paintings in oil and watercolor in the Susanne H. Altshuler Gallery, located in the back stairwell and stage. Kathy is a fine arts graduate of The Cooper Union in New York City and Villa Schifanoia in Florence, Italy. She taught fine arts in public elementary schools for 31 years. In retirement she has the time to do what she loves—paint the landscape. To learn more or inquire about purchasing a painting, contact Kathy at 781-273-0032, [katalinspang@yahoo.com](mailto:katalinspang@yahoo.com); or visit her website, [katalinspang.com](http://katalinspang.com).

## Social Action Community

**Faith into Action**

### Zach Roe Moving On

Please see the write-up in the [Staff Updates section](#) page six.

### Amnesty International, Group 15

**Tuesday, February 19, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Greeley Room**



Globally, our ongoing letter writing supports individuals worldwide whose dire situations require urgent action. We continue to work on behalf of two Azerbaijanian students imprisoned for peaceful protests. Nationally, we are focused on abolition of the death penalty and immigration issues. Tracking prison reform in Massachusetts is also on our agenda. All are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Nancy Lyons, [nilyons22@gmail.com](mailto:nilyons22@gmail.com) or 978-505-1936.

### SAC Grant Nominations

**Through March 1, 2019**

The SAC Giving Team is now accepting requests for the 2018 – 2019 church year annual SAC Grants nominations, through March 1, 2019. Please check out the SAC Grant Web page for more information. The easy-to-complete nomination form is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FPCSACForm>.



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If you are interested in participating in the SAC Grant review process or would like more information, please contact Zach Roe, [zroe@firstparish.org](mailto:zroe@firstparish.org), or Liz Rust, [liz@therusts.net](mailto:liz@therusts.net).

## Women's News

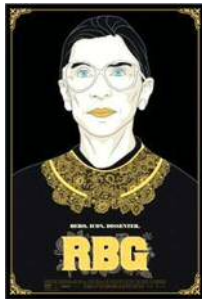
### AWE Upcoming Events

#### Advocates for Women's Empowerment

- **Feminist Book Group:** Wednesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m., West Concord
- **First Friday Film Series:** Friday, February 1, 7:00 p.m., Chapel
- **February Meeting:** Saturday, February 16, 8:00 a.m., Parlor
- **LunaFest:** Saturday, March 30, 7:00 p.m., Concord Academy

#### *Feminist Book Group*

We'll discuss *Persepolis*, a memoir by Marjane Satrapi. In powerful black-and-white comic strip images, Satrapi tells the story of her childhood in Iran, during which she witnessed the overthrow of the Shah's regime, the triumph of the Islamic Revolution, and the devastating effects of war. Join the discussion even if you have not finished reading the book! We'll meet at 14 Pleasant Street, West Concord. An RSVP to Merrill Comeau is appreciated ([14thebeesknees@gmail.com](mailto:14thebeesknees@gmail.com)).



#### *Free Feminist Film Series*

We'll show *RBG*, an intimate portrait of an unlikely rock star, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg. With unprecedented access, the filmmakers explore how her early legal battles changed the world for women. Contact: Lou Toussaint, [mloutoussaint@gmail.com](mailto:mloutoussaint@gmail.com).

#### *February Meeting*

Join us for our monthly meeting, where we'll discuss the status of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities at those events. Please come if you are thinking about a specific initiative to advocate for women, or would like to positively support our events. Our meetings are the third Saturday of the month. All meetings and events are open to women, men, and people of all gender identities and expressions. Contact: Lora Venesy, [venesy@comcast.net](mailto:venesy@comcast.net).

#### *LunaFest*



Join us at LunaFest—a fund-raising film festival by, for, and about women, with proceeds benefitting women's causes. The evening will include refreshments for purchase and a 50/50 raffle. Online ticket sales will begin soon, or tickets can be purchased at the door (\$15). Contact Lora Venesy, [venesy@comcast.net](mailto:venesy@comcast.net).

#### *Mailing List*

To join, contact Lora Venesy, [venesy@comcast.net](mailto:venesy@comcast.net). Like us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/concordwomen/>.

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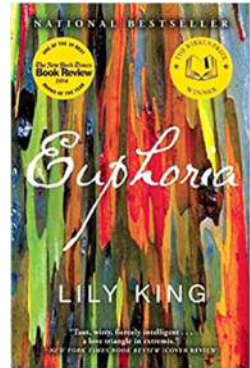
## Women's AM/PM Book Group

**Monday, February 25, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., Brooks Room**

**Tuesday, February 26, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Brooks Room**

Our book selection for February is *Euphoria* by Lily King. Discussions will be held on Monday, February 25, at 7:30 p.m. and Tuesday, February 26, at 9:30 a.m. All women of First Parish are warmly invited to read the book and join a discussion. There's no need to sign up!

If you would like to be added to the Women's Book Group email list, contact Darien Smith at [darien@smithquest.com](mailto:darien@smithquest.com).



## Remaining Dates and Books for 2019

Date	Book	Author
Feb 25/26	<i>Euphoria</i>	Lily King
Mar 25/26	<i>Perfectly Miserable: God, Guilt, and Real Estate in a Small Town</i>	Sarah Payne Stuart
Apr 29/30	<i>The Little Paris Book Shop</i>	Nina George
May 20/21	<i>Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919</i>	Stephen Puleo

## Women's Parish Association



### *Flea Market—Save the Date!*

**Saturday, April 13, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

Start setting aside items that you want to donate to this important fundraiser. Contact Melita Teichert at [mmtconcord1@gmail.com](mailto:mmtconcord1@gmail.com) to arrange for donations of household goods, children's items, collectibles, antiques, or jewelry, or if you would like to rent a table. Table rental fee is \$35.





***Open Table's Community Dinner***  
**Thursday, February 7, 5:30 p.m.**  
**Reservations by February 1**



On February 7, the Women's Parish Association will participate in an Open Table's Community Dinner. There are several rewarding volunteer opportunities where your assistance will be greatly appreciated. If you would like to help prepare for this event or attend the community building dinner, please contact the office at 978-369-9602 or Dian Pekin at [pekindc@comcast.net](mailto:pekindc@comcast.net).

***Victorian History***

**Exploration of Victorian History, Customs, and Fashions**



**Saturday, March 9, 7:30 p.m., Parish Hall and Parlor**  
**Reservations by March 4**

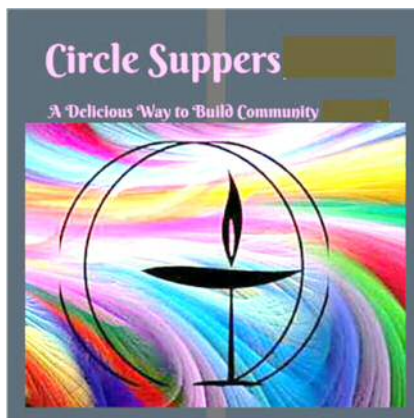
Don't miss this program by Professor Karen Antonowicz, who will discuss Victorian history, customs, and fashions. Whether or not you're following Season Three of *Victoria*, this event will provide an enjoyable time exploring a fascinating era. Feel free to dress in period costumes. All are warmly welcome. Invite family and friends for a fun night out!

Refreshments include Victorian desserts and beverages. Charge: Ten dollars. For reservations, sign up at coffee hours, contact the office at 978-369-9602, or email Dian Pekin, [pekindc@comcast.net](mailto:pekindc@comcast.net).

## **Other Cool Stuff**

***Circle Suppers—Save the Date***

**Spring Date Changed to Saturday, May 4**



The good vibes at First Parish Circle Suppers last fall continue this spring on Saturday, May 4 (new date). These casual potluck dinners with homemade or purchased contributions are hosted at parishioners' homes and are open to all at First Parish—a comfortable and delicious way to build community! More details to come.

If you'd like to host a group, let us know anytime. Hosts offer their home and do not have to cook or handle logistics, only provide coffee/tea at dessert time. For questions, contact Wendy Wolfberg, [wolfberg@post.harvard.edu](mailto:wolfberg@post.harvard.edu) or (cell) 978-578-1077.



## Concord Area Humanists

**Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall**



“Paying for Pollution” incisively examines very real costs of climate change and challenges to reduce future losses due to damages of higher temperatures and more extreme weather. Gilbert Metcalf argues that a convergence of social, economic, and political forces provides an opening for a carbon tax solution appealing to politicians across the spectrum. Metcalf is the John DiBiaggio Professor of Citizenship and Public Service and Professor of Economics at Tufts University. In 2011-2012, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment and Energy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Questions? Pat Everett, [pne@aol.com](mailto:pne@aol.com).

## Funderburg Scholars

### Fundraising Dinner

**Saturday, February 2, from 6:30 to 9:15 p.m., Parish Hall**

Help Roxbury youth attend and graduate from college while you enjoy a delicious meal with great company! These engaging students will tell stories about their college experiences.

No fixed price—donate what feels right to you at the dinner. Wine and cheese at 6:30 p.m., with dinner by Caroline McCloy at 7:15 p.m. followed by dessert by Kristine Wiggins.

Reserve your place by emailing Loretta Ho Sherblom at [Loretta@LHSBenefits.com](mailto:Loretta@LHSBenefits.com) or by texting or calling Loretta’s cell at 508-935-6750.



## Jewish Awareness Affinity Group

### “Raise the Roof” Documentary

**Friday, February 15, 7:00 p.m., Brooks Room**

The synagogues of 18th-century Poland were some of the greatest wooden architecture in history before the last ones were destroyed by the Nazis. Come watch “Raise the Roof” about how a Norwood couple at the Mass College of Art embarked on a 10-year pursuit with 300 artisans and students from around the world to re-create the roof of a synagogue from photographs using original hand tools and materials. All are invited.

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Come share challah and companionship. For more information, contact Dana Snyder-Grant, [dana.snydergrant@gmail.com](mailto:dana.snydergrant@gmail.com) or 978-760-1129. (Repeated from November 2018.)

## Partner Congregation Committee News

### *Fundraiser—Save the Date!*

**Let's Bring the Transylvanian Folk Dance Group Here Next Fall  
Saturday, March 23, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall**

Save the date and experience Transylvania! Enjoy an authentic Hungarian dinner, a performance by a local Hungarian dance group, and meet Rev. Lehel Molnár and his family. Lehel is the Hungarian Unitarian Archivist in Kolozsvár (Cluj) and this year's Balázs Scholar at Starr King School for the Ministry.



This event will raise funds to help us bring a group of 25 from Székelykeresztúr to Concord in the fall of 2019, including the Vadrózsák (Wild Roses) student folk dance troupe, chaperones, and a partner congregation delegation, that includes Rev. Csaba Tódor, and his wife and daughters. Please look for more details in next month's newsletter.



### **"Say Their Names" Observance**

**Racial Justice Action Group**

**February 17, Sunday Service; February 24, March 3, and March 10, at Noon**

"Say Their Names" is a series of observances in memory of people of color who have been killed in acts of racial terror. In Concord, the series begins with a reading of names during the First Parish worship service on Sunday, February 17. It continues in small-group sessions at noon on February 24, March 3, and

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March 10. Join the Racial Justice Action Group as we remember those lost to lynching, police shootings, and other acts of violence. UU churches in Stow and Sudbury are also participating during Black History Month, led by the Maynard Anti-Racism Alliance (MARA). Contact: Mary Ann Barton, [mabartonst@gmail.com](mailto:mabartonst@gmail.com).

## Publicizing an Event at First Parish

### To whom and by when do I send my submission?

Please pick up a copy of the brochure “Publicizing Events at First Parish in Concord” on the table outside the church office and distribute it to new committee members for the latest and greatest!

### Update to *The Sunday News*

Due to limited space, we are limiting to three the number of times an article can be printed in *The Sunday News*. If you need more than one week in *The Sunday News*, when you submit your entry to Sarah Burns, let her know the three Sundays you want to run your publicity, whether in a row or spaced out. There is no limit to the number of times a request can appear in the FP Weekly email. Questions? Please contact Sarah at [sburns@firstparish.org](mailto:sburns@firstparish.org) or 978-369-9602.



## Publicizing First Parish Events

### Editor Information

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We are glad to answer any questions. Please review the brochure, “Publicizing Events at First Parish in Concord,” on the table outside the church office. Thank you.

### Organizational E-mail Lists

Please note that some organizations at First Parish, such as Religious Education and AWE, maintain their own email lists. See their write-ups in this newsletter for more information.

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### Steps to Send Entry

1. Plan ahead; then add a “fudge factor”—extra time for committee review and for Editor’s questions. We recommend a week. We need you to adhere to deadlines.
2. How much lead time does the Editor need? Which Editor?
  - a. **Weekly** email – FP Weekly; send to Sarah Burns by Friday noon
  - b. **Sunday** insert – *The Sunday News*; maximum three times for one event, sent to Sarah by Wednesday noon
  - c. **Monthly** newsletter – *Meeting House News (MHN)*; send to Wendy by the deadline noted in the first two pages of your last *MHN*, and [see below](#).
3. Write draft, send for review, rewrite, and send final form **as an attachment** to the Editor before the deadline. We cannot use copy when sent within an email, due to the many added characters and additional editing required.

### Publicity Deadlines

Next *Meeting House News* deadline: **February 19, 2019**

Next Publication Date: **February 27, 2019**

- **FP Weekly Deadline** – Noon Friday for Monday email, which includes two weeks of upcoming events.
- **The Sunday News Deadline** – Noon the Wednesday before the Sunday service. Please note that the order of service insert, *The Sunday News*, is compiled, formatted, printed, folded, and inserted on Fridays. As you can imagine, it takes time to pull this all together in an already busy office, and last-minute submissions are problematic. Please plan ahead. Your insert copy **MUST** be received by noon on Wednesday. Much appreciated. Thanks for your help.

### Meeting House Newsletter Deadlines

Issue	Deadline	Publication	Holiday*
Mar-2019	19-Feb-2019	27-Feb-2019	
<b>Apr-2019</b>	<b>19-Mar-2019</b>	<b>27-Mar-2019</b>	
May-2019	9-Apr-2019	17-Apr-2019	P, 4-19-2019 E, 4-21-2019
<b>Jun-2019**</b>	<b>21-May-2019</b>	<b>29-May-2019</b>	
Sep-2019	20-Aug-2019	28-Aug-2019	
<b>Oct-2019</b>	<b>17-Sep-2019</b>	<b>25-Sep-2019</b>	
Nov-2019	15-Oct-2019	23-Oct-2019	
<b>Dec-2019</b>	<b>12-Nov-2019</b>	<b>20-Nov-2019</b>	
Jan-2020	10-Dec-2019	18-Dec-2019	

\*Holiday = (C)Christmas, (E)Easter, (P)Passover

\*\*June: Include information for June, July, August, and the first week of September.

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## First Parish General Information

### *Office Hours*

Regular office hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
Tuesday through Friday. (The office is closed on Mondays.)

### *Contact Us*

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**Church Calendar:** <http://firstparish.org/wp/news/calendar/>

**FP Weekly:** Sign up to receive announcements by email, <http://firstparish.org/wp/news/>

### **FP Facebook:**

"Like" our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/First-Parish-in-Concord-Unitarian-Universalist/343822177494>

**Reserve a Room:** <http://firstparish.org/wp/connection/reserve-a-room/>

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