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The armillary sundial in the Deborah Webster Greeley Herb Garden. Photo credit: Douglas Baker

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Celebrate Spring with a walk in our Labyrinth. Photo credit: Susan Page.

Labyrinth and Keresztúr Terrace. Photo credit: Wendy Wolfberg.

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If you send in entries for publication in *The Sunday News* insert, the FP Weekly emails, or the *Meeting House News*, you can now download the guidelines brochure. Click [here](#) or see *Page 17* for details. Thank you!
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. in the Sanctuary, unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, May 5 – Coming of Age Service
Teens with mentors and Rev. Amy Freedman
Gospel Choir

Sunday, May 12 – “Sacred Mother”
Rev. Howard N. Dana
Lincoln Ringers

Sunday, May 19 – “Golden Calves”
Rev. Howard N. Dana
Contemporary Vocal Ensemble

Sunday, May 26 – “The Wisdom of Trees”
Laurel Gray, Ministerial Intern
Chamber Choir

Sunday, June 2 – “Missa Gaia” – All ages service
First Parish Choirs and Festival Ensemble
The wolf, the whale and the seal . . .

Upcoming June Sunday Specials

Herb Garden Coffee Hour Party
Sunday, June 16, 11:00 a.m., Herb Garden

Photo by Bill Claybrook

Once again, the Herb Garden is calling us! The WPA will hold its popular Coffee Hour Herb Garden Party right after the worship service. Among all the lovely and fragrant herbs, we’ll celebrate the coming of summer and Father’s Day. Join fellow parishioners and enjoy a

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buffet of herb-flavored sweets and savories as you nourish your soul in one of the most beautiful gardens in Concord. The WPA warmly extends an invitation to this annual gift to all adults, youth, and children. See you in the garden!

**Annual Meeting**
**Sunday, June 9, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

Our All-Congregation Annual Meeting is Sunday, June 9, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will hear reports from staff and committees, vote for First Parish officers and Standing Committee members, approve delegates to the UUA General Assembly, approve our budget for next year, and conduct other business as required. For more details, see the [Standing Committee article](#) in this newsletter.

**Pastoral Care**
**Walking with One Another through the Changes Life Brings**

**Ministers**
**Minister for Pastoral Care, Rev. Marion Visel**
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Church: 978-369-9602, ext. 414  
Cell: 203-931-5239

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Cell: 717-412-8543

**Ministerial Intern, Laurel Gray**
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Cell: 401-932-7855

**May Pastoral Care Lay Minister, Dana Snyder-Grant**
Email: dana.snydergrant@gmail.com  
Cell: 978-760-1129

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Pastoral Care Programs

Rides Coordinator Needed

Pat Brinkman, the current Rides Coordinator, will be moving to Connecticut in July. The Pastoral Care Council is thankful for Pat’s devotion to the job and wishes her success in her new home.

The job of the Rides Coordinator is to match parishioners who need a ride to appointments or to church activities. The Ride Coordinator calls or emails the Rides Providers to find a match. This is another way that Pastoral Care provides assistance to our First Parish Community. A volunteer is needed. For more information about the position, contact Judy Dembsey at judydembsey@gmail.com.

First Tuesday Group

“Adjusting to the ‘New Normal’”
May 7, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Parish Hall

This month’s program will discuss life events that are so big they require adjusting to a “New Normal.” Examples include retirement (last month’s topic), to the loss of a partner, a changed medical status, or the advent of a grandchild. A panel of Bill Fry, Berni Jenkins, Dick Shohet, and Dana Snyder-Grant will be followed by small group discussions where participants may discuss their own personal “new normal.” Come learn how others have successfully adjusted to a “new normal.” For more information, contact Virginia Taylor at virginiarosstaylor@gmail.com or 978-263-9777. First Tuesday Group has a senior focus but all are welcome.

Thank You Luncheon – Follow Up

Thirty parishioners who volunteered in some way in the Pastoral Care program for the past year were thanked for their participation at a luncheon on Sunday, April 7, in the Emerson Room. Mary Ann Barton read a poem, Judy Dembsey thanked the volunteers, and Rev. Marion Visel spoke about the Council’s mission this year to broaden Pastoral Care’s outreach to the First Parish community. The food was delicious and a good time was had by all.

The Holden Fund

The Holden Fund of First Parish was established in 1901 when Ellen Emerson contributed $3,500 [over $103K today] in honor of Nancy Holden for “daughters taking care of mothers in straitened circumstances.” Those original instructions have been interpreted more liberally since then to support residents of Concord who require care so they can continue to live in their own homes. Monthly stipends of varying amounts based upon need are awarded to help support caregivers (family members or paid professionals).

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The Trustees of First Parish have shepherded the fund for over one hundred years. They continue to manage the fund, but as of July 1, 2015 the Holden Fund Panel, part of our Pastoral Care program, handles the administration. The panel has broadened eligibility to include members of First Parish no matter the town in which they reside.

The Holden Fund Panel, consisting of Rev. Howard Dana, Linda Reynolds, Alice Van Deusen, and Rev. Marion Visel, reviews applications and extension requests twice a year in May and October, and reviews emergency applications as needed.

Eligibility criteria is:
1.) Financial support is needed to provide for care in the home, no age requirement.
2.) Applicant is a resident of Concord or member of First Parish in Concord.

If you have questions or to request an application, contact: Rev. Marion Visel, Minister for Pastoral Care, mvisel@firstparish.org or 978-369-9602, ext. 414.

Caregiver Support Group
New Members Welcome
First Monday monthly, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Chapel

Are you caring for a family member, an aging parent (perhaps while caring for your children), an ill spouse, a sibling or a 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 on-going group which meets the afternoon of the first Monday of each month. To learn more or if you are unable to attend Monday afternoon meetings, please contact Rev. Marion Visel, Minister for Pastoral Care, mvisel@firstparish.org or 203-931-5239; or Diane Clapp, dianebamclapp@gmail.com.

Cancer Support Group
New Members Welcome
Second and fourth Wednesdays, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Greeley Room

All cancer patients and survivors (FP member or not) are welcome to join this free, confidential and caring support group at First Parish. 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 www.interplay.org. For questions and sign up, contact: C.C. King, ccking.interplay@gmail.com. C.C. has an MA in Expressive Therapies and is a certified InterPlay® leader and trainer, visual artist, teacher, and workshop facilitator.
Music Ministry

MUUsings

“Could a Mass celebrate the whole earth as a sacred place?”

This question was the creative genesis of the Missa Gaia or Earth Mass. In 1980, while serving with the Paul Winter Consort as artists in residence at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, jazz saxophonist Paul Winter was challenged by the Dean of the cathedral to “create twentieth century music for the Mass.”

Unfamiliar with the Mass liturgy and ritual, Winter set about learning the history of the Latin Mass. He discovered that the Mass has been the cradle of western art music for most of a millennium. He also learned that the themes of many Masses from the middle ages and Renaissance were drawn from folk and popular tunes.

What if the themes for an Earth Mass could come from the songs of nature? What if the Kyrie - a prayer for mercy – was based on the ethereal howl of the tundra wolf, an animal traditionally feared and reviled by humans?

What if the mysterious and joyous song of the humpback whale, “a symbol of the Great Mother,” provided the melody of the Sanctus: “Holy, is the Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest!”

What if the Agnus Dei, the “lamb of God,” was a harp seal pup, whose plaintive voice would mingle with that of human beings in an ancient prayer for reconciliation and peace?

Winter decided to dedicate his Earth Mass to St. Francis, the patron saint of animals and the environment, and he composed, with Jim Scott, the wonderful “Canticle of Brother Sun” based on the Saint’s famous prayer, to begin and end the mass.

The Missa Gaia is an extraordinary liturgical and musical creation combining animal and human voices, Gregorian chant, ancient prayers, Latin rhythms, and the ethereal song of the soprano saxophone in a synergistic worship experience. Its spiritual call to understand ourselves as inextricably interconnected with the earth and its creatures is even more relevant today than it was in the 1980s – or even ten years ago when we last presented it here at First Parish. On June 2, we will welcome parishioners of all ages, plus the whale, the seal, the wolf, Brother Sun and Sister Moon for a liturgical celebration of our interconnectedness with all beings on this miraculous planet.

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

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The Open Door
An Evening of Contemporary Worship
First Tuesday of the Month: Remaining Dates: May 7, June 4
From 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., in the Chapel

Come gather with us for vibrant evening worship and real connection!

March 5 kicked off our first evening of The Open Door. It is a chance for church programs to come together in shared purpose. As a member of the Social Action Community, you might share a reflection on what inspires you to your life work. As a lover of singing, you might help be a part of the music that holds us in times of uncertainty.

♥ We will radically welcome you with joyous song.
♥ We will center ourselves in community with music and meditation.
♥ We will be inspired by member reflections on themes of social justice.
♥ We will create space for heart-centered intentions.
♥ We will go forth from a place of deeper compassion and renewed hope.

Please join us. Services will be led by Gail Carey and Laurel Gray, FP Ministerial Intern, with musicians from the Contemporary Vocal Ensemble. Come get to know your lay leaders a little more deeply. Learn what inspires us forward together in kindness. Come as you are.

Gail Carey
Assistant Director of Music Ministry
gcarey@firstparish.org

Religious Education (RE) News

May RE at a Glance

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Discover more:  http://firstparish.org/wp/learning/re/ . If you have questions about our programs for children and youth, please contact Dawn Van Patten, Assistant Director of Religious Education: dvanpatten@firstparish.org or Rev. Amy Freedman, Minister of Religious Education: afreedman@firstparish.org.

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Coming of Age Service
Sunday, May 5, 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Grade 9 and their mentors with Kristin Moore and Rev. Ken Reeves

Our Coming of Age Service will be the culmination of our Grade 9 program. The youth will present their credos, personal statements of belief to our congregation as well as lead other parts of the service. This is always a moving rite of passage. We encourage children who are in Grade 5 and older to attend the service. All ages are welcome! (Photo: Coming of Age group at Fall Retreat)

Mother’s Day Walk for Peace
Sunday, May 12; Bus leaves from First Parish at 8:30 a.m.

All ages are invited to join the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute’s Mother’s Day Walk for Peace! A free bus from First Parish in Concord will leave at 8:30 a.m. to take walkers to Boston and return by 1:30 p.m. We will walk three miles from Madison Park High School to City Hall. Register Online for “First Parish Concord” team: https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org/

All walkers are asked to register and contribute at least $10/walker. Visit the Peace Walk table during Coffee Hour to sign up for the bus to the Peace Walk or contact Margie Saphier: margie.king.saphier@gmail.com or 781-424-2179. (Photo: Mother’s Day Walk for Peace, 2018)

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Pancake Breakfast Kudos

Many thanks to all our helpers and these celebrity chefs at our Pancake Breakfast: Dawn Van Patten, Assistant Director of RE, Rev. Amy Freedman, Minister of RE, and Liza.

Standing Committee News

Meeting minutes are posted at Standing Committee Meeting Minutes

All-Congregation Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 9, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Our All-Congregation Annual Meeting is Sunday, June 9, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary. We will hear reports from staff and committees, vote for First Parish officers and Standing Committee members, approve delegates to the UUA General Assembly, approve our budget for next year, and conduct other business as required.

Our bylaws state that First Parish members who have signed the membership book at least 30 days prior to the Annual Meeting may vote at Annual Meeting. If you are considering joining our community and would like to participate and vote, please sign the book by Friday, May 9, 2019.

Note that a presentation of the proposed 2019-2020 budget is planned for June 2 at 11:30 a.m.; this is your opportunity to see the budget and ask detailed questions in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Please submit warrant articles or send questions to Dave Elwood, chair, Standing Committee, at 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 online.

Dave Elwood, chair, Standing Committee, daveelwood@hotmail.com
Operations

Annual Pledge Campaign Update
2019-2020 Reach High, Reach Wide

Thank you for your generosity. We are sprinting toward our $1.33 million budget. To date, we’ve received $812,000 of the $1.1 million we need from parishioners, with the remainder coming from our endowment. So far 318 households of the more than 500 households that are members or friends of First Parish have contributed.

If you haven’t pledged, you can do so online at http://firstparish.org/wp/giving/ or you may call or email a pledge to First Parish’s Director of Operations, Fifi Ball (978-369-9602 x456, fball@firstparish.org).

Social Action Community
Faith into Action

Social Action News

We have a busy program planned for this spring and encourage everyone to participate in one or more activities. Details are on the Social Action website pages, Facebook page, and calendar. Come join us!

Amnesty International
Tuesday, May 21, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Greeley Room

We continue to work on immigration issues, including joining local efforts, the abolition of the death penalty, and Massachusetts prison reform. Our monthly letter-writing supports individuals worldwide whose lives are in jeopardy because of their human-rights work. Please join us. For more information: Nancy Lyons, njlyons22@gmail.com or 978-505-1936.

Annual Holocaust Remembrance
“The Impact of Intergenerational Trauma”
Sunday, May 5, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., Concord Town House

The annual Concord Carlisle Human Rights Council and Town of Concord Holocaust Remembrance event will focus on the impact of intergenerational trauma. There will be a panel discussion with three local adult children of Holocaust survivors: Rosalie Gerut, Irwin Hipsman, and author Helen Epstein of Lexington MA, moderated by Elisabeth Sackton, LICSW. The Concord Town House is wheelchair accessible with ASL interpreters on site. For other needs, please email at info@cchumanrights.org.
Boston Pride Parade 2019
Saturday, June 8, 11:00 a.m., Arlington Street Church

The Diversity Committee will organize a group to attend the Pride Service at the Arlington Street Church at 11:00 a.m. on June 8 and then march in the Boston Pride Parade after the service. See the June Meeting House News for more details, or contact Sara Ballard at sara@sb.org with any questions.

Exhibit—Portraits of Activists
Sunday, September 15, Opening Reception, First Parish Galleries
Wednesday, May 1, Deadline for Nominating People to Be Featured in Narratives

The Social Action Council is organizing an exhibit featuring the personal narratives of individuals in our community directly involved in social justice work. The exhibit will also feature original artwork addressing social justice issues. Narratives and artwork will be selected to showcase the diversity of engagement with social justice within the space available.

If you would like to share your story, know of someone whose story you would like to have included in the exhibit, or would like to submit original artwork related to social justice issues, please contact Tammie Foote, TamasinFoote@feete.com, or 978-505-3744.

Reclaim Our Democracy
“Potus 1: The Next Fight for Democracy” with Lawrence Lessig
Monday, April 29, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Can we make the 2020 election about something more than simply electing a new President? Can it become an election that unites America? Can we leverage what unifies America, and get an (unrigged) democracy that could work?

Professor, lawyer, and political activist Lawrence Lessig will be presenting his thoughts on what we need to do to unify America and reclaim our democracy. He is the author of several recent books including America Compromised and Republic, Lost: How Money Corrupts Our Congress – and a Plan to Stop it.

Sponsored by Reclaim Our Democracy. Contact: Fred van Deusen at fredvandeu@gmail.com for additional information.
Women’s News

AWE Upcoming Events
Advocates for Women’s Empowerment

- **Toiletry Drive**: Ends April 30
- **First Friday Film Series**: Friday, May 3, 7:00 p.m., Chapel
- **May Meeting**: Saturday, May 18, 8:00 a.m., Art Gym, West Concord

**LunaFest Thank Yous!**
Thank you to everyone who attended LunaFest on March 30. We raised over $3000 to benefit Dignity in Asylum ([https://www.dignityinasylum.org/](https://www.dignityinasylum.org/)), a woman-founded non-profit that supports asylum seekers, refugees, people who have been granted asylum, and unaccompanied minors at risk of homelessness in our local area.

**Free Feminist Film Series**
Stay tuned for the title of the May film! It will be announced in the Sunday News and FP Weekly. Contact: Lou Toussaint [mloutoussaint@gmail.com](mailto:mloutoussaint@gmail.com).

**May Meeting**
**New Location**: Art Gym, 152 Commonwealth Avenue, West Concord (Above Nashoba Brook Bakery)

We'll have a quick business meeting, but most of the meeting will focus on discussing articles about white feminism. Links to the articles are posted on our Facebook page, in the Sunday News, and FP Weekly. Come join us!. Contact: Lora Venesy [venesy@comcast.net](mailto:venesy@comcast.net).

**Toiletry Drive for Women**
Our drive ends on April 30. Please leave unopened full- and travel-size shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, lotion, lip balm, combs/brushes, and hygiene items (pads, tampons) in the marked boxes in the coatroom. Items will be donated to Rosie’s Place and Open Table. Contact Suzie Weaver [skatesuzie@aol.com](mailto:skatesuzie@aol.com).

**Mailing List**
To join, contact Lora Venesy, [venesy@comcast.net](mailto:venesy@comcast.net). Like us on Facebook! [https://www.facebook.com/concordwomen/](https://www.facebook.com/concordwomen/)
Women’s AM/PM Book Group
Monday, May 20, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., Brooks Room
Tuesday, May 21, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., Brooks Room

Our final book of the church year is *Dark Tide: The Great Boston Molasses Flood of 1919* by Stephen Puleo. Discussions will be held on Monday, May 20 at 7:30pm and Tuesday, May 21 at 9:30am. 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.

Remaining Dates and Books

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Women’s Parish Association

*Historical Portrayal of Lucy Stone*

“I Now Pronounce You Lucy Stone”
Friday, May 10, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall
Reservations by May 8

Don’t miss this celebration of Lucy Stone, ardent abolitionist, supporter of human rights, and fierce fighter for women’s right to vote. She inspired thousands of women to work tirelessly to secure the right to attend college, to vote and have their voices heard in the public square.

Critically acclaimed actor, Judith Kalaora, founder and artistic director of *History at Play*, will educate and inspire you to continue working for women’s causes by her powerful portrayal of Lucy Stone. Men, women, and youth will be thoroughly entertained and educated by this event. Refreshments served. Entrance: $10.

Other Cool Stuff

*Circle Supper, Spring—Cancelled*
Saturday, May 4 (rescheduled from April 27)

There’s a lot of potential here but we need an easier way to make it all happen. Until we figure out what that is, the program’s on hold. If you’d like to organize this or be a part of reshaping the program, please get in touch with Wendy Wolfberg, wolfberg@post.harvard.edu or cell 978-578-1077.
Concord Area Humanists
“Strengthening Voter Rights”
Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Presented by Iván Espinoza-Madrigal, Executive Director of Lawyers for Civil Rights (LCR). Under his leadership, LCR has become a hub for litigation and advocacy, racial justice, immigrants’ rights, and LGBT/HIV equality. LCR filed the first lawsuits in the country against the Trump Administration to protect sanctuary cities and to block immigration arrests in courthouses. Iván has filed and won dozens of cases on a wide range of civil rights issues. We will also discuss implications of Census 2020. Questions, contact Patrick Everett, pne@aol.com.

Ferry Beach Retreat—Register Now!
Memorial Day Weekend, Friday to Monday, May 24 – 27, in Saco, Maine
Registration deadline April 28

Join families, couples, and singles from our own congregation and First Parish in Lexington for this relaxed weekend on the beach at the UU Ferry Beach Camp and Conference Center in Saco, Maine over Memorial Day Weekend. Registrations will be taken during coffee hours and in the church office.

The registration deadline is Sunday, April 28 at coffee hour, though late registrations may be accepted on a space available basis. The Registration Packet can also be downloaded from www.firstparish.org/forms. There have been some upgrades to the campus since last year and some significant changes to lodging choices, fees, and policies for our use of the campus. More info will be in the Registration Packet. For questions or to inquire about scholarship assistance, contact Darien Smith at darien@smithquest.com.

Jewish Awareness Affinity Group

Issues That Divide Discussion
“The Issues Dividing Israeli and American Jews”
Friday, May 17, 7:00 p.m., Brooks Room

We’ll gather to discuss how circumstances—both long-standing and current—have fueled a political division between the American and Israeli Jewish communities. Let us know if you’re interested in attending and we’ll e-mail you a couple of articles which we’ll use as the material for discussion. We’ll share challah, wine, blessings, and conversation. All are welcome. Contact, Jessica Bethoney, at 781-259-8680 or jessicabethoney@gmail.com.
Partner Congregation News

Extravaganza Follow Up

It was a huge success! We’re a little more than halfway there!

We are very grateful to the 70+ people who attended the March 24 Transylvanian event and the many more who donated generously to help us bring 25 members of the Vadrózsák (Wild Roses) student folk dance troupe and a delegation from our partner congregation in Székelykeresztúr to Concord next fall. At the end of the evening we raised approximately $12,000. That combined with the $8,000 in our PCC Pilgrimage Assistance Fund puts us well on the road toward our goal of $34,000. For information to make a donation, please visit http://firstparish.org/wp/connection/transylvanian-partnership/.

Transcendentalism Council Events
The Transcendentalism Council presents the following events:

Saturday, May 4 – “An Evening with Walt Whitman”
7:30-9:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Celebrating the Whitman Bicentennial: An Evening with Walt Whitman, Actor Stephen Collins portrays Walt Whitman in his award-winning one-man show. Admission $10.00* at the door.

Saturday May 11 – “Love and Friendship”
3:00-4:30 p.m., Emerson Room
Discuss with Rev. Jim Sherblom after reading Ralph Waldo Emerson’s 1839 essays on love and friendship. Contact Shelley Hawks at shelley_hawks@msn.com to register and receive a digital copy of essays: A Hidden Treasures program of Freedom’s Way National Heritage Area. Free and open to the public.

Friday, May 31 – “Walt Whitman at 200: The Concord Connection”
7:00-9:00 p.m., Parlor
On the anniversary of Whitman’s birth, join a poetry reading with Concord historian Richard Smith among others and hear how Emerson and Thoreau influenced Whitman. Space is limited. To register, contact Dianne Weiss, diannemcweiss@comcast.net, or First Parish office at 978-369-9602. Admission is $10.00*. Co-sponsored by The Thoreau Society.

*Scholarships available upon request.
Publicizing a First Parish Event
To whom and by when do I send my submission?

Guidelines Brochure

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! You can download the brochure from the church’s website here.

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 or 978-369-9602.

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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.

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 – Sunday News; maximum three times for one event, send 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 in the table below.

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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: **May 21, 2019**
Next Publication Date: **May 29, 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**

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

**First Parish General Information**

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

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Terri Guillemets

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