



## *What's Happening at First Parish?*

# MEETING HOUSE NEWS

*June 2019*



*The Flaming Chalice* pulpit banner. Photo credit: Sara Ballard. Banner details on [Page 18](#).

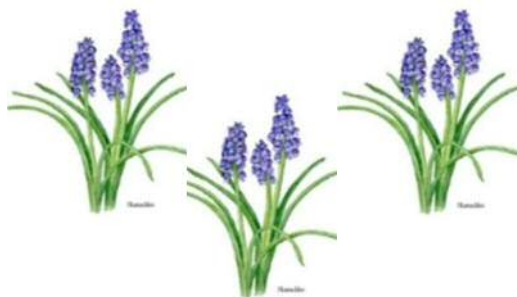
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So many stories, so much history in the Wright Tavern.  
Photo credit: Wendy Wolfberg.

**All-Congregation Annual Meeting,**  
**Sunday, June 9, 11:30 a.m.**



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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. in the Sanctuary, unless otherwise noted.**

#### **Sunday, June 2 – “Missa Gaia” – all ages service**

First Parish Choirs and Festival Ensemble

The wolf, the whale and the seal . . .

#### **Sunday, June 9 – “World Without End”**

Rev. Howard N. Dana

Combined First Parish Choirs

#### **Sunday, June 16 – “Flower Communion”**

Rev. Amy Freedman and Ministerial Intern Laurel Gray

First Parish Choir

Coffee Hour Herb Garden Party

#### **Sunday, June 23 – “A Call to Gladness”**

Jennie MulQueen, Candidate for UU Ministry

Handbells – Kristin Moore and Friends

#### **Sunday, June 30 – “Experience UU Worship at GA”**

Rev. Jim Sherblom

GA Musicians



### Summer Services

For service leaders in July and August, see the ***Schedule of Services Summer 2019*** at the end of this newsletter.

### Sunday and Service Events

#### ***Pride Service and March***

**Saturday, June 8, Boston**



The Diversity Committee encourages our members to join Howard in attending the Pride Service at the Arlington Street Church in Boston, and then march together in the Boston Pride Parade. For more information, see [Page 14](#).

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### ***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.

### ***Coffee Hour Herb Garden Party***

**Sunday, June 16, 11:00 a.m., in the Herb Garden**



The Deborah Webster Greeley Herb Garden is calling us to be among lovely and fragrant herbs. We'll celebrate the coming of summer and Father's Day, and celebrate and offer heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Marion Visel and to Ministerial Intern Laurel Gray for their generous gifts of outstanding service to First Parish.

Join us and enjoy a buffet of herb-flavored sweets and savories as you nourish your

soul in one of the most beautiful gardens in Concord. The WPA extends a warm invitation to all. See you in the garden! (Photo credit: Bill Claybrook)



### ***Homecoming Picnic***

**Sunday, September 8, 5:30 p.m.**

**Save the date.** All ages are welcome. Bring your whole family; visit with your friends; catch up on the summer news and meet other First Parish folk. Enjoy the music and a family activity. This is an evening for

everyone. There is a potluck dessert. Please bring: a finger food dessert to share, your own picnic: food and beverage. No admission charge. Mark your calendars now.

To see more pictures of Homecoming Picnics, see the [October 2017 MHN](#). (Photo above by Tamasin Foote.)

### ***Café Off for the Summer***

**Closes after June 16; Reopens September 8**

The last First Parish Café of the year will be on Sunday, June 16. The Café resumes on Homecoming Sunday, September 8.



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## Be An Usher on Fifth Sundays

**Three Times A Year! June 30, September 29, December 29**

Are you friendly? Helpful? We need more ushers to help on fifth Sundays, which happen only a few times a year: June 30, September 29, and December 29. You would welcome fellow parishioners, hand out an Order of Service and pass the collection plate. It's a great way to learn faces and make friends! Interested? Contact volunteer head usher Maile Hulihan, [mailehulihan@earthlink.net](mailto:mailehulihan@earthlink.net) or 978-443-7020.



## Pastoral Care

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

### Ministers

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### Summer 2019 Pastoral Care Lay Ministers

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- **September:** Dana Snyder-Grant [dana.snydergrant@gmail.com](mailto:dana.snydergrant@gmail.com), cell: 978-760-1129

## Marion Bids Farewell

**See you at Flower Communion Service, June 16**

Dear Members and Friends of First Parish,

I am both excited for our futures and sad at our parting as I anticipate retiring June 30, 2019. My last day at First Parish will be June 18. I look forward to seeing many of you at the Flower Communion service June 16 for a personal good-bye. I thank Howard, the staff, the Standing Committee and all of you for being so gracious and supportive. Your affirmation of me and our pastoral ministry touches my heart with appreciation and gratitude.

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The focus of my work this year has been to have a mutually good good-bye, and to prepare Pastoral Care for new leadership. I wanted to do everything in my power to assist in preparing the way for my successor's success, and think I and our pastoral team has, in large measure, accomplished this goal. I believe Rev. Liz Weber, Minister for Pastoral Care, as of September 1, will be a good fit for this ministry at First Parish. I send every blessing for your ministry together.

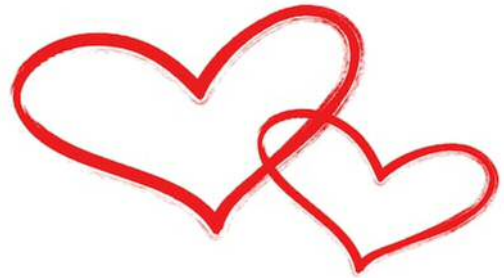
I'm deeply moved and honored that you have trusted me with your stories and your heart. I hope I have been worthy of the trust you placed in me. In ministry one quickly becomes aware of one's limitations. If I have let you down, I apologize and ask for your forgiveness.

Know that my life has been and always will be richer for having served you these years. I leave you with deep gratitude in my heart and with faith in your continued good work of compassion and justice.



You're in my heart as I leave. As Walt Whitman wrote, "Afoot and light hearted I take to the open road. Healthy, free, the world before me. The long brown path before me – leading wherever I choose." Life is good.

In faith,  
Marion Visel  
Minister for Pastoral Care



## Pastoral Care Programs

### *First Tuesday Group*

**"Meditation, Mindful Practices, and Their Benefits"**

**June 4, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., Parish Hall**

Meditation and other mindful practices recharge your body, mind, and spirit while defusing stress. Rev. Marion Visel will engage participants in simple meditation and mindful practices that help sharpen focus, lower blood pressure, reduce chronic pain, and make a real improvement in one's everyday life.

The day will also include a list of likely topics for next year's programs and our traditional June ice cream social. Come participate in this stimulating mix of end-of-the-year activities!

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

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### *Caregiver Support Group*

**Summer Meeting Dates, June 3, July – no meeting, August 5  
First Monday/month, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

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 ongoing group which meets the afternoon of the first Monday of each month.

Contact Diane Clapp, [dianeclamclapp@gmail.com](mailto:dianeclamclapp@gmail.com), to learn more or if you are unable to attend Monday afternoon meetings. New members welcome!

### *Cancer Support Group*

**Five Summer Dates: June 12, 26; July 10; August 7 (a first Wednesday), and 28  
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](http://www.interplay.org). New members welcome.

The summer dates are tentative. C.C. King will confirm meeting dates with members of the group throughout the summer. If you are new to the group, it is best to confirm meeting dates directly with C.C.

For questions and sign up, contact C.C. King, [ccking.interplay@gmail.com](mailto:ccking.interplay@gmail.com). C.C. has a M.A. in Expressive Therapies, is a certified InterPlay® leader and trainer, visual artist, teacher and workshop facilitator. If you are interested in or a new member of the group, it's best to confirm summer meeting dates directly with C.C.

### *Easter Plant Delivery*

Thank you Paula Adelson, Virginia Taylor, and Caitlin Selle, who delivered flowers after this year's Easter Service to members on the Pastoral Care List. Catlin commented "As always, it was a wonderful time to connect with folks and bring them some cheer during our very rainy spring!"



### *Meet with Marion*

From Marion—I'm retiring in June and there will be an opportunity to say good-bye on my last Sunday, June 16. It's been wonderful to talk with so many of you during appointments, meetings, and after services. I want you to know how much I value our time together. As

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June approaches, know that if you would like time to meet with me, I'm most available on Sundays, Mondays (including evening) and Tuesdays. Contact me at [mvisel@firstparish.org](mailto:mvisel@firstparish.org) or 203-931-5239 cell to arrange a time for us to talk.

## Incoming Minister for Pastoral Care

**Rev. Liz Weber**

**Minister for Pastoral Care at First Parish in Concord**

Rev. Liz Weber is passionate about pastoral care and community. Currently, she offers pastoral care to individuals and families across the lifespan as a chaplain resident at Mass. General Hospital. Previously, Liz was the intern minister at the UU Church of Reading. Her ministry there included supporting the church's pastoral care teams and leading a bereavement group.



Liz's first career was as an American Sign Language interpreter in high schools and graduate schools, hospitals, and public and private businesses across Eastern Massachusetts. A lifelong Unitarian Universalist, Liz has been a leader in local, regional, and national circles for twenty years.

In her studies at Andover Newton Theological School, she specialized in pastoral care and in conflict transformation.

Liz's hobbies include hiking, woodworking, and singing with friends. She loves chocolate and good dogs, and she believes that all dogs are good dogs. Cats, too.

Liz is so glad to be joining us at First Parish! She will begin work on Sunday, September 1, 2019. <https://www.revlizweber.com/>

## Summer Handout

For a reference on summer pastoral care coverage and programs, please see the handout at the [end of this newsletter](#).

## Music Ministry

### MUUsings

"The past and future ever meet in the eternal now:  
To make each day a thing complete shall be our New Year vow."-  
John Andrew Storey

Have you ever experienced this "eternal now?" I have. Recently, on a stunning spring Saturday, I drove through Vermont listening to music. My goal that afternoon was to "scout out" UU churches in the Upper Valley that will host the Vadrózsák (Wild Roses) Dance troupe from our partner town in Székelykeresztúr, Transylvania, on a tour next November.



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As I drove and reveled in the green and the blossoms all around me, I recalled our visit to Transylvania last spring, when the countryside was similarly refulgent. The soundtrack to my drive was the recording of Paul Winter's *Missa Gaia* (Earth Mass) that our First Parish Choir made back in 2009. While I listened, I remembered that first *Missa Gaia* service in our sanctuary and anticipated our upcoming June 2 reprise.

I passed this resplendent afternoon listening to music that celebrated the sacred wonder of creation while witnessing the glory of its unfolding all around me. And I realized that the beautiful music, the memories of Transylvania and the anticipation of our future visit to the Upper Valley were now all intertwined with one another. Past and future met in beautiful, eternal now.

At this midpoint of the year, past and future often meet in an “eternal now.” We look back on and appreciate the church year that has passed. We start planning for the church year to come and anticipate the adventures ahead.

Even as I recall musical highlights of the year, such as our powerful engagement with the cause of immigration justice through John Kramer's *The Immigrant Experience* and the birth of *Open Door*—the new Tuesday evening contemporary service. I also look forward to projects for next year that are taking shape (and are detailed elsewhere in this newsletter): the

- Duke Ellington Celebration we will host with the Aardvark Jazz Orchestra on September 22
- Return to Concord of “Nature – A Walking Play”
- November visit from Vadrózsák

The anticipation and the memories weave together in this present moment in a way that is both energizing and overwhelming.

Here in June, and throughout the coming summer, I wish you moments to experience and appreciate that “eternal now” where “the past and future ever meet.”

Blessings,

Beth

Beth Norton, Director of Music Ministry

Contact: [music@firstparish.org](mailto:music@firstparish.org) or 978-369-9602, ext. 420



## The Open Door

### An Evening of Contemporary Worship

**First Tuesday of the Month: Remaining Date: 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  
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## Nature – A Walking Play

**Save the Date! September 13 to 29**

**Chorus rehearsals – five Tuesday evenings**



“Nature – A Walking Play” returns to Concord in September. Be a part of it! In September 2019 the Tiger-Lion Arts production of “Nature-A Walking Play,” the critically acclaimed outdoor enactment of Emerson and Thoreau’s relationship and their mutual love of the natural world, will return to the Old Manse. Once again, there will be a community chorus directed by Beth Norton performing in the production. (2017 chorus is in the picture.)

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The chorus is open to singers of all ages (singers 12 and under should be accompanied by a parent). The play will have 17 performances between September 13 and September 29. Chorus members need not sing every performance. Rehearsals for the chorus will be on five Tuesday evenings during the summer. For more information, contact Beth Norton [bnorton@firstparish.org](mailto:bnorton@firstparish.org).

## **Duke Ellington Celebration**

**Save the Date! Sunday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m., First Parish**

A Duke Ellington Celebration by The Aardvark Jazz Orchestra with founder/director Mark Harvey, the First Parish Choir, and Nikki Turpin, Narrator. Sponsored by the Music Ministry of First Parish in Concord in cooperation with The Robbins House Museum of African American History.



Purchase tickets online: \$20.00 (<https://ellington.brownpapertickets.com/>), or at the door: \$25.00. Information: 978-369-9602 x420.

## **Adult Education**

### **Men's Spirituality Retreat**

**"Our Fathers, Our Selves"**

**Saturday, June 15, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., Chapel**

We will gather the Saturday before Father's Day to reflect on our own fathers—and on the lasting impact of our relationships with them. The goal of the retreat will be to help men increase their awareness of the impact of their fathers on their own lives, including the area of male friendship. After the retreat, men will be clearer on the impact of their fathers' behavior patterns (both positive and negative) on their own lives and what, if anything, they want to do differently.

Each participant is asked to bring in a picture of their father *and* some object they strongly associate with their father—such as something he owned or made. No late arrivals or early departures, please. The retreat is open to all male-identified members and friends of First Parish in Concord.



# Religious Education (RE) News

## June RE at a Glance

Day, Date, Time	Theme	Description
Sunday, June 2 10:15 a.m.m. – 11:15 a.m.m.	Missa Gaia Multi-age Service	Little OWL, Middle OWL - final session, start in service. Little RE available.
Sunday, June 9 10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Discovering Colonial Life at the Wright Tavern	Program offered by the Concord Museum. Little RE available.
Sunday, June 16 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Flower Communion Service	All ages are invited to bring a flower for our annual ritual. Little RE available.
Sunday, June 23 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Creating Sacred Spaces	Led by Margot Kimball. No Little RE.
Sunday, June 29 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	“Stained-Glass” Window	Led by Margot Kimball. No Little RE.

## Discovering Colonial Life

**Sunday, June 9, 10:15-11:15 a.m., Wright Tavern**



Children are invited to discover the fascinating history of our own Wright Tavern, the red building next to First Parish. With educators from the Concord Museum, we will open the first floor. We look forward to a visit from Phebe (Walker) Bliss who will share about the history of Wright Tavern and the important role it played in the events of April 19, 1775. Phebe was the wife of Concord's minister Daniel Bliss and after he died she married the new minister, Reverend William Emerson. Our morning will also include colonial clothing try-on, colonial games and crafts. Come discover this hidden treasure and our special role in the history of our nation!

## Registration and Teacher Sign-ups

**Sign - Up Today**

New and returning families are encouraged to register children and youth for the 2019-2020 church year on our website. Our Religious Exploration program is year-round, but we offer classes by age-group in the Fall, Winter and Spring seasons. Please sign-up today so we can plan and be prepared to welcome your family!

Our program for children and youth is a cooperative model. We depend on each family signing up to teach or volunteer to support our program. Links will be on our website by early June: <http://firstparish.org/wp/learning/re/>

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If you have questions about our programs for children and youth, please contact Dawn Van Patten, Assistant Director of Religious Education: [dvanpatten@firstparish.org](mailto:dvanpatten@firstparish.org) or Rev. Amy Freedman, Minister of Religious Education: [afreedman@firstparish.org](mailto:afreedman@firstparish.org).

## Summer 2019 Program for Kids

### Sundays During Service

Children and youth of all ages are invited to drop in for our fun Summer Program held every Sunday during the service time 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Each Sunday will feature a professional teacher assisted by a teen and adult volunteer. A schedule will soon be available! Summer sessions will include: art, yoga, cooperative games, creative drama, and more. This program is designed to be fun and enriching for the whole family. Our goal is for you to feel energized and renewed!

## Operations

### *Meeting House News* Final Issue

This issue of the June 2019 First Parish monthly newsletter, the *Meeting House News*, will be its final issue after almost 30 years. Starting in September 2019, the First Parish website ([www.firstparish.org](http://www.firstparish.org)) and the FP Weekly email will become the main sources for news at First Parish (FP). The website will begin to feature articles once seen in the *Meeting House News* and the FP Weekly will contain links to the website articles.

Also starting in September, former subscribers to the paper copy of the monthly newsletter will have the option to be mailed, free of charge, copies of the *Sunday News* insert along with copies of any other Order-of-Service inserts. (The inserts are the weekly yellow sheets produced from the Sunday after Labor Day until the third Sunday in June.)

Sarah Burns, church administrator, who currently prepares and distributes the FP Weekly email via MailChimp, will increase her responsibilities for First Parish communications, including managing the FP website and FP social media presence.

This summer First Parish will change the calendar software used on the FP website to allow for better descriptions of events, and inclusion of photographs or graphic images, clear start times, and event-specific contact information.

For more information, please contact Fifi Ball or Sarah Burns.



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# Social Action Community

## Faith into Action

### Social Action News

We have a busy program planned for this summer 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!

### Diversity Committee

#### *Pride Service and March*

**Saturday, June 8, Boston**



The Diversity Committee encourages our members to join Howard in attending the Pride Service at the Arlington Street Church in Boston, and then march together in the Boston Pride Parade afterwards on Saturday, June 8. Gail Carey will play in the band for the service and would love to see familiar faces there showing their support for the LGBTQ community. The service will start at 11:00 a.m. Afterwards, those attending can join the parade line-up. Contact Sara Ballard at [sara@sb.org](mailto:sara@sb.org) or 978-371-0723 for more information.

### 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](mailto:TamasinFoote@feete.com), or 978-505-3744.



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# Women's News

## Women's Parish Association

### *Coffee Hour Herb Garden Party*

**Sunday, June 16, 11:00 a.m., in the Herb Garden**

For details see [Coffee Hour Herb Garden Party](#) on page 4.

### *Luncheon and Annual Meeting*

**Wednesday, September 25, 11:30 a.m., Parish Hall**

Enjoy a delicious lunch and catch up on the news with old and new friends after the summer break and celebrate First Parish women's groups at the WPA Luncheon and Annual Meeting. Look for more details in future publications. Enjoy your summer activities with family and friends!



## Other Cool Stuff

### **Flaming Chalice Pulpit Banner**

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"[Former First Parish assistant minister] Rev. Beth Graham commissioned [parishioner] Phyllis Harper Loney to create this silk pulpit hanging using the batik waxing technique and resisting dyes. The hanging was given to First Parish by Rev. Graham in 1994. The chalice has become a symbol of the Unitarian Universalist denomination and connects us worldwide. We light it each Sunday, as do all UU churches, to represent and celebrate the light and spirit of our denomination and dedication to peace and justice." – from the Banner Book Project, 2017. May our light shine on.

### **Fundraising Party**

**Sweet & Savory Garden Party with The Conchords**

**Saturday, June 29, 7 p.m., Carlisle**



Join hosts Barry and Carolyn Copp, and Dean and Vivienne Aldrich, for a lovely summer concert auction fundraising party. The Conchords, made up of our First Parish friends Bob, Larry, Lauren, Rick, Pam and Rex, who will perform an eclectic repertoire covering the 1930s to the present, with styles ranging from jazz, the Great American Songbook, barbershop, doo-wop, and gospel to popular music. Savory appetizers, sweet desserts and delightful music will create a magical evening. Tickets are \$25 and may be purchased in the church office. Contact: Carolyn Copp, at [cbcopp@comcast.net](mailto:cbcopp@comcast.net).

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## Partner Congregation News

### *Our Representative at Graduation*

Each year First Parish sends a representative from our congregation to the graduation of the senior class of the Berde Mózes Hungarian Unitarian High School in Székelykeresztúr, Transylvania. Many of our parishioners help support some of the students there with scholarships. This year Dana Booth will attend and deliver a short speech at the ceremony. He will also take cards and greetings from sponsors to deliver to their students.



### *Valerie Holt Memorial Bench*

**To be dedicated in Székelykeresztúr**



At the request of her family, and using funds donated by her friends for this cause, a to honor our late First Parish member Valerie Holt, who traveled there several times and was a great supporter of our partnership. Dana Booth will participate in the dedication ceremony for the bench during his visit to Keresztúr. It will be placed near the Friendship House, so named to commemorate the partnership between our congregations.

### *Beth Norton Honored*

**With special award at General Assembly**



Elizabeth Norton, our Director of Music Ministry, will be presented with the Cornish “Living the Mission” Award at the Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Partner Church Committee at this year’s UUA General Assembly in Spokane, Washington. This award is given annually to someone who has worked tirelessly to foster the mission of developing and sustaining mutually beneficial partnerships between Unitarian congregations around the



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world. We are so pleased that Beth is being given this well-deserved honor! You may read an article about Beth and why she deserves this award in the latest UUPCC Newsletter here: <https://tinyurl.com/y68w6mvw> .

### **Youth Folk Dance Troupe and Band To visit next fall**



Plans are well underway for the New England performance tour of the young folk dancers and musicians from the Unitarian school in Székelykeresztúr, and delegates from our partner congregation next fall. We've made good progress toward our goal of raising \$36,000 to bring them here, with \$13,000 collected so far. A Faithify Campaign for this initiative will launch June 1.

To support this campaign please go to [www.faithify.org](http://www.faithify.org) and search for our project, titled "Bring Transylvanian Youth Folk Dance Troupe to Perform in New England." After the campaign ends, donations can be made through our Partnership page on the First Parish web site at <https://firstparish.org/wp/connection/transylvanian-partnership/>, where you can also find details about our twenty-five guests and their itinerary.

### **Photo Club Exhibit Follow Up Sunday Afternoon, May 12**

What a fun afternoon! The First Parish Photography Club members' work was displayed on the Stage Gallery and a slide show ran continuously in the Parlor highlighting ten of each member's photos. The ever popular Photo Booth was available where attendees chose from an assortment of costumes and props for a fun professional picture. A variety of delicious foods and beverages were served, lovely photo items were for sale, and all this fun was at no charge. See you again next year!



*Can you identify these friendly photo club faces?*



## Website Wonder

### Listening to Past Sermons

Would you like to listen again to a sermon that touched you deeply or hear a sermon that you missed? The sermons of most all past services are recorded and are available to you on the 'Worship' page of our website at <https://firstparish.org/wp/worship/past-worship-services/>. The services are listed by date with the most recent listed first.

Notice the date, title, minister, playback triangle, speaker volume slider control, duration (length in minutes), and file size. Click the playback triangle to start.



### Download a Podcast

If the 'Download file' is not active, you can download a podcast or listen from the First Parish iTunes account: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/first-parish-in-concord-sermons/id91460245?mt=2>

### Borrow a CD

If you don't want to listen online, you are welcome to sign out a CD copy of the full service available on the bookshelf in the Parlor.

### Questions

Please contact Sarah Burns at [sburns@firstparish.org](mailto:sburns@firstparish.org).

## Publicizing a First Parish Event

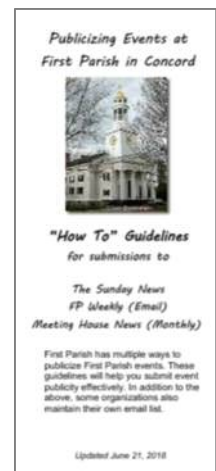
To whom and by when do I send my submission?

### 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



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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.

## Editor Information

### FP Weekly, the *Sunday News*

Sarah Burns, Office Administrator and Editor  
978-369-9602, [sburns@firstparish.org](mailto:sburns@firstparish.org)



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 programs and groups 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?
  - 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
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

- **FP Weekly Deadline** – Noon Friday for Monday email, which includes two weeks of upcoming events.
- **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.

## What May I Submit for Publicity?

### What may I submit for publication in First Parish communications?

The *Sunday News* and FP Weekly are reserved for events at First Parish, events sponsored by First Parish, or something that falls under a staff member or First Parish Committee or Group. We hold to this policy, but if you feel your event deserves special consideration or

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are not sure whether your announcement fits in this guideline, please contact the appropriate staff member for clarification before you submit your message. If your submission does not fall within this guideline, the church office would be glad to place your final form write-up on a First Parish bulletin board. Please email or drop off a printable final form to the church office. We are glad to help as best we can.

## What Did It Take?

Here's Wendy's final tally on how many emails it took to put her 40 issues of the MHN together. Emails counted include initial submissions and all subsequent emails for clarity, confirmation of receipt, etc. Emails are processed within a 3-5 day period. The totals are:

- Sept 2018 to Jun 2019 = 1256, averaging 126 emails/issue
- Sept 2017 to Jun 2018 = 1598, averaging 160 emails/issue
- Sept 2016 to Jun 2017 = 1724, averaging 172 emails/issue
- Sept 2015 to Jun 2016 = 1195, averaging 120 emails/issue

(These numbers do not include the *Sunday News* insert or the FP Weekly email.)



It's been almost 6000 emails since I started. I especially want to thank each of you who have worked so hard to prep your articles. Thanks for doing such a good job adhering to guidelines, working with your committees to send only final form articles, and respecting deadlines. You made it doable. Please keep up the good work for Sarah Burns. Your efforts make a big difference. Thank you for your help! –Wendy Wolfberg, Editor

## A Special Thank You to Kaye Harvie

And who else read every single word, noting corrections for punctuation, capitalization, style compliance, clarity, and more? It was our own long time parishioner Kaye Harvie, tireless worker in the church office and generous copy editor for every MHN issue and more. Thank you, Kaye. You are the unsung heroine of *The Meeting House News*!

## 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.)

### Summer Office Hours, 2019

#### June 18 through August 30

The Church Office is open Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) throughout the summer. First Parish is closed on Mondays.

- Summer hours begin Tuesday, June 18, and continue through Friday, August 30.
- Regular office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., will resume on Tuesday, September 3.



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## 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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# First Parish of Concord

## Schedule of Services

### Summer 2019

DATE	SERVICE LEADER	SERMON	MUSICIANS
June 23	Jennie Mulqueen Candidate for UU Ministry	"A Call to Gladness"	Jeff Pierce, keyboard Handbells – Kristin Moore and Friends
June 30	Rev. Dr. Jim Sherblom	"Experience UU Worship at GA"	GA Musicians
July 7	Jud Wolfskil, Seminarian	"The Sound of All of Us"	The Conchords David Owens, Keyboard
July 14	Rev. Dr. Jim Sherblom	"Transcendentalist Friendships and You"	Lauren Evans, alto David Owens, keyboard
July 21	Matt Meyer Percussionist and Friend of First Parish	"Lessons for Future Ancestors"	David Owens, keyboard
July 28	Rev. Kimberly Debus Community Minister of the Arts	"Be Subject to One Another"	Kimberly Brainerd, flute Eric Huenneke, keyboard
August 4	Rev. Joanna Lubkin Wellesley College UU Chaplain	"Companioning"	Larry Gall, bass Eric Huenneke, keyboard
August 11	Rev. June Cooper City Mission	"Just Mercy"	Jane Barnes & Friends Mary Jane Rupert, keyboard
August 18	Rev. Howard N. Dana Senior Minister	"Black Horse Tavern"	Pamela Schweppe, soprano Mary Jane Rupert, keyboard
August 25	Rev. Howard N. Dana Senior Minister	"The American Songbook"	Maddie Sifantus, vocalist Mary Jane Rupert, keyboard
September 1	Rev. Liz Weber Minister for Pastoral Care	"Our UU Mosaic: Unitarian Universalism Around the World"	Nancy Ackerman, Clarinet Eric Huenneke



# Summer Pastoral Care Coverage

## Ministers

- **Until June 19** – Rev. Marion Visel, Minister for Pastoral Care, [mvisel@firstparish.org](mailto:mvisel@firstparish.org), cell: 203-931-5239
- **Until July 31** – Laurel Gray, Ministerial Intern, [lgray@firstparish.org](mailto:lgray@firstparish.org), cell: 401-932-7855
- Rev. Howard Dana, Sr. Minister, [hdana@firstparish.org](mailto:hdana@firstparish.org), cell: 717-412-8543

## Lay Ministers of the Month

To pass along a pastoral concern, please contact the Pastoral Care Lay Minister of the Month or the Front Office.

- **June:** Virginia Taylor [virginiarosstaylor@gmail.com](mailto:virginiarosstaylor@gmail.com), cell: 978-727-3619
- **July:** Paula Adelson [apauladog@comcast.net](mailto:apauladog@comcast.net), 508-485-1030
- **August:** Diane Clapp [dianebamclapp@gmail.com](mailto:dianebamclapp@gmail.com), cell: 781-257-5025
- **September:** Dana Snyder-Grant [dana.snydergrant@gmail.com](mailto:dana.snydergrant@gmail.com), cell: 978-760-1129

## Front Office Summer Hours

**June 18 through August 30, Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

The summer office hours are Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. beginning June 18. Summer hours continue from Tuesday, June 18 (after the Flower Communion Sunday on June 16) through August 30. Regular office hours (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) will resume Tuesday, September 3 (the week before Homecoming Sunday on September 8).

Church Administrator: Sarah Burns, [sburns@firstparish.org](mailto:sburns@firstparish.org), 978-369-5906 ext. 410.

## Caregiver Support Group

**Summer Meeting Dates: June 3, July – no meeting, August 5, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

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 ongoing group which meets the afternoon of the first Monday of each month.

Contact Diane Clapp, [dianebamclapp@gmail.com](mailto:dianebamclapp@gmail.com) to learn more, or if you are unable to attend Monday afternoon meetings. New members welcome.

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## Cancer Support Group

### Summer Meeting Dates (tentative)

**Second and fourth Wednesdays: June 12, 26; July 10; August 7 (exception), and 28, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m., in the 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](http://www.interplay.org). New members welcome.

The summer dates are tentative. C.C. King will confirm meeting dates with members of the group throughout the summer. If you are new to the group, it is best to confirm meeting dates directly with C.C.

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

