

THE SUNDAY NEWS

June 2, 2013

This Week

Sun., Jun 2	11:00 Labyrinth Dedication 12:00 Jericho Road Dallas Reception 6:30 Standing Committee 7:00 Environmental Leadership Team
Mon., Jun 3	First Parish Closed
Tue., Jun 4	9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 9:30 WPA Visioning Group 4:00 Shawl Ministry
Wed., Jun 5	9:00 Rise Up and Call Her Name 9:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i> 4:30 Junior Choir 5:15 Chalice Choir 6:00 Arts Council 7:00 <i>Concord Area Humanists</i> 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Jun 6	9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 7:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i> 7:30 By Your Side Singers 7:30 Congregational Life Council
Fri., Jun 7	9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 7:00 Play Reading Group
Sat., Jun 8	7:30 Men's Group 9:00 Photography Club
Sun., Jun 9	11:30 Annual Meeting

Listings in italics represent classes offered through the Wright Tavern Center (www.wrighttavern.org).

Next Meeting House News deadline: Friday, August 23.
Be aware that all items (including contact information) posted to the *Sunday News* or *Meeting House News*, or on First Parish-related e-mail lists, may be published online at www.firstparish.org.

Parish Notes

Standing Committee Update: Come One, Come All, to the First Parish Annual Meeting!

On June 9 at 11:30 a.m., we will hold our 377th (give or take) Annual Meeting. Among other items of business, the budget for the 2013-2014 fiscal year will be presented. The priorities for this budget include raising staff salaries toward the midpoint for a church our size, and increasing First Parish's contribution to the UUA. Come listen and participate as we begin the next chapter in our church's history.

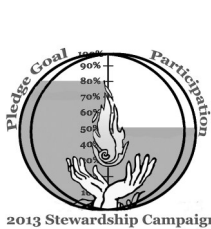
Pastoral Care

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life." The Pastoral Care Lay Minister on call for the first two weeks of June is Carol Boris, and the second two weeks of June is covered by Bev Bringle. If you need a meal or support, please contact Carol at cboris312@verizon.net or 781-259-8038; or Bev at bevbringle@yahoo.com or 978-369-4793.

Time to Celebrate the Labyrinth Today—Rain or Shine

Come celebrate the completion of our new First Parish Labyrinth immediately following the one 10:00 a.m. service today, June 2. We will gather around the labyrinth, hear words of blessing and dedication, and enjoy a special coffee hour on the Keresztúr Porch.

This Sacred Essential Moment , *Now Update*



Thank you to everyone who has pledged so far! We have received 386 pledges, for a total of \$714,112 —nearly 80 percent of our goal! The stewards are busy making calls and scheduling visits. When you receive a call from a steward, please open your heart to him or her and have a meaningful conversation about First Parish and your pledge. We are one community, in this sacred essential moment, now, having called a new Senior Minister and working together to fulfill our mission. We can't do all we are meant to do without financial support. If you haven't pledged yet, now is the time!

Summer Office Hours

The office at First Parish will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday through Friday, beginning on Tuesday, June 11, and continuing through Friday, August 30. The office will be closed for Independence Day on Thursday, July 4. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 3.

Flowers for Summer Services

Do you have flowers in your garden that you might be willing to share with First Parish this summer? Please consider providing an arrangement (or simple bouquet) for a 10:00 a.m. Sunday service this summer. Contact Ellen Whitney for more information—978-369-7434 or ellewhitney@verizon.net.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for the new pledge year are in. They will be available downstairs after the service today.

Play Reading Group Is Switching Format for the Summer

We will read poetry aloud on the first Friday of the month, with the exception of July 5. All are welcome. Bring poems to share and discuss. The pleasure of poetry is enhanced by sharing the story of the poet as well. In September, we will resume reading plays with themes of social justice, spiritual attainment and family conflict. Contact Linda Hardiman at lmhardiman@gmail.com or call or text to 617-909-1196. The next meeting will be held Friday, June 7, from 7 to 9 p.m.

First Parish Service Directory

A First Parish Service Directory is being compiled so that we can support the services and products of the members of our church, who in turn support First Parish. Francene Amari-Faulkner will be collecting and compiling the information over the summer. If you would like your services or products to be listed in this directory, please e-mail your information to: francene99@gmail.com. Please don't forget to include the "type" of service you provide. Please note: You must be a supporting member of First Parish to be included in this directory.

Online Directory

Our First Parish Photo Directory is scheduled to be posted under password protection by the end of May. Every person listed will

receive a private password by e-mail, or by U.S. mail if necessary, and will be able to change the password if desired. Before posting the roster and pictures, we would like to give everyone the opportunity to remove part or all of their listing. If you wish to make such a change, please send a detailed e-mail message to Rachel Baker, Director of Congregational Life, at rbaker@firstparish.org, or send your request to her in writing.

Save the Date—First Parish Homecoming Picnic

Saturday, September 7, at 5:30 p.m. is the Parish Homecoming Picnic for all ages, all First Parish. There will be a variety of intergenerational activities such as Rise Up Singing, walking the labyrinth, and croquet. Most of all, this is a low-key event so people to visit. Everyone will be coming back together after the summer and catching up with each other. Bring your family and friends, bring a finger food dessert to share, bring your picnic dinner and join the fun. This is an evening for everyone. Mark your calendar now.

Social Action Community

Go to sac.firstparish.org for news and calendar information.

Reception for Jericho Road Dallas—Today at Noon

At noon today, Rev. Daniel Kanter will be in the Parlor to tell us more about his journey from Dallas to Concord and his inspiration to get involved with Jericho Road. Rev. Kanter just completed an 1,800 mile bicycle ride from Dallas, Texas, to Concord, Massachusetts, to raise funds to start a Jericho Road site in Dallas. The SAC grants group supported this effort by gifting \$1,800 to this initiative. Please join us! There will be light refreshments and food.

First Parish Participation in the Boston Pride Parade Saturday, June 8, at Noon

The Diversity Committee will take a group of parishioners to march with our First Parish banner in the Boston Pride Parade on Saturday, June 8; the parade starts at noon. Please join us for this fun, family-friendly event and help us show our support for the LGBT community. E-mail Sara Ballard at sara@sb.org, or sign up at coffee hour on today if you'd like to participate. Those who wish may attend the Pride Service at the Arlington Street Church at 11:00 a.m. before the parade.

For those who are physically unable to walk the 3.2 mile route, Boston Pride will have an upper deck trolley. This upper deck trolley can hold up to 32 folks, plus 2 wheelchairs. Boston Pride will take registrations on a first come, first served basis. Seating is limited so please send your seating request, full name and phone number to parade@bostonpride.org. We will contact anyone who signs up by Thursday, June 6, with the location of the Boston Pride trolley so that participants will know where to go to board the vehicle.

Children's and Youth News

This Week, June 2 – 10:00 a.m. – YOUTH SERVICE

9:50 a.m. – Regular Classes for Little RE, Babies-Preschool

10:00 a.m. – Service

K-1st Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the lower level classrooms

2nd-4th Grades – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to the Emerson Room

5th-6th Graders – Attend Youth Service

10:00 a.m. -12:15p.m. – 7th Grade Neighboring Faiths attends

Youth Service then closing class in Brooks Room

Next Week, June 9 – 10:00 a.m. Service

9:50 a.m. – Regular Classes for Little RE, Babies-Preschool

Sign Up to Care for Our First Parish Community Garden

We need and want your help! We grow produce and flowers for Open Table, Pastoral Care and our RE program's supplies. Please put your hands to work with others in supporting this important ministry. E-mail Pam if you'd like to share a week of care for the garden: drepamhowell@gmail.com.

Wright Tavern Center



for *Spiritual Renewal*

Inviting Applications for Fall Semester

The Wright Tavern Center for Spiritual Renewal is inviting applications to lead classes this fall. Wright Tavern offers a wide variety of opportunities for deepening spiritually and life-long learning. We welcome both new ideas and returning programs. Applications are due by June 14. For further information or to request an application form, please contact Lora Venesy, venesy@comcast.net; Linde Ghery, laghere@gmail.com; or Tammie Foote, TamasinFoote@feete.com.

Concord Area Humanists (CAH)

Concord Area Humanists will present Alan MacRobert on the explosion of astronomical discoveries about the universe, the earliest moment, how everything got from then to now, and hints about other Big Bangs separate from ours. Origin questions that used to be philosophy and religion are becoming addressable by science and experiment. Get caught up on 21st-century cosmology with Alan MacRobert, a senior editor of *Sky & Telescope*, America's leading astronomy magazine.

Wednesday: June 5

7:00 p.m.

\$5 donation

Talking about the Soul of Money—Lori Jacob and Kristi Scarpone

First Parish is a welcoming Unitarian Universalist congregation that seeks ways to deepen spiritually, build community, and make a positive difference in the world. How does our relationship with money relate to, inform, serve or compromise our mission? Examining our attitudes toward money—earning it, spending it, and giving it away—can offer surprising insight into our lives, our values, and the essence of prosperity. Mark your calendars now for this inspiring, paradigm-shifting presentation by two nationally recognized fundraising practitioners, specialize in integrating effective mission-based fundraising into the core of social profit organizations.

Tuesday: September 17

7:30 p.m.

Elaine's e-mail: uurevdoc@gmail.com

Tony's e-mail: tfisher@firstparish.org

Visit our website at firstparish.org

Questions or concerns about domestic violence?
Call the Domestic Violence Services Network Help Line:
888-399-6111