

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 8, 2013

## This Week

Sun., Sept. 8	12:15 Worship Reflection
Mon., Sept. 9	<b>First Parish Closed</b>
Tue., Sept. 10	9:00 WPA Board Meeting
	9:30 <i>Music Together</i>
	7:00 <i>Buddhist Group</i>
	7:00 SAC Council
	7:30 Forum Committee
Wed., Sept. 11	9:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i>
	9:30 Flower Committee
	9:30 Rise Up and Call Her Name
	4:00 <i>Music Together</i>
	4:30 Junior Choir
	5:15 Chalice Choir
	5:15 Gospel Choir
	7:00 Shakespeare Reading Group
	7:00 <i>Concord Area Humanist</i>
Thu., Sept. 12	9:30 <i>Music Together</i>
	12:30 <i>Mangalam Yantra Yoga</i>
	1:30 Lincoln Handbell Ringers
	7:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i>
Fri., Sept. 13	9:30 <i>Music Together</i>
	12:30 <i>Tai Chi</i>
Sat., Sept. 14	7:30 Men's Group
	9:00 Photography Club
Sun., Sept. 15	12:15 Worship Reflection
	12:30 Nominating Committee

*Listings in italics represent classes offered through the Wright Tavern Center ([www.wrighttavern.org](http://www.wrighttavern.org)).*

**Next Meeting House News deadline: Friday, September 20.**  
**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](http://www.firstparish.org).**

## Parish Notes

### Get Connected!

Sign up for the e-mailed monthly newsletter, *The Meeting House News* and the First Parish Announcement list at <http://www.firstparish.org/cms/about-first-parish/e-mail-lists>.

### Pastoral Care

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life." The Pastoral Care Lay Minister on call for September is Sue Dobbie. If you need a meal or support, please contact Sue at [susandobbie@gmail.com](mailto:susandobbie@gmail.com) or 978-456-8432.

### Do You Love Flowers?

Please join the Flower Committee in arranging flowers for Sunday services and other First Parish events. Volunteer to arrange, apprentice or provide flowers or branches from your garden—for just one service or many. The Flower Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 11, at 9:30 at First Parish to plan the year's schedule. Please call Ellen Whitney at 978-369-7434 or [ellewhitney@verizon.net](mailto:ellewhitney@verizon.net) for more information.



the Congregation of the First Parish in Concord

requests the honor of your presence at  
the Installation of

Rev. Howard N. Dana

Sunday ♦ September 29 ♦ 2013  
four o'clock in the afternoon

First Parish Meeting House  
20 Lexington Road  
Concord ♦ Massachusetts

Reception immediately following

*Clergy and Seminarians are invited  
to gather at 3:00 P.M. to robe and process*

## A First Parish "State" Event—Installing Our New Minister! Sunday, September 29, 4:00 p.m.

**Our entire congregation** is invited to participate as we install our new senior minister, Rev. Howard N. Dana. The service of Installation will be held Sunday, September 29, 2013 at 4:00 p.m., immediately followed by a festive reception. During the service, Howard and our congregation will formally covenant with each other for his time of ministry with us. There will be special guests and speakers and a processional of invited clergy from our UU District, the UUA, our partner congregation in Székelykorszék, and Concord's other faith communities. Please join us for this most special and historical event! Child care will be available.

The Installation Committee is hard at work planning for this special event and **we would love help from you**, especially with cooking hors d'oeuvres ahead of time, setup on the day, and clean-up afterward. Stop by the Installation Committee table at coffee hour today or on September 15 for more information and to sign up. Or you may sign up by contacting Caroline McCloy to help with cooking ([cmccloy51@aol.com](mailto:cmccloy51@aol.com) or 978-371-1039) and Darien Smith to help with other tasks ([darien@smithquest.com](mailto:darien@smithquest.com) or 978-369-1471).

### Rise Up and Call Her Name

All women are invited to join the ongoing monthly class Rise Up and Call Her Name: a Woman-Honoring Journey into Global Earth-Based Spirituality. Come explore stories, legends and folklore from

various cultures on this interactive journey of cultural awareness, which also includes music, dance and crafts. Examine themes relating to women's issues while reflecting on women's spiritual traditions from around the world. Classes meet monthly and drop-ins are welcome. Next meeting is on Wednesday, September 11, from 9:30 to noon at First Parish. Questions? E-mail Bozena Smith at [bozenasmith@mindpring.com](mailto:bozenasmith@mindpring.com) or Twinkle Manning at [twinklemanning@gmail.com](mailto:twinklemanning@gmail.com).

### First Parish Service Directory

A First Parish Service Directory is being compiled so that we can support the members of our parish who in turn support First Parish. Francene Amari-Faulkner is collecting and compiling the information. If you would like your services or products listed in this directory, please e-mail your information to [francene99@gmail.com](mailto:francene99@gmail.com). Please include the "type" of service you provide. Note: You must be a supporting member of First Parish to be included in this directory.

### Jewish Awareness Group

Come learn about and discuss the Jewish High Holidays—Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur—at the Jewish Awareness affinity group's meeting on Friday, September 20, from 7 to 9 p.m. Sabbath blessings over wine and challah, discussion led by Jim and Dana Snyder-Grant.

### All Parish Potluck Supper—Friday, September 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Please join the Transylvania Partnership Community (TPC) as we welcome the Rev. Jozsef Szombatfalvi – Senior Minister of our partner congregation in Szekelykeresztur. We'll have an opportunity to hear about this summer's family pilgrimage, Beth Norton's UU choir tour, and celebrate our twenty year partner congregation connection with flowers, song, food and drink. Please sign up at coffee hour or in the office and plan to bring a beverage and a dish to share.

## Children's and Youth News

### This Week, September 8 – Intergenerational Service

8:50 a.m. – Little RE (0-4yrs) – Lower Level

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### Next Week, September 15 – Regular RE Week

8:50 & 10:50 a.m. – Regular Classes, Babies-Preschool

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. – Services

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

2nd-5th Grades – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the Emerson Room

6th-7th Grades – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the Brooks Room

8th Grade, 10:00 a.m. – Drama – Meet in the Wright Tavern

9th Grade, 4:30 p.m. – Coming of Age – Meet in the Emerson Room with parents

9th-12th Grades, Youth Group Band – 6:00 p.m. in the Wright Tavern – Bring your instrument/voice

9th-12th Grades, Youth Group – 7:00 p.m. in the Wright Tavern

## Social Action Community

Go to [sac.firstparish.org](http://sac.firstparish.org) for news and calendar information.

### SAC Council Table at Coffee Hours

Did you hear about the new Social Action Community (SAC) structure at the Annual Meeting last year? Still have questions? Members of the SAC Council will have a table at coffee hours today to answer all your questions. Even if you've never heard of SAC, or if you want to learn more about specific volunteer opportunities, come visit us!

### Join the Social Action Reflection Group

The Social Action Reflection Group (SARG) meets about monthly on a Sunday afternoon or evening to discuss books that connect our social action work to our theology and philosophy. We invite you to join us this year. Authors we have read include Rev. Richard Gilbert, Rev. Howard Thurman, Rev. Rebecca Parker, Sharon Welch, Karen Armstrong and the Dalai Lama. We have been meeting at members' homes with a very informal format. If you would like to join us, please contact Mark Richards at [marksrichards@comcast.net](mailto:marksrichards@comcast.net) or 978-771-9823.

### Honoring the International Day of Peace at First Parish on Saturday, September 21, at 6:30 p.m.

The International Day of Peace is on Saturday, September 21, and special activities and celebrations will take place all around the world. At First Parish in Concord, we will be celebrating the Day of Peace with a participatory dance recital by Sacred Dance Global Outreach. In addition to music, inspiration, and practical insight into peace activism, the featured speaker will be Massachusetts State Senator Jamie Eldridge, sponsor of Senate Bill S52, "An Act Promoting Restorative Justice Practices." Dance at 6:30 p.m. on the First Parish lawn; 7:15 p.m. speakers and discussion. Sponsored by the Massachusetts Campaign for a Department of Peace, a program supported by the First Parish Social Action Community.

## Wright Tavern Center for Spiritual Renewal



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**Programing for the Fall**  
Looking for a fresh start for the fall, a way to manage the stress of the upcoming holidays and shorter days? Consider signing up for Mindful-Based Stress Reduction. Tai Chi is an excellent way to stretch the muscles at the end of the day, or consider learning more about Buddhist thought and practices. These two courses are just a sampling of programs offered through the Wright Tavern Center Spiritual Renewal. Full descriptions of these programs can be found at [www.wrighttavern.org](http://www.wrighttavern.org) or by picking up a pamphlet on the table outside of the First Parish office.

### Concord Area Humanists

CAH presents Carol Rose on "Humanist Values and the ACLU" Wednesday, September 11, at 7:00 p.m. \$5 Donation requested

### Mangalam Yantra Yoga —Suzan Doan

Thursday, September 12, through October 3, at 12:30 p.m.

Cost: \$160 Registration required.

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

Howard's e-mail: [hdana@firstparish.org](mailto:hdana@firstparish.org)

Tony's e-mail: [tfisher@firstparish.org](mailto:tfisher@firstparish.org)

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