

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 22, 2013

## This Week

Sun., Sept. 22	12:15 Worship Reflection
Mon., Sept. 23	<b>First Parish Closed</b>
Tue., Sept. 24	9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 6:30 <i>T'ai Chi</i> 7:30 <i>Essence of Buddhist Thought and Practice</i>
Wed., Sept. 25	9:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i> 11:30 WPA Luncheon 4:00 <i>Music Together</i> 4:30 Junior Choir 5:00 <i>Hum, Strum and Drum</i> 5:15 Chalice Choir 5:15 Gospel Choir 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Sept. 26	9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 1:30 Lincoln Handbell Ringers 7:00 <i>Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction</i> 7:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i>
Fri., Sept. 27	9:30 <i>Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction</i> 9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 6:30 All Parish Potluck Supper 7:30 <i>Rise Up Singing</i>
Sat., Sept. 28	7:30 Men's Group
Sun., Sept. 29	12:15 Worship Reflection 4:00 Installation Service

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

**Next Meeting House News deadline: Friday, October 18.**  
**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

### WPA Luncheon Program and Annual Meeting—September 25

The Women's Parish Association will begin its year with a special luncheon program on Wednesday, September 25, by Jason Bond, renowned chef of Bondir Restaurant in Cambridge. Bondir is opening another restaurant at 24 Walden Street in Concord Center very soon and Jason will talk about his plans to offer a unique and very exciting restaurant for everyone's enjoyment. Social Time will begin at 11:30 a.m. followed by a delicious lunch at noon and the presentation thereafter. After the program, the WPA will hold its Annual Meeting. Reservations are required for this catered event. The price is ten dollars. Contact the church office or Dian Pekin at [pekincd@comcast.net](mailto:pekincd@comcast.net) by September 22, for reservations as well as dietary requirements, childcare and transportation requests. Join old and new friends as we begin a new church year of friendly luncheons, interesting programs and fun fund-raising events!

### Calling All First Parish Artists

We will have a group showing of 2-D work in the Altshuler galleries during November and December. Please contact Marcia Schloss at [marcialou28@gmail.com](mailto:marcialou28@gmail.com) or 978-371-2751 for more details.



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*

### All-Parish Potluck Supper

**Friday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m.**

Please join the Transylvania Partnership Community (TPC) as we welcome Rev. József Szombatfalvi—Senior Minister of our partner congregation in Székelykeresztúr. We will have an opportunity to hear about this summer's family pilgrimage, and Beth Norton's UU choir tour, and we will celebrate our 20-year partner congregation connection. Please sign up at coffee hour or in the office and plan to bring a beverage and a dish to share.

### Installation Service and Reception

**Sunday, September 29, 4:00 p.m.**

*Our entire congregation* is invited to participate as we install our new senior minister, the Rev. Howard N. Dana. The Service of Installation will be held Sunday, September 29, at 4:00 p.m., immediately followed by a festive reception. The service is expected to last approximately 90 minutes. Weather permitting, the reception will be outdoors. For more details, please see the September Newsletter.

### Child Care Available During Installation Service

Child care for babies through grade 5 will be available during Rev. Howard Dana's installation service on Sunday, September 29 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. (drop off begins at 3:45 p.m.). Children will participate in age-appropriate activities in the pre-school RE rooms in the lower level of the church. Children in grades K through 5 have the option of attending all or part of the

service. Children who wish to attend the service with their parents may stay for the entire service or leave at a designated time to join the activities in the RE rooms on the lower level. Child care for this event will be provided by teachers from the Lincoln and Lowell public schools, as well as First Parish teen assistants. Child care is on a walk-in basis, with no registration required. For questions, please contact Suzie Weaver at [skatesuzie@aol.com](mailto:skatesuzie@aol.com).

**The First Tuesday Group—Honors Martin Luther King Jr.** Speakers include Charles Willie, scholar and classmate of MLK, Andre Joseph, retired CCHS history teacher, you and your memories of the Civil Rights Movement. Please join us for refreshments and conversation on Tuesday, October 1, at 1:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

### Play Reading Group

Play Reading group is back and savoring a leisurely pace. We will complete reading and discussing “Oleanna,” a controversial play, on Friday evening, October 4, at 7:00 p.m. Check the board for location upon arrival. All are welcome. Bring a copy of “Oleanna,” by David Mamet, to read and discuss. Copies are available in the library system. Feel free to contact Linda Hardiman [lmhardiman@gmail.com](mailto:lmhardiman@gmail.com).

### 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.

## Children’s and Youth News

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8:50 & 10:50 a.m. – Little RE (0-4yrs) – Lower Level

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. – Services

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

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

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

8th Grade, 10:00 a.m. – Frog and Toad are Friends – Meet in the Wright Tavern at 10:00 a.m.

9th-12th Grades, – Youth Retreat at Ferry Beach (9/20-9/22), no Sunday night programming

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## Social Action Community

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

### Special Event with Climate Activist Craig Altemose

Friday, October 25, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Save the Date for a special event at First Parish with Craig Altemose,

titled “The Climate Crisis: Why Only a Movement Can Save Us.” Mr. Altemose, Executive Director of the Better Future Project, is the inspiring young, activist leader of a strong climate action movement in Massachusetts. He became a climate activist after earning a law degree from Harvard Law School. He speaks knowledgeably and passionately about how much deeper the climate crisis is than many people understand; how it profoundly impacts human beings; what kinds of action are most effective; and how we can become part of that action. This is the kick-off for a new speaker series focusing on solutions to the climate crisis. The title of the series is “Climate Solutions: Meeting the Challenge.” This speaker series is being organized by groups from around Concord, including the Environmental Leadership Team.

### Open Table Seeking Important Volunteer Positions at Our Maynard Site Clock Tower Place

Open Table Maynard has many open volunteer positions it is seeking to fill. In particular, they are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator who can recruit and schedule various volunteers for its Monday night community dinner. Work from home approximately 5 hours per week. Availability also need from 4:30-6:00 p.m. on some Mondays. For this, as well as other volunteer opportunities, contact Jeanine Calabria at [jeaninecalabria@comcast.net](mailto:jeaninecalabria@comcast.net).

### 2013 Concord Area Crop Walk for the Hungry

Join us for the Crop Walk on Sunday, October 20, starting at First Parish. Registration is at 1:30 p.m., with music by the CCHS Pep Band; the step-off is at 2:15 p.m.. This walk raises funds for the global disaster relief and development projects of Church World Service, and for ten local food pantries and suppers. Our minister, Howard Dana, will walk; please consider walking with or sponsoring him. Go to [www.concordcrop.org](http://www.concordcrop.org) to sponsor him or another walker online, join the First Parish team, or get information. You may also sponsor Howard or pick up a form for yourself at coffee hour.

### Wright Tavern Center for Spiritual Renewal

To register, call the office at 978-369-9602. Visit [www.wrighttavern.org](http://www.wrighttavern.org) for more information on the programs listed below.

### Essence of Buddhist Thought and Practice

#### Wendy Garling, M.A.

“Essence of Buddhist Thought and Practice” is a six-class series. An overview of Buddhism with a new topic is introduced each week, plus meditation and group discussion. Topics include mind and meditation, life, death, karma, compassion, and more. Advance registration or drop in. Everyone welcome.

**Tuesdays: 9/24-10/29 7:30-9:00 p.m.**

**\$15/class or \$90 for the series of 6 classes**

### Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Program

#### Pamela Katz Ressler, RN, MS, HN-BC

Thursday: 9/26-11/21, 7:00-9:00 p.m. (no class 10/31)

Friday: 9/27-11/22, 9:30-11:30 a.m. (no class 10/4)

Cost: Tuition is \$300, plus an additional \$95 materials fee

For more information about the MBSR program, visit [www.stressresources.com](http://www.stressresources.com). To register, contact Pam Ressler: [pressler@stressresources.com](mailto:pressler@stressresources.com) or 978-369-5243.

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