

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

September 29, 2013

## This Week

- Sun., Sept 29 12:15 Worship Reflection  
4:00 Installation Service  
7:00 Men's Group
- Mon., Sept. 30 **First Parish Closed**
- Tue., Oct. 1 9:30 *Music Together*  
9:30 *Women's Book Group*  
1:30 First Tuesday Group  
4:00 Shawl Ministry  
6:00 Minerva Gatherings Potluck Dinner  
6:30 *T'ai Chi*  
7:30 *Essence of Buddhist Thought and Practice*
- Wed., Oct. 2 9:30 *Buddhist Group*  
9:30 Rise Up and Call Her Name  
4:00 *Music Together*  
4:30 Junior Choir  
5:00 *Hum, Strum and Drum*  
5:15 Chalice Choir  
5:15 Gospel Choir  
6:00 Arts Council  
7:00 Environmental Leadership Team  
7:45 Adult Choir
- Thu., Oct. 3 9:30 *Music Together*  
1:30 Lincoln Handbell Ringers  
7:00 *Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction*  
7:30 *Buddhist Group*  
7:30 By Your Side Singers  
7:30 Discussion with Rev. József Szombatfalvi
- Fri., Oct. 4 9:30 *Music Together*  
7:00 Play Reading Group
- Sat., Oct. 5 7:30 Men's Group
- Sun., Oct. 6 10:30 Sunday Forum  
12:15 Worship Reflection  
12:30 Congregational Life Meeting  
12:30 Discussion with Rev. József Szombatfalvi  
6:30 Standing Committee Meeting

*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

### 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.

### Installation Service and Reception Today 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 this afternoon at 4 p.m., immediately followed by a festive reception. The service is expected to last

approximately 90 minutes. The reception will be outdoors if weather is dry, even if the early evening will be cool. We expect a large crowd, so please plan your arrival accordingly.

### Child Care Available during Installation Service

Child care for babies through Grade 5 will be available during Rev. Howard Dana's installation service this afternoon 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.

### Open Discussions with Rev. József Szombatfalvi—Thursday October 3, at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, October 6, at 12:30 p.m.

Whether you have been to Transylvania or you do not know where it is exactly, this is the perfect opportunity to learn more about our partnership, our partners' 445-year-old Unitarian faith, their kopjafa gift to us, the student scholarship program, etc. These two sessions provide perfect opportunities to learn more from József, our partner minister, and seasoned members of our Transylvania Partnership Community (TPC).

### 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 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 at [lmhardiman@gmail.com](mailto:lmhardiman@gmail.com).

### Sunday Forum, October 6, 10:30 a.m. to Noon

#### *"Corporations Are Not People: Why They Have More Rights Than You Do and What You Can Do about It"*

Jeff Clements is the cofounder and president of Free Speech For People, a nonpartisan national organization helping to lead the movement to reverse Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission and renew American democracy and effective self-government. Jeff will discuss his book, with a foreword by Bill Moyers (Berrett-Koehler 2012). Jeff's book has been called "the definitive citizen's guide to overturning Citizens United," the Supreme Court decision that struck down long-standing election spending laws and opened the floodgates to unlimited political spending by corporations, unions, and secretive SuperPACs. Jeff works and lives in Concord.

## Pastoral Care

“Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life.” The Pastoral Care Lay Minister on call for October is Bev Bringle. If you need a meal or support, please contact Bev at [bevbringle@yahoo.com](mailto:bevbringle@yahoo.com) or 978-369-4793.

## Name Tags

Wearing a name tag is an act of generosity to those who forget names and a welcoming gesture to those whom you have not yet met. You may make a name tag at the Visitor Table in the entranceway to the Sanctuary, in the hallway downstairs to the right of the name tag holders, or at the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall during coffee hour. If you would like a printed name tag, please fill out the Welcome Card found in the hymnals in the pews or request one at the name tag sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table.

## Children’s and Youth News

### This Week, September 29 – Regular RE Week

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.

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9th-12th Grades, Teen Cook – 6:00 p.m. in the Kitchen

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## Social Action Community

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

### 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.

### 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 kickoff 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 to Fill 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).

### Volunteers Needed for Jumpstart in Lawrence.

Jumpstart is a national early education organization that recruits and trains volunteers to serve preschool children in low-income neighborhoods. Its curriculum helps children develop the language and literacy skills they need to be ready for kindergarten, setting them on a path to close the achievement gap before it is too late. See [jstart.org](http://jstart.org) and/or call Leslie Randall, 857-413-4574.

### Vegan Potlucks to Resume on Tuesday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m.

Come one come all to the vegan potluck dinner on October 8, at 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall, hosted by Reverence for Life. Please bring a plant-based dish to share that is without meat, fish, cheese, milk and eggs. (Please note if nuts are in recipe.) A simple salad or loaf of bread is just fine. Please bring your own place setting and beverage. If you would like recipe ideas or can help with setup or cleanup contact Marcia Schloss at [marcialou28@gmail.com](mailto:marcialou28@gmail.com) or 978-371-2751. Two-dollar donation and R.S.V.P. appreciated.

### 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 program listed below.

### Vegan 101—Marcia Schloss

Thinking of trying a healthy plant-based vegan diet but not sure where to begin? Come learn how to restock your pantry, to bake without butter and eggs, and to find recipes for delicious meals you and your family will love. We will sample common meat and dairy alternatives and strategize eating out, socializing and enjoying the holidays.

**Thursdays: October 17 and 24**

**7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Fee: \$25**

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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