

THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 6, 2013

This Week

- 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
7:30 Men's Group
- Mon., Oct. 7 **First Parish Closed**
- Tue., Oct. 8 9:00 WPA Board Meeting
9:30 *Music Together*
6:30 Vegan Potluck Dinner
6:30 *T'ai Chi*
7:30 *Essence of Buddhist Thought and Practice*
- Wed., Oct. 9 9:30 *Buddhist Group*
4:00 *Music Together*
4:30 Junior Choir
5:00 *Hum, Strum and Drum*
5:15 Chalice Choir
5:15 Gospel Choir
7:45 Adult Choir
- Thu., Oct. 10 9:30 *Music Together*
1:30 Lincoln Handbell Ringers
7:00 *Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction*
7:30 *Buddhist Group*
- Fri., Oct. 11 9:30 *Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction*
9:30 *Music Together*
12:30 *T'ai Chi*
- Sat., Oct. 12 7:30 Men's Group
9:00 Photography Club
- Sun., Oct. 13 10:30 Sunday Forum
12:15 Worship Reflection
7:30 Men's Group

Listings in italics represent classes offered through the Wright Tavern Center (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.

Parish Notes

Thanks to All!

The Installation Committee gives our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped to make Howard's Installation and reception such a special and festive occasion for the entire congregation last Sunday, September 29. Many, many parishioners contributed in ways large and small to make this event happen and run so smoothly. It's a pleasure to work with such a caring and wonderful community that is so ready to respond when called upon!
The Installation Committee: Darien Smith, Chair, Sara Ballard, Tamasin Foote, Valerie Holt, Caroline McCloy and Suzie Weaver

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 or 978-371-2751 for more details.

Open Discussions with Rev. József Szombatfalvi Today at 12:30 p.m. in the Emerson Room

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. This session provides perfect opportunities to learn more from József, our partner minister, and seasoned members of our Transylvania Partnership Community (TPC).

Sunday Forum, This Morning from 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, union, and secretive SuperPACs. Jeff works and lives in Concord.

Catnip Ball Workshop

In preparation for the WPA Artisans Fair on Saturday, November 2, three catnip ball assembly workshops will be held—Tuesday through Thursday October, 15, 16 and 17, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Volunteers welcome, and no special skills are needed. Instructions, good fellowship and coffee provided. For questions, contact Becky Blodgett at becky.blodgett@verizon.net.

All-Parish Women's Potluck Dinner Party Friday, October 18, at 6:00 p.m.

All First Parish women are invited to this evening of informal socializing in the Parish Hall, with a chance to learn about ongoing women's groups and activities. Please bring food and drink to share, and your own dinnerware. R.S.V.P. to Bozena Smith at bozenasmith@mindspring.com. Sponsored by the Women's Retreats Committee.

Square Dance Saturday, October 19 From 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Beth Parkes, caller extraordinaire, will guide us through all the moves, so all levels of coordination are welcome. Please bring a snack or dessert and drinks to share. Free and open to all ages! For more information, contact Kate Svrcsek at katesvrcsek@hotmail.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. Please include the “type” of service you provide. Note: You must be a supporting member of First Parish to be included in this directory.

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 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, October 6 – Regular RE Week

8:50 & 10:50 a.m. – Little RE (0-4years) – 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 – Field trip; to Gaining Ground leave at 10:00 a.m. return at noon

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

9th Grade, 4:30-6:00 p.m. – Coming of Age – Emerson Room

9th-12th Grades, Youth Band – 6:00 p.m. in the Wright Tavern

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

Coming of Age Retreat, October 11-12

Next Week, October 13 – Vacation Weekend

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

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. – Services

Social Action Community

Go to 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 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 our Environmental Leadership Team.

Open Table Seeking to Fill Important Volunteer Positions At the 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 needed from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. on some Mondays. For this, as well as other volunteer opportunities, contact Jeanine Calabria at 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 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 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 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

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

Visit our website at firstparish.org