

THE SUNDAY NEWS

November 3, 2013

This Week

Sun., Nov. 3	10:30 Sunday Forum 12:15 Worship Reflection 12:30 Congregational Discussion on Finances 7:30 Men's Group
Mon., Nov. 4	First Parish Closed
Tue., Nov. 5	9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 1:30 First Tuesday Group 4:00 Shawl Ministry 6:00 Minerva Gathering Potluck Dinner 6:30 <i>T'ai Chi</i>
Wed., Nov. 6	9:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i> 9:30 Rise Up and Call Her Name 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 7:00 Concord Area Humanists 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Nov. 7	9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 1:30 Lincoln Ringers 7:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i> 7:30 By Your Side Singers
Fri., Nov. 8	9:30 <i>Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction</i> 9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 5:30 Alzheimer's Dance
Sat., Nov. 9	7:30 Men's Group 9:00 Photography Club
Sun., Nov. 10	10:30 Sunday Forum 12:15 Worship Reflection 12:30 Congregational Meeting and Vote 6:30 Standing Committee Meeting 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, November 15.
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

Wanted: Housing for Next Year's Intern

Ministry is an itinerant profession. A minister needs to be able to pull up stakes and move—and to be comfortable in the new setting. One of the opportunities of an internship is to experience a different environment—a different part of the country, a different culture. In order to make it possible for an intern from somewhere else to spend a year at First Parish, we are looking for a rent-free apartment. If you can offer one or know of one, please contact Alec Walker at AlecWalker@aol.com.

Post-Worship Reflection Time in the Parlor

After every 11:00 a.m. service, all are welcome to join the circle in

the Parlor downstairs, to listen and share their experiences of the service. Join in any time. This is a simple, structured, facilitated event that will always end by 12:30 p.m.

Rise Up and Call Her Name This Wednesday, November 6

All women are invited to meet the Hawaiian volcano Goddess Pele and to reflect on the sacredness of land on Wednesday, November 6, from 9:30 to noon in the Parlor. For more information please contact Bozena Smith at bozenasmith@mindspring.com

Standing Committee Update: We Begin the Month of November with Two Important Meetings!

The second meeting on church finances is upon us! For those of you who missed the October 13 meeting, or who wish to attend both, the second meeting will be held this Sunday, November 3, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.. Fifi Ball (Director of Operations) and Suzanne Lowe (Treasurer) will present an overview of the revenues, expenses and priorities for our current operating budget, as well as year-to-date actual numbers. This is also an opportunity for parishioners to share their own priorities for *next year's* budget. Members of the Standing Committee will be in attendance as well. Our hope is that any and all parishioners who want to be informed and involved in the fiscal life of the church will take advantage of this opportunity.

The Solar decision is just one week away! At 12:30 p.m. on November 10, we meet as a congregation to vote on the plan to install solar panels on the roof of the church. This effort has been spearheaded by the Environmental Leadership Team. The decision was deemed by Rev. Dana and the Standing Committee to be important enough to be brought before the entire congregation. Please come and cast your vote next Sunday!

First Tuesday Group

All are welcome at the First Tuesday group meeting on Tuesday, November 5, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Sue Dobbie will introduce guest speaker Margaret Hoag, an expert in Elder Law, who will speak about estate planning, financial matters and advance directives. Questions and discussion will be followed by refreshments.

Date and Time Change for New to Unitarian Universalism Workshop—Sunday, November 10, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Participants will learn about the rich history of our Unitarian Universalist faith, gain an understanding of congregational polity, and better understand the role of the UU principles and sources in our values-driven movement. Coffee, tea and a light snack provided. Participants are encouraged to attend worship at 9:00 a.m., followed by the workshop. R.S.V.P. by November 5 to rbaker@firstparish.org.

Date and Time Change for New to First Parish in Concord Workshop—Sunday, November 17, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Participants will hear from the ministerial team, staff and lay leaders, find out how to become engaged in congregational life at First Parish, and have the option to sign the membership book. Coffee, tea and a light snack provided. Participants are encouraged to attend worship at 9:00 a.m., followed by the workshop. R.S.V.P. by November 5 to rbaker@firstparish.org.

Congregational Stewardship Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.

How will we help First Parish to grow, change and thrive?

Getting involved in stewardship is an opportunity to influence the future of First Parish and to help shape fundraising and budgetary priorities. You are invited to participate in a conversation begun on October 16, when committee/council chairs came together with members of the Standing Committee and staff to discuss fundraising opportunities, tactics and strategies. At this next meeting, we will discuss the meaning of stewardship and plan ways that we, the congregation, can use fundraising to reflect and support our collective priorities. Come and bring your friends. Refreshments will be served.

Pastoral Care

“Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life.” The Pastoral Care Lay Minister on call for November is Diane Clapp. If you would like a meal or support, please contact Diane at d.clapp@comcast.net or 781-257-5025.

Children’s and Youth News

This Week, November 3 – Regular RE Week

8:50 & 10:50 a.m. – Little RE (0-4 yrs) – 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 ‘Chapel’ RE in the Emerson Room

6th-7th Grades – Neighboring Activists – Brooks Room, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

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

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

9th-12th Grades, Youth Group Band – 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Wright Tavern

9th-12th Grades, Youth Group – 7:00 to 8:30p.m. in the Wright Tavern

4:00 – 5:30 p.m. West Virginia Service Trip Information Session

Thursday, November 7 – 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. West Virginia Service Trip Information Session

Next Week, November 10 – Veteran’s Day Weekend

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

Informational Session’s for West Virginia Youth Trip

Today at 4:00 p.m. or Thursday, November 7, at 7:00 p.m.

If you or your high-school aged youth are interested in going on the service trip to West Virginia from April 20-27, please attend one of the information sessions listed above. The deadline to register for this trip and make a \$300 nonrefundable deposit is December 1. We are also looking for chaperones; contact Bethany Lowe at BLowe@firstparish.org to learn more.

Social Action Community

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

Come to Swingin’ and Swayin’—An Evening of Music and Dance on Friday, November 8, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the beginning of a new SAC program, the Alzheimer’s Awareness Group. The Liberty Alzheimer’s Partnership presents music of the forties, fifties and sixties by Golden Tones, a chorus of senior citizens founded by UU minister Maddie Sifantus,

and by Vocal Revolution, an award-winning barbershop group. Proceeds go to Alzheimer’s Association research and programs to support families with dementia sufferers. Sing along! Dance! We’re never too old to enjoy music. All ages welcome, including family members with dementia. Tickets: \$10. For information, contact Jim Reynolds at jim.reynolds@caringcompanion.net or [978-254-1305](tel:978-254-1305).

Vegan Thanksgiving Potluck on November 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Come one, come all to the Thanksgiving vegan potluck dinner on Tuesday, November 12, 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. Also, bring your own place setting and beverage. If you would like Thanksgiving-themed recipe ideas or can help with setup or cleanup contact Marcia Schloss at marcialou28@gmail.com or [978-371-2751](tel:978-371-2751). Two-dollar donation and R.S.V.P. appreciated. With the children’s help, we will have a special way for all who come to note what they are thankful for. And as we leave the turkeys to gobble, gobble around and off our dinner plates, we will have the opportunity to collect a few dollars and “adopt” a turkey at Farm Sanctuary.

“Food for Change” Showing

Saturday, November 23, at 7:30 p.m.

The Social Action Community Council of First Parish in Concord presents “Food for Change,” a provocative new documentary that filmmaker Steve Alves describes as “one part food, two parts politics, three parts economics.” Interviews, rare archival footage and commentary by co-op leaders and historians tell the story of the co-op movement in the U.S. and its role in the decades-long debate between profit-driven capitalism and locally controlled enterprises. Alves tracks the co-op movement’s quest for whole and organic foods, sustainable food systems, and the renaissance of American food co-ops that has revived entire communities. Come and meet Concord-raised Associate Producer Andrew Curran, who will be on hand for this showing. Refreshments will be served. Watch for more information on our Facebook page: Food for Change (documentary film). Donations requested at the door. SACC of First Parish is grateful to our co-sponsors: Assabet Village Food Cooperative, Babson College Food Sol Program, ConcordCAN, Gardening for Life, and Greater Boston Slow Money.



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