

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

November 24, 2013

## This Week

Sun., Nov. 24	10:30 Sunday Forum 12:15 Worship Reflection 12:30 Ministerial Intern Committee 7:30 Men's Group
Mon., Nov. 25	<b>First Parish Closed</b>
Tue., Nov. 26	1:30 Lincoln Ringers 6:30 <i>T'ai Chi</i> 7:45 Adult Choir
Wed., Nov. 27	9:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i> 12:00 Church Office Closing
Thu., Nov. 28	5:00 Open Table—Thanksgiving
Fri., Nov. 29	<b>First Parish Closed</b>
Sat., Nov. 30	7:30 Men's Group
Sun., Dec. 1	11:00 One Service ( <u>No 9:00 a.m. Service</u> ) 12:15 Worship Reflection 12:30 Ministerial Intern Committee 7:30 Men's Group

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

**Next Meeting House News deadline: Friday, December 13. 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

### All-Parish Art Display

View the new display in the Suzanne Altshuler Gallery: Gallery A is in the stairwell outside the Sanctuary; Gallery B is on the stage of the Parish Hall. The exhibit runs from November 5 until the end of December.

### Check Out Podcasts of Sunday Sermons

Try out the new link directly to the podcast list on the front page on the First Parish website. The new link is in the right side column. Podcasts will be uploaded on Sunday afternoon or Monday!

### 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](mailto:AlecWalker@aol.com).

### "A Year with Frog and Toad"—Tickets at Coffee Hour

Don't miss it! First Parish Eighth Grade Players are presenting the musical play "A Year with Frog and Toad" on Friday, December 20, at 7:30 p.m.; and Saturday, December 21, at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m., providing holiday entertainment for all ages. Tickets on sale at coffee hour: \$10.00 for adults; \$5.00 for children.

## Looking for a Unique Holiday Gift for Someone? Why Not Go Green!

For \$1200, you can adopt one of the 70 shiny new solar panels going up on our roof and help First Parish go green . . . give as a gift or just enjoy! If all the panels are adopted (as full, half- or quarter-shares), the entire solar array will be paid for ahead of time, which boosts the benefits significantly for First Parish. Check out the map of our roof at coffee hour and have fun picking out the panel you want to adopt! Please contact Berni Jenkins at [berni.jenkins@verizon.net](mailto:berni.jenkins@verizon.net) or Kate Crosby at [kate\\_crosby@newview.org](mailto:kate_crosby@newview.org) for more information.

## Music Events Committee—Opportunity to Get Involved

The Music Events Committee is looking for a few new members to help coordinate and support upcoming music events. If you're a lover of music and would like to contribute to the vibrant music ministry at First Parish, this would be a great way to get involved. Particularly useful skills include selling tickets online, graphic design, contract negotiation, and an interest in attending and hosting weekend concerts. Call Rob Hamilton at 508-272-6850.

## "Levelezőtárs/Pen Pal Greeting Cards for Christmas" For Our Transylvania Partner Congregation

For the fourth year, our children will create and exchange Christmas/Holiday greeting cards with the children in our Transylvania Partner Congregation in Székelykeresztúr. This is a great opportunity for our children to learn about and support our Transylvania Partnership Community connection. Today, we will have tables and craft materials set up in the Emerson Room for our children to create their personal greeting cards during coffee hours. Adults are encouraged to assist (especially with the smaller children), perhaps create a card of their own, and help explain our Transylvania Partner Congregation connection. All of the cards will be collected and sent to our friends in Székelykeresztúr, who will be doing the same for us! For those who can't join these sessions, the PCC is providing a Keresztúr Christmas Mailbox in the First Parish office for greetings to scholarship students and your friends in Keresztúr. Please print the recipients' names legibly on the envelope, using the traditional Hungarian style (last name, first name), and deliver them by December 8—no gifts, please, but photos are all right.

## 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](mailto:d.clapp@comcast.net) or 781-257-5025.

## Holiday Concert and Tea—December 13

The Women's Parish Association has planned a special concert and tea to add sparkle to your holiday season. Critically acclaimed jazz pianist Molly Flannery, has brought together great musicians of the Boston area who will offer an entertaining program of upbeat jazz renditions of popular seasonal songs. All men, women and youth of First Parish and their family and friends are warmly invited. The concert begins at 3 o'clock on Friday, December 13, followed by a traditional tea. There is no charge for this event and reservations are not required. If possible, please bring nicely plated sweets to share.

### **Author Talk by Eve LaPlante—December 8, at 3:00 p.m.**

The Women's Parish Association and the Transcendentalism Council are pleased to offer the following event. On Sunday, December 8, at 3:00 p.m., author Eve LaPlante will talk about her latest books, *Marmee and Louisa: The Untold Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Mother* and *My Heart Is Boundless: Writings of Abigail May Alcott, Louisa May's Mother*. A reception and book signing will follow. Books will be available for sale by Orchard House at that time. These books would make outstanding holiday gifts. All are warmly invited! Don't miss this chance to meet the author of two of the most interesting books written in the last couple of years. There is no charge for the talk or the reception.

### **Social Action Community**

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

### **AS THE WEATHER GETS CHILLY, A REMINDER ABOUT GIVING DONATIONS**

#### **Do You Have Clothing You Can Donate to the Needy?**

Winter is coming and there are people who need clothing. Do you have some clean, gently used clothing you can donate? Your donations can be dropped off on Bill Seaver's porch at 294 The Valley Road, Concord. They will be taken to the Acton Pantry, where their dinner guests can use your donations. (Bill Seaver 978-369-7318 or [billseaver@earthlink.net](mailto:billseaver@earthlink.net).)

#### **Gentle Reminder: Secret Santa Gift Drop-off Times**

Thank you to all of our First Parish Secret Santas. During this busy time, it is wonderful that you have thought of and shopped for local families whom you do not even know, but who will be so grateful for your generosity! You are probably busy gathering your gifts, and this is a gentle reminder to please bring them to either coffee hour on December 1 or December 8. There will be a designated drop-off table. Again, thank you so much for giving your holiday spirit!

### **Children's and Youth News**

#### **This Week, November 24 – 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-3rd Grades – Middle RE – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the Ripley Room

4th-5th Grades – Middle RE – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the Greeley Room

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

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

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

#### **Next Week, December 1 – Holiday Weekend**

ONE Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. ONLY

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

11:00 a.m. – Children Welcome in Worship

### **Children's Holiday Crafts Workshop—December 7**

Our Head Elves, Jan Goddard-Taylor, Sarah Napier and Marilyn Lowitt, have been working very hard since October preparing for our super, crafty, gifty, and joyful Children's Holiday Crafts Workshop, which will be held on December 7, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Mark your Calendars for this fun event.

### **Christmas Eve Tableau at 4:00 p.m. Only**

All those interested in being part of our Christmas Tableau, please let Kristin Parlman know (Kristin Parlman [parlman@verizon.net](mailto:parlman@verizon.net).) We need kings, lambs, cows, an angel, Mary and rowdy shepherds. Fortunately, we have Jesus. Very little is required: Just show up at 3:30 p.m. in the Brooks Room on Christmas Eve and put on great costumes.

### **RE Teachers Needed for the Holiday Term, Winter Term and Spring Term**

Would you like to help us in our Little RE program? We need teachers at both 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. for Part II of the Holiday term (starting January 5 for six Sundays). We also need Little RE and Middle RE teachers for both the Winter and Spring terms too. Are we looking for *you*? It is a great way to be involved with the life of this congregation.

### **Winter Clothes for the Homeless Needed**

Winter Clothes and other items are needed by COA kids to give away during their CityReach overnight in Boston. Eighty percent are men. Please especially donate large, warm clothes and items. . . carrying cases, travel-size toiletries, NEW white socks or white underwear, sleeping bags, blankets. Please no children's clothes or fancy, night, or out-of-season clothes. Box will be in the coatroom at church. Alternative drop-off is at 122 Upland Road in West Concord on the covered front porch. Please drop-off prior to December 6. Thanks!

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Call the Domestic Violence Services Network Help Line:  
888-399-6111