

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

January 12, 2014

## This Week

Sun., Jan. 12	10:30 Forum 12:15 Worship Reflection 12:30 Nominating Committee 12:30 Harmony and Heritage 6:30 Standing Committee Meeting
Mon., Jan. 13	<b>First Parish Closed</b>
Tue., Jan. 14	9:00 WPA Board Meeting 9:30 Music Together 6:00 Vegan Potluck 6:30 T'ai Chi
Wed., Jan. 15	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:00 <i>Music Together</i> 4:30 Junior Choir 5:15 Chalice Choir 5:15 Gospel Choir 6:15 UUUM Choir Rehearsal 6:30 Harmony and Heritage 7:00 Environmental Leadership Team 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Jan. 16	9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 10:00 Creative Practice Affinity Group 7:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i> 7:30 By Your Side Singers 7:30 Reverence for Life 7:30 Diversity Committee
Fri., Jan. 17	7:00 Jewish Awareness Group
Sat., Jan. 18	7:30 Men's Group
Sun., Jan. 19	<b>One Intergenerational Service at 11:00 a.m.</b> 12:15 Worship Reflection

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

**Next Meeting House News deadline: Friday, January 24.**  
**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

**Sunday, January 19, One Service Only at 11:00 a.m.**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend Intergenerational Service**

Please join us for a story and music-filled service on January 19 at 11 a.m. Beth Norton is arranging a moving Gospel Choir, and Pam Howell is working with a local author, Linda Booth Sweeney, to bring Dr. King's messages alive through folk tales from far-off countries. Our hope is that this service will feed the dreams of justice for all ages on a cold winter morning.

## Altshuler Gallery

On display in the Altshuler Gallery for January and February is a dual exhibit of photographs by photojournalist and First Parish member Ivan Massar of Martin Luther King's 1965 march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, along with illustrations from the book *Connected Wisdom*, by Linda Booth Sweeney, Ed.D., which will be used at the First Parish MLK worship service on January 19 and during the workshop on January 23.

## Pastoral Thursdays—7 to 9 p.m.

Rev. Howard Dana and the Pastoral Care Ministers will be holding evening programs starting January 23 from 7 to 9 p.m.  
January 23—The Spiritual Challenges of Divorce  
February 6—Challenges Facing Parents with Children in College  
February 20—Dealing with Aging Parents  
March 6—The Challenges of Parenting Teenagers  
March 20—Dealing and Living with the Death of a Spouse  
April 3—Infertility, Pregnancy Loss and Family Building Issues  
April 17—Job Insecurity

## First Parish Solar Panels

*Please help us reach our goal of 100 percent congregational participation by making a contribution in any amount toward our soon-to-be-installed solar panels. Your tax-deductible gift helps us avoid an installation loan, improves this year's church finances, and reduces our electricity costs and carbon footprint for the next 20 plus years. A full panel costs \$1200, but you can adopt any portion of a panel. We talk about our commitment to shared UU values. Let's demonstrate that commitment with our wallets. Contact Bernie Jenkins (or Kate Crosby) to help.*

## Harmony and Heritage: A Transylvania Pilgrimage

Our trips to our partner church in Székelykeresztúr have been transformative for those who have participated. We will be traveling there again October 30 to November 10, 2014, and if you are interested in hearing about our plans or are considering joining us plan to attend one of the following meetings: *today, January 12, at 12:30 p.m., or Wednesday, January 15, at 6:30 p.m.* to find out the details. We'll discuss the itinerary possibilities and possible travel extensions, costs and payment schedules, and scholarship assistance, as well as the goals of the trip and the educational preparation before we go. We hope you'll consider joining Beth, possibly Howard (who hopes to go), and the planning committee (Lillian Anderson, Sara Ballard, Val Holt and Rodger Matlage) on this important journey. If you are interested but can't attend either meeting, we'll be happy to send you the information presented.

## Intergenerational Choir for MLK Sunday—Open to ALL!

The First Parish choirs will be teaming up on January 19 for our Intergenerational Gospel Choir Sunday. *This one-rehearsal choir is open to all congregants of our church.* If you enjoyed the "Instant Choir" on January 5, here's another chance. We will sing together in worship next Sunday, January 19 for the one 11:00 a.m. service Warm-up is at 10:00 with all choirs. Singers are also encouraged to attend a special rehearsal on Wednesday evening, January 15. See FP Announce or contact Gail Carey or Beth Norton in the music office for more information.

## First Meeting for Creative Practice

**Thursday, January 16, 10:00 a.m. to Noon**

Nurture and support all types of creativity (writing, poetry, sculpting, painting, fiber arts, dance, music, computer programming, etc.). Share resources. Find inspiration. Give and receive feedback or advice if desired. Develop strategies for continued creative practice. Contact Derek McCarthy at [dsm32@cornell.edu](mailto:dsm32@cornell.edu).

### **Jewish Awareness: Friday, January 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

Discussion: "Was the Last Supper a Passover Seder?" Share questions and reflection on Judaism in a Unitarian Universalist context. All Jews, non-Jews, allies of Jews, and those just plain curious are welcome. Contact Dana Snyder-Grant at [danasg@newview.org](mailto:danasg@newview.org)

### **Other Opportunities to Get Involved at First Parish**

Other smaller group opportunities include needle workers, photography club, men's groups, women's potlucks, women's goddess circle, Buddhist meditation and study groups, and post-worship reflection and conversation. Contact Rachel Baker at [rbaker@firstparish.org](mailto:rbaker@firstparish.org) for additional information.

### **WPA Luncheon Program on January 22 "Opera and Art Songs"**

The Women's Parish Association cordially invites everyone to its January 22 luncheon program, "Opera and Art Songs" a discussion and performance by Mark Nimar. Mark is a lifelong member of First Parish and is currently a bachelor of music candidate at the Mannes College the New School for Music, where he is in his fourth year. In addition to many significant roles in New York, he has performed in over 20 theatrical productions in the Boston area and in such programs as SongFest, the Boston University Tanglewood Institute and the International Vocal Arts Institute. Social time will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and the program. Price for the lunch is ten dollars, payable at the door. Contact the church office at 978-369-9602 or Dian Pekin at [pekinc@comcast.net](mailto:pekinc@comcast.net) by January 18 for reservations, dietary requirements or transportation needs. All men and women of First Parish and their friends are warmly welcome!

### **Pastoral Care**

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life." The Pastoral Care Lay Minister on call for January is Carolyn Shohet. If you need a meal or support, please contact Carolyn at [careshohet@aol.com](mailto:careshohet@aol.com) or 978-369-6231.

### **Social Action Community**

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

### **Diversity Committee Meeting on January 16**

The Diversity Committee will meet on Thursday, January 16, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Greeley Room. We welcome the participation of anyone who would like to help us fulfill our mission of being a Welcoming Congregation. Please attend the meeting, or contact Sara Ballard at [sara@sb.org](mailto:sara@sb.org) for more information.

### **Social Action Grant Applications Due January 31**

The Social Action Community Grant Application deadline is January 31. Each year, First Parish allocates 7.5 percent of annual pledge income to the Social Action Community Council. The Social Action Community Council distributes this grant money to local, national and international organizations. The council actively encourages social entrepreneurship and gives extra weight to Grant Requests to provide seed money for a specified and limited time period to "incubate" new ideas. Grant award priority is given to these new concepts and ventures. Please keep in mind that grant applications must be sponsored by a First Parish pledging member. Further details on the grant application process, policies and requirements can be found at <http://sac.firstparish.org/cms/grants> or by contacting Wendy Holt at [wendyholt48@yahoo.com](mailto:wendyholt48@yahoo.com) or Katharine Esty at [katharinecesty@verizon.net](mailto:katharinecesty@verizon.net).

**Vegan Potluck—Tuesday, January 14, at 6 p.m.**

Enjoy a delicious potluck dinner in the Parish Hall, on January 14, at 6 p.m., hosted by Reverence for Life and the Environmental Leadership Team. Please bring your own beverage and a dish to share that is free of meat, fish, eggs, honey and dairy. Also, attach a card with the ingredients of your dish, to help out those with allergies or special diets. Your \$2 donation helps to cover expenses. Don't have time to cook? A simple salad or a loaf of bread is just fine. Need a recipe? Contact Marcia Schloss at 978-371-2751 or [marcialou28@gmail.com](mailto:marcialou28@gmail.com).

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

**This Week, January 12** – Regular RE Week

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

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. – Services

K-1st Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary and dismissed to RE in the lower level

2nd-3rd Grades – Middle RE – Begin in the Sanctuary and dismissed to RE in the Ripley Room

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

6th-7th Grades – Begin in the Sanctuary and dismissed to RE in the Brooks Room

4:00 – 6:30 p.m. -- 8th Grade OWL at 4 p.m. in the Emerson Room

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 9th-12th Grades Youth Group

**Next Week, January 19** – Very Intergenerational Service

Pam Howell and Beth Norton Leading

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

11:00 a.m. – Intergenerational Service at 11 a.m. only.

Children welcome.

### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Intergenerational Learning Workshop January 23, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. in the Emerson Room**

*In a spider's web, what happens on one part of the web affects every other part. Like a spider's web, our forests and oceans, our families and communities, are so intricately woven that no part exists in isolation.* Please join Pam Howell and Linda Booth Sweeney for a fun-filled evening based on the book *Connected Wisdom: Living Stories for Living Systems*. We will be getting inside some of Martin's big ideas through folktales, games and good conversation.

### **Rock'n' Roll Bingo Fundraiser for Youth Group Service Trip**

On Friday, January 31 (February 7, snow date), the Youth Group will lead a night of Rock'n' Roll Bingo. This event will be open to folks of all ages and families of all sizes. The Youth Group will provide the bingo cards and musical entertainment. Dancing will be encouraged. There will also be a silent auction of toys, games, babysitting, dog walking, ect. Cost will be \$10/person, or \$30/family. Pizza and homemade chili will be included. All proceeds will go to support the Youth Group's service trip to West Virginia this coming April. Come and support our Youth Group's efforts to make their service trip financially sustainable.

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888-399-6111