

THE SUNDAY NEWS

January 26, 2014

This Week

Sun., Jan. 26	10:30 Forum 12:15 Worship Reflection 12:30 Parish Conversation 7:00 Sarasa Concert
Mon., Jan. 27	First Parish Closed
Tue., Jan. 28	9:30 Music Together 6:30 T'ai Chi 7:30 Diversity Committee 7:30 Thoreau and the Language of Trees
Wed., Jan. 29	9:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i> 4:00 <i>Music Together</i> 4:30 Junior Choir 5:15 Chalice Choir 5:15 Gospel Choir 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Jan. 30	9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 1:30 Lincoln Ringers 7:00 <i>Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction</i> 7:00 Pastoral Thursdays 7:00 Annual Pledge Campaign Meeting 7:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i>
Fri., Jan. 31	9:30 <i>Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction</i> 6:00 Rock'n'Roll Bingo
Sat., Feb. 1	7:30 Men's Group 10:00 "Speaking Peace" 7:00 Funderburg Dinner
Sun., Feb. 2	10:30 Forum 12:15 Worship Reflection

Note: Terrific Tuesdays are coming in March !

Listings in italics represent classes offered through the Wright Tavern Center (www.wrighttavern.org).

Next Meeting House News deadline: Friday, February 20. 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

Sarasa Chamber Music Ensemble Concert —Tonight

Come hear this acclaimed chamber ensemble perform tonight at 7 p.m., at First Parish in Concord's Parish Hall, with a reception after the concert to meet the musicians. The program, "The Pathway to J. S. Bach," features violins, flute, harpsichord, viola, cello and bass. Tickets available at the door or online at www.sarasamusic.org.

Parish Conversation—Today

Once again an opportunity to be heard. Your presence matters! Today's congregational conversation will be an open-ended one. Please join your fellow parishioners from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel. This is a time for you to bring whatever hopes, aspirations, concerns or celebrations you would like to share with us. We will not be using a Q & A format, but rather we will simply record all comments, without attribution. We plan to then share these with the congregation as a whole.

Pastoral Thursdays—7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Rev. Howard Dana and the Pastoral Care Ministers will be holding evening programs on Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m.
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 StorySlam! February 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Theme: Moments That Moved You \$10 cover charge; snacks and refreshments; proceeds to benefit Funderburg Scholars. Come and tell a personal story that changed your perspective—in under five minutes and with no notes or props. Modeled on "The Moth," themoth.org, a nationwide storytelling phenomenon. Tell your story or listen to your First Parish friends tell theirs. Tellers put their names in a hat and the first 10 will be drawn at random.
Host: Sean Kavanagh, seanjavanagh@yahoo.com
Sean will offer a two-hour storytelling workshop on Sunday, February 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. if you'd like to craft your story.

The Big Push for Solar Ends January 31 Have You Made Your Contribution Yet?

Two months ago, the First Parish community voted unanimously to install solar panels, a step toward reducing our carbon footprint. Since we *all* benefit from the coming installation through reduced electricity costs, we are hoping *all* members of our community will contribute something toward the cost of installation. *Any Amount helps* and your gift is tax-deductible. Please contact Berni Jenkins or Kate Crosby before the end of this month to make your contribution.

Pastoral Care Table

Visit the Pastoral Care Table at coffee hour today to speak to a council member with your suggestions or comments and to fill out a volunteer questionnaire if you wish.

Thoreau and the Language of Trees

Please join us on Tuesday, January 28, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., when Rich Higgins will weave together selections from Thoreau's writing with his own photographs, Thoreau's sketches, and photographs by the great landscape photographer Herbert Wendell Gleason, who documented Thoreau's Concord. Reception to follow. \$10 donation. Sponsored by the Transcendentalism Council and cosponsored by the Thoreau Society and the Walden Woods Project. See fptranscendentalism.org or contact Dianne Weiss at diannemcweiss@comcast.net.

Team Members for First Parish's 2014 Annual Pledge Campaign Meeting—Thursday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m.

First Parish's 2014 Annual Pledge Campaign is off and running. Cochairs Eric Moore and Jim Reynolds invite interested members and friends to join them in planning and executing our spring pledge campaign. It promises to be an exciting time in the life of our church. Whether you are an experienced steward or newly enthusiastic about contributing your talent to First Parish's pledge campaign, we invite you to join Eric and Jim at their first team

meeting, on January 30, from 7 to 9 p.m. at First Parish. We'll review the pledging process, discuss the budget priorities that will make up the Pledge Campaign goal, and make some early plans to work together throughout the spring. —Suzanne Lowe

Minerva Gatherings

Please join us for monthly Minerva New Month Women's potlucks. These gatherings are a time for spiritual renewal and nourishment. A safe space for all women of First Parish to connect with one another, share food, conversation and spiritual exploration. Minerva Gatherings are a diverse celebration of women and femininity. The next Minerva Gathering Potluck is February 4, at 6 p.m. Please R.S.V.P. to Twinkle Manning at Twinklemanning@gmail.com or 760-889-5428.

Trustees Update on Wright Tavern History

We know a lot more now about the Wright Tavern thanks to our historic structure consultants. Talk to Pat Brinkman if you want to know more – or have information to share.

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 or 978-369-6231.

Social Action Community

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

Funderburg Scholars Dinner

Saturday, February 1, at 6:30 p.m.

Join us on Saturday, February 1, for the Funderburg Scholars fundraising dinner at church. Help Roxbury youth graduate from college—while you enjoy a nice meal with great company. Meet some Roxbury students and learn more about the program. No fixed "price"—donate what feels right to you at the dinner. Reserve your place at dinner at coffee hour today by calling Loretta Ho Sherblom at 508-935-6750 or e-mailing her at Loretta@LHSBenefits.com. Join us for wine and cheese at 6:30 p.m., dinner by Caroline McCloy at 7:15 p.m.

Social Action Grant Application Deadline Extended

The Social Action Community Grant Application deadline is February 7. Each year, The council actively encourages social entrepreneurship and gives extra weight to Grant Requests to provide seed money for a specified and limited time period that "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 or Katharine Esty at katharineesty@verizon.net.

Volunteer to be a Grant Reader

Each year First Parish awards over \$30,000 of small grants in response to proposals from not-for-profit organizations working locally, nationally and internationally. All of the grants have a sponsor from First Parish in Concord. This year the Grants Committee of the Social Action Community Council is asking for volunteers to help read and make a preliminary assessment of 4 to 6 proposals that we receive. It will take about 2 to 3 hours and you can work at home. We will have the proposal for you on February 15 and would need your comments by March 1. After March 1, we will have an (optional) meeting to discuss the process and your questions. We will give you a

sheet explaining how to make the assessment. If you are interested in being one of the grant readers, please contact Wendy Holt at 978-369-9558 or at wendyh@dmahealth.com.

"Speaking Peace" at First Parish Saturday February 1, from 10 to 4

An introductory workshop on compassionate, nonviolent communication, based on the work of Marshall Rosenberg and taught by Gail Carroll. Nonviolent communication (NVC) is a language of compassion that can dramatically improve all our relationships. In this hands-on workshop you'll learn powerful easy to use methods for leveraging NVC in a wide variety of real-life situations: group; one to one; at work; at home and more. The workshop is appropriate for professionals and individuals of all ages. \$75 Registration Fee. Lunch will be served. Go to NVCboston.org to learn more. Registration assistance is available. Contact Pat Simon psimon4peace@gmail.com.

Lunafest Film Festival Is Coming to First Parish

Saturday, February 15, 6:30 p.m. doors open. Opening remarks and Films 7 to 9 p.m. Short Films by, for and about woman. This event is being hosted by SAC and Reproductive Justice. For more information please contact Lora Venesy at venesy@comcast.net.

Children's and Youth News

This Week, January 26 – Regular RE Week

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

10:00 – 12:00 p.m. – 7th Grade – Neighboring Faiths in the Brooks Room

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 Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary and dismissed to RE in the Wright Tavern

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

Rock'n' Roll Bingo, January 31 – Support our Youth – 6 p.m. in the Parish Hall

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7th Grade – 11 a.m. Meet in the Wright Tavern and then visit Holy Family Parish in Concord

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