

THE SUNDAY NEWS

February 2, 2014

This Week

Sun., Feb. 2	9:00 Worship Service 10:30 Forum 11:00 Worship Service 12:15 Worship Reflection
Mon., Feb. 3	First Parish Closed
Tue., Feb. 4	9:30 Music Together 1:30 First Tuesday Group 4:00 Shawl Ministry 6:00 Minerva Gathering Potluck 6:30 T'ai Chi
Wed., Feb. 5	9:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i> 4:00 <i>Music Together</i> 4:30 Junior Choir 5:15 Chalice Choir 5:15 Gospel Choir 6:00 Arts Council 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Feb. 6	9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 1:30 Lincoln Ringers 7:00 <i>Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction</i> 7:00 Pastoral Thursdays 7:00 Transylvania Partnership Community 7:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i> 7:30 By Your Side Singers
Fri., Feb. 7	9:30 <i>Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction</i> 7:00 Play Reading Group
Sat., Feb. 8	7:30 Men's Group 9:00 Photography Club
Sun., Feb. 9	9:00 Worship Service 10:30 Forum 11:00 Worship Service 12:15 Worship Reflection 12:30 Nominating Committee 6:30 Standing Committee

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

Next Year's Ministerial Intern.

The Ministerial Internship Committee and Howard have selected Brian Chenowith to be our full-time intern next year. Brian is currently at Meadville Lombard and serving a part-time internship at Unity Temple UU Congregation in Oak Park, Illinois. Parish suggestions for helping Brian find accommodations in or near Concord would be greatly appreciated. The time period is August 2014 to June 2015.

Pastoral Thursdays—7:00 p.m. 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

Minerva Women's Potluck this Tuesday, February 4

All women are warmly invited to the Minerva New Month Women's Potluck dinner this Tuesday, February 4, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Parlor. We gather to connect with one another, share food, conversation, and spiritual exploration. Please bring a dish and beverage to share and your own dinnerware. R.S.V.P. appreciated to Bozena Smith at bozenasmith@mindspring.com

Save the Date for LUNAFEST: Saturday February 15, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Lunafest Short Film Festival brings us original informative and entertaining short films created by women filmmakers; selected from over 800 entries, the Lunafest winners portray real-life characters of varied nationalities and ethnicities. These short dramas, comedies and documentaries will touch your heartstrings, make you smile and make you think. A portion of the proceeds from screenings will go to Luna's national philanthropic partner, the Breast Cancer Fund and locally, to Reproductive Justice, a Social Action Committee program. *Films not rated; suitable ages 12 & up.* Buy tickets at Coffee hour or at: <http://www.lunafest.org/concord>. For more information, email: venesy@comcast.net

First Parish StorySlam! February 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Theme: Moments That Moved You. There will be a \$10 cover charge, snacks and refreshments, proceeds to benefit Funderburg Scholars. Come and tell (or listen to) 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.

Storytelling Workshop—Sunday, February 9, from 2 to 4 p.m.

Learn how to craft your experiences into succinct, creative messages. If you'd like help with your StorySlam story, or simply want to get better at telling stories in general, *please sign up at coffee hour.*

Howard Dana: The Art of Leadership at First Parish

A workshop on leadership hosted by the Nominating Committee. On Saturday, March 1, come at 8:30 a.m. for coffee and light breakfast, Workshop is 9 to 12. Anyone interested in getting involved (or learning about) church leadership is welcome and encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Sue Ryan, susanryan101@comcast.net.

What is GA? And Why Might You Want to Attend?

General Assembly is the annual meeting of our UUA, and this year it will be held in Providence – practically our backyard! First Parish always has delegates who attend, but this year is a wonderful opportunity for many more members to participate. GA will take place *June 25-29*, and most events will take place at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Visit the information table at coffee hour to learn how *you* can participate. Much more information is available at www.uua.org/ga.

Parking at First Parish

The staff would like to make it easier for people to park at First Parish. We are parking our cars further away to make room for those who may need to be close. Please feel free to use the spaces in the small circle and enjoy being a little closer, when you need to.

Pastoral Care

“Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life.” The Pastoral Care Lay Minister on call for February is Sue Dobbie. If you need a meal or support, please contact Sue at susandobbie@gmail.com or 978-456-8432.

Social Action Community

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

Interfaith Environmental Potluck on Wednesday, February 5, at 6 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church

Trinity Episcopal Church and the Environmental Leadership Team of First Parish in Concord invite interested members of this congregation to an environmental brainstorming potluck on Wednesday, February 5, at 6p.m. to share information about the “green” projects people from the different Concord faith groups have initiated or plan to initiate, as well as, talk about how to increase environmental awareness and action locally. The focus will be on how to: (1) create and facilitate a sense of environmental mission that works for each congregation and (2) increase member involvement in and awareness of issues, such as climate change. R.S.V.P. to Bethany Lowe if you are coming: BLowe@firstparish.org.

Social Action Grant Application Deadline February 7

Each year First Parish allocates 7.5% 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> , <http://sac.firstparish.org/cms/grants>, or by contacting Wendy Holt at wendyholt48@yahoo.com or Katharine Esty, at katharinecesty@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.

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteer Opportunity to Work with Children in Lowell Schools
For three years, I have volunteered seven hours a week in a nearby Lowell elementary school which serves children whose parents come from Asian, Central and South American countries, children from struggling and often disrupted families, children who are lively and curious. The classes are large and resources limited. An extra person to help a struggling child, to prepare classroom material, to read with a group and bring common sense, experience and warmth is valued. Our school needs more volunteers. If you are interested in learning more about being a classroom volunteer, please contact Anne Fortier 978-369-6303, or email at randafortier@comcast.net.

Children’s and Youth News

This Week, February 2 – 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 Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary and dismissed to RE in the Wright Tavern

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

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. 9th Grade – COA in the Chapel

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

Saturday, February 8 – Coming of Age Preparation – 1 to 6 p.m.

Following Week, February 9 – Regular RE Week – Coming of Age Sunday

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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 – Sit together in the Sanctuary and attend Coming of Age service

7th Grade – 10 a.m. Meet in the Wright Tavern and then attend Coming of Age Service

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

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