

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

February 9, 2014

## This Week

- Sun., Feb. 9 9:00 Worship Service  
10:30 Forum  
11:00 Worship Service  
12:15 Worship Reflection  
12:30 Nominating Committee  
2:00 Storytelling Workshop  
6:30 Standing Committee
- Mon., Feb. 10 **First Parish Closed**
- Tue., Feb. 11 9:00 WPA Board Meeting  
9:30 *Music Together*  
6:00 Vegan Potluck  
6:30 *T'ai Chi*  
7:30 Home Companion Planning Meeting
- Wed., Feb. 12 9:30 *Buddhist Group*  
2:00 Pastoral Lay Minister Meeting  
4:00 *Music Together*  
4:30 Junior Choir  
5:15 Chalice Choir  
5:15 Gospel Choir  
7:00 Concord Area Humanists  
7:45 Adult Choir
- Thu., Feb. 13 9:30 *Music Together*  
1:30 Lincoln Ringers  
1:30 Pastoral Care Council  
7:00 *Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction*  
7:30 *Buddhist Group*
- Fri., Feb. 14 9:30 *Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction*
- Sat., Feb. 15 7:30 Men's Group  
7:00 Lunafest Short Film Festival
- Sun., Feb. 16 **11:00 One Worship Service**  
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](http://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](http://www.firstparish.org).**

## Parish Notes

### First Parish Banner Parade

The First Parish Banner Parade is coming in March at the launch of the annual financial pledge appeal! The parade is a wonderful visual celebration of all the many colorful activities of First Parish. Take a sneak preview during coffee hour today as members of First Parish committees and groups pick up their banners for possible repair. If you are a member of a First Parish committee or group please check to see how your banner is doing. Does it need to be replaced or repaired? Or if your group needs a banner, touch base with Rachel Baker who will help facilitate that process.

### Concord Area Humanists, February 12 at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday evening, starting at 7p.m., CAH will celebrate *Darwin's* and *Lincoln's 205th Birthday* in the Parish Hall. Come

### 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 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

enjoy the party! Dr. Henry Vaillant will speak, Siri Smedvig will play the violin, and refreshments will be provided. No charge. Sign up at coffee hour or R.S.V.P. to [pne@aol.com](mailto:pne@aol.com), with PARTY on the subject line.

### “Yankee” Home Companion Production Meeting

#### February 11, at 7:30 p.m.

First Parish's own “Yankee” Home Companion is coming on May 2 and May 3. This will be a grand opportunity to celebrate music and the arts at First Parish. A team of writers (Jane Blumberg, Susan Ellsworth, Jane Fisher and Pam Schweppe), is at work creating the script, and there will be parts for all who would like to participate by singing, playing, telling stories, reading poems, and especially creating sound effects. We are now forming the production team, so if you have any interest in helping with sound effects, lighting, set design, props, tickets, refreshments, program, graphic design or publicity, contact Lillian Anderson at [lillianand@comcast.net](mailto:lillianand@comcast.net).

### LUNAFEST: Saturday February 15

#### 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Doors Open at 6:30)

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 heart, 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 and up.* Buy tickets at coffee hour or at: <http://www.lunafest.org/concord>. For more information, email: [venesy@comcast.net](mailto:venesy@comcast.net).

### Follow Up to Tony's Sermon on Patriarchy

#### Film Date Changed to Sunday February 16, at 12:45 p.m.

The film “Gods of Our Fathers,” originally scheduled to be shown today, has been postponed to next Sunday, February 16, at 12:45. On that day, please stay after coffee hour to watch the film, which explores the roots of our patriarchal culture. A discussion will follow. The patriarchal order wasn't inevitable—it was merely functional—but the world is different now and it's time to find alternatives to hierarchies and militarization.

### “Emerson Reminisces,” Tuesday, February 18, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Wendell Refior, in period costume, portrays Ralph Waldo Emerson reflecting on his life events: marriages, births and deaths, travel, relationships and accomplishments. Refior draws upon Emerson's letters to his brothers and friends, with brief excerpts from “Nature” and “Self-Reliance.” \$10 donation. Sponsored by the Transcendentalism Council and the Thoreau Society.

### **First Parish storySlam! February 22 at 6:00 p.m.**

*Theme: Moments That Moved You.* There will be a \$10 cover charge, 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](http://themoth.org), a nationwide storytelling phenomenon. Tell your story or listen to your First Parish friends tell theirs. Storytellers put their names in a hat, and the first ten will be drawn at random. Host: Sean Kavanagh, [seanjavanagh@yahoo.com](mailto:seanjavanagh@yahoo.com).

### **Harmony and Heritage Pilgrimage Presentation Sunday, February 23, 12:30 p.m.**

The excitement about traveling to Transylvania this fall as part of our ongoing connection to our partner congregation in Székelykeresztúr is building. If you were unable to attend previously, please join us at 12:30 on February 23 to see and hear about plans, costs and the fun that are part of this experience of being with fellow parishioners and Beth and Howard on a transformative journey. Refreshments served. Look for our table at coffee hour to pick up the itinerary. For more information contact Lillian Anderson at [lillianand@comcast.net](mailto:lillianand@comcast.net) or Rodger Matlage at [rmattlage@mac.com](mailto:rmattlage@mac.com).

### **“Emerson’s Divinity School Address: Controversy and Empowerment,” Tuesdays, February 25 and March. 4, 7:30 p.m.**

Bruce Blumberg leads this reading group to share thoughts, insights and questions about the Divinity School Address, which fundamentally reshaped American intellectual and spiritual thought. Free; enrollment limited to 12. A link to the text will be provided before the first meeting. Register at [bruce\\_blumberg@me.com](http://bruce_blumberg@me.com).

### **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 a 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](mailto:susanryan101@comcast.net).

### **Social Action Community**

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

### **Vegan Potluck on Tuesday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a delicious potluck dinner in the Parish Hall, February 11, at 6:00, hosted by Reverence for Life and the Environmental Leadership Team. This potluck will feature a chocolate tasting table and a slide show of an African safari—come to see how the two are connected! 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 [marcialou28@gmail.com](mailto:marcialou28@gmail.com) or 978-371-2751.

### **“One Billion Rising” at Orchard House Friday, February 14, at 3:00 p.m.**

Join us to “rise”! And around the globe, imagine one billion women and men releasing their stories, dancing, and speaking out for justice and fair treatment for all women, men and children, and for the world. This event will take place at Louisa May Alcott’s Orchard House, 399 Lexington Road, Concord, on Friday, February 14, at 3 p.m. Listen to stories of women rising in history, with Jan Turnquist, Orchard House director, and author Polly Peterson. Reflections by Tony Fisher. Dance with musicians and dancers. Information and R.S.V.P. at:

<http://www.onebillionrising.org/events/the-heart-of-concord-beats-for-justice/>. Contact CC King ([sammykat@comcast.net](mailto:sammykat@comcast.net)) or Twinkle Marie Manning ([twinklemanning@gmail.com](mailto:twinklemanning@gmail.com)) for more information.

### **Showing of *Journey of the Universe* Sunday, February 23, at Trinity Episcopal Church**

On Sunday, February 23, at 4 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, Concord (81 Elm Street) will be showing the Emmy-award-winning documentary “Journey of the Universe—The Epic Story of Cosmic, Earth and Human Transformation” followed by with an in-person conversation with one of its creators, Dr. John Grim, of the Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology. Starting with the birth of the universe 14 billion years ago, this film weaves a powerful story of the ability of matter to organize itself and to evolve into life, consciousness, and the amazing and powerful human species. It will leave you with a greater understanding of the deep connection and interdependence of humanity and Earth, and our calling to participate positively in the evolutionary process. The family event is free and open to all ages.

### **GLBTQ Potluck Dinner—February 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.**

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer (GLBTQ) people and families from Bedford and our surrounding communities are invited to a potluck dinner at First Parish in Bedford, 75 Great Road, Bedford, Friday night, February 28, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. This event is geared toward sharing good food and conversation, and celebrating who we are. We encourage you to bring an appetizer, salad, entrée or dessert to share. Please note that this is not a religious event but a warm and welcoming place for support and information. Help us spread the word! For questions or more information contact Rev. Megan Lynes at [mlynes@uubedford.org](mailto:mlynes@uubedford.org) or call 781-275-7994.

### **Children’s and Youth News**

**This Week, February 9** – Regular RE Week

#### **Coming of Age Sunday**

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 – 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

**Next Week, February 16** – Vacation Week

**one 11:00 a.m. Service ONLY**

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