

THE SUNDAY NEWS

February 23, 2014

This Week

- Sun., Feb. 23 **11:00 One Worship Service**
12:15 Contemporary Singing Ensemble
12:15 Worship Reflection
12:30 Transylvania Pilgrimage Presentation
- Mon., Feb. 24 **First Parish Closed until 5:00 p.m.**
7:30 Women's Book Group
- Tue., Feb. 25
9:30 Music Together
9:30 Women's Book Group
6:30 T'ai Chi
7:00 Evening Worship
7:30 Diversity Committee
7:30 Emerson's Divinity School Address
- Wed., Feb. 26
9:30 Buddhist Group
11:30 WPA Luncheon
4:00 Music Together
4:30 Junior Choir
5:15 Chalice Choir
5:15 Gospel Choir
7:45 Adult Choir
- Thu., Feb. 27
9:30 Music Together
1:30 Lincoln Ringers
7:00 Reverence for Life
7:00 Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction
7:30 Buddhist Group
7:30 Yankee Home Companion Meeting
- Fri., Feb. 28
9:30 Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction
7:30 Rise Up Singing
- Sat., Mar. 1
7:30 Men's Group
7:00 Art of Leadership
- Sun., Mar. 2 **Services at 9:00 and 11:00**
12:15 Contemporary Singing Ensemble
12:15 Worship Reflection
12:30 Transylvania Pilgrimage Presentation
12:45 Film "The Gods of Our Fathers"

Next Meeting House News deadline: Friday, March 21.
Be aware that all items (including contact information) posted to the *Sunday News* or *Meeting House News*, or on First Parish-related email lists, may be published online at www.firstparish.org.

Parish Notes

Harmony and Heritage Pilgrimage Presentation Today at 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 a previous meeting, please join us this afternoon at 12:30 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. For more information, please contact Lillian Anderson at lillianand@comcast.net or Rodger Mattlage at rmattlage@mac.com.

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 certain Thursdays from 7 to 9 p.m.
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

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.

Reminder —WPA Luncheon —Wednesday, February 26

The Women's Parish Association cordially invites everyone to its luncheon and program on Wednesday, February 26. Social time will begin at 11:30, followed by lunch at noon. The program, which begins at 12:45, will feature **Dr. Katharine Esty** speaking on her book about Nobel Laureate Mohammad Yunus and his groundbreaking work in microfinancing. Price for the lunch is ten dollars, payable at the door. Contact the church office at 978-369-9602 or Dian Pekin at pekindc@comcast.net by February 22, for reservations, transportation and dietary requirements. All women and men of First Parish and their friends are welcome.

"Yankee Home Companion" Performers Needed and Wanted! Thursday, February 27, 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Using the radio show "Prairie Home Companion" as a model, we are creating a show full of stories, poems, sound effects, songs and jokes to encourage everyone to participate. You may already have a song or poem you would like to perform, either as a solo or as part of a group—perhaps a new creation or resurrection of a previous performance. Come on February 27 to hear more about the show and sample some of the stories and songs. If you can't make the meeting but would like to participate (performances are May 2 and 3), please contact Lillian Anderson at lillianand@comcast.net.

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.

Follow-Up to Tony's Sermon on Patriarchy

Film Date Changed to Sunday, March 2, at 12:45 p.m.

Because of scheduling difficulties, the film "The Gods of Our Fathers" originally scheduled to be shown today, has been postponed to Sunday March 2 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."

Replacement Trustee

On July 1, 2014, the First Parish Trustees of Parish Donations will be in need of a replacement Trustee for Pat Brinkman, who has served with distinction for the past 10 years. The new Trustee should have an interest in, and experience with property management, along with the time available to help manage the properties for which the Trustees are responsible. These properties include the Wright Tavern and the three white cottages to the left of the church. If you are, or know of someone who might be, interested in being considered as a Trustee, please contact me at your earliest convenience at tjacoby295@aol.com.—Tim Jacoby, chair, on behalf of the Trustees: Laura Bernstein, John Boynton, Pat Brinkman and Dick Waters

Calling All First Parish Young Artists

Calling First Parish young artists ages one to twenty-one, to display a work of art in the Sue Altshuler gallery in March. We welcome drawings, prints, photographs, paintings, collages, or any 2-D art. If your item is not framed for hanging, then please note that we may put small holes on the edges to hang it. This is a way to share your talent with our parishioners and beautify our church. Please include a note with your name, the medium used and a way to contact you. The show will be hung March 4. Art can be stored in Doug Baker's office the week before. Questions? Contact Marcia Schloss, 978-371-2751 or marcialou28@gmail.com.

Social Action Community

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

Grants Comments Period Open until Friday, March 7

The SAC Council received grant applications from 21 organizations this year, requesting over \$70,000 for their projects. With just over \$30,000 to distribute, the SAC Grants Group is requesting your comments so that we can know what projects you are passionate about. The 2013-14 grant applications are now posted and available for public comment by First Parish members. You can review these applications online at <http://sac.firstparish.org/cms/grantscomments>. You can email comments to Wendy Holt (wendyholt48@yahoo.com) or send written comments to Bethany Lowe, First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Rd, Concord MA 01742. Copies are also available in a binder in the church office. All comments must be submitted by Friday, March 7.

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 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. This family event is free and open to all ages.

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

Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender/Queer (GLBTQ) people and families from Bedford and 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 connection. Help us spread the word! For questions or more information, please contact Rev. Megan Lynes at mlynes@uubedford.org or call 781-275-7994.

Children's and Youth News

This Week, February 23 – Vacation Week –

One 11 a.m. Service ONLY

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

K-6th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary and dismissed to Vacation Kids' program in Emerson 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

Tuesday, February 25

7:30 - 8:30 p.m. 9th-12th Grades Youth Advisory Council

Friday, February 28

5:00 - 8:15 p.m. – 7th Grade Neighboring Faiths visit to Temple Beth El

Friday, February 28 – March 1 – Youth Group goes to City Reach

Next Week, March 2 – Regular RE Week

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

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. – Services

K-1st Grades – 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 – Visit to Jiffy Reed's Farm from 9 to 12 p.m.

4:00 - 7:00 p.m. – 8th Grade OWL in the Emerson Room

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. – 9th-12th Grades Youth Group – West Virginia Travelers Meeting

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

RE Child Caregiver Wanted

First Parish in Concord is seeking to hire a personable, warm, mature, reliable, and welcoming adult to care for infants/toddlers while parents attend worship service on Sunday mornings. This adult will work with one other paid adult to care for five to seven babies and toddlers during the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. church services—approximately 8:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m. weekly. In addition to the other paid adult, there will usually be one parent volunteer and one teen helping with child care each Sunday. Please contact RE chair Lora Venesy for more detailed information, venesy@comcast.net

Howard's e-mail: hdana@firstparish.org

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Visit our website at firstparish.org

Questions or concerns about domestic violence?
Call the Domestic Violence Services Network Help Line:
888-399-6111