

THE SUNDAY NEWS

March 2, 2014

This Week

- Sun., Mar. 2 **Services at 9:00 and 11:00**
12:15 Worship Reflection
12:30 Transylvania Pilgrimage Presentation
12:45 Film "The Gods of Our Fathers"
- Mon., Mar. 3 **First Parish Closed until 5:00 p.m.**
- Tue., Mar. 4 9:30 Music Together
1:30 First Tuesday Group
2:00 Shawl Ministry
5:30 Terrific Tuesday
6:30 T'ai Chi
7:30 Emerson's Divinity School Address
- Wed., Mar. 5 9:30 Buddhist Group
4:00 Music Together
4:30 Junior Choir
5:15 Chalice Choir
5:15 Gospel Choir
6:00 Arts Council
7:00 Environmental Leadership Team
7:00 Concord Area Humanists
7:30 Essence of Buddhism
7:45 Adult Choir
- Thu., Mar. 6 9:30 Music Together
1:30 Lincoln Ringers
7:00 Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction
7:00 Pastoral Thursdays
7:00 Transylvania Partnership Community
7:30 Buddhist Group
7:30 By Your Side Singers
- Fri., Mar. 7 9:30 Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction
- Sat., Mar. 8 7:30 Men's Group
9:00 Photography Group
- Sun., Mar. 9 **Services at 9:00 and 11:00**
12:15 Worship Reflection
12:30 Nominating Committee
6:30 Standing Committee

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.

Terrific Tuesday, March 4

- 5:30 Communal Potluck Set Up
6:00 Words of Gratitude, led by Tony Fisher, Ministerial Intern
6:00-6:45 Potluck Dinner
6:30-7:30 Center Piece Making for Open Table, all ages activity
6:45-7:15 Communal Cleanup
7:30-9:00 Evening Programs
- Transylvanian Unitarianism and Partner Congregation, film viewing and discussion
 - Reproductive Justice Congregational Study/Action Issue, UUA workshop series
 - Introduction to the Wi\$dom Path a UUA workshop
 - Neighboring Faiths for Adults



Celebration Sunday, March 9

Come enjoy special worship services to launch our 2014-2015 annual pledge campaign, with the theme "Build On to What Is Good." Hear the combined choirs and enjoy a festive coffee hour. This year, something different: You will be asked to pledge during the service. See you then!

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

Parish Notes

Follow-Up to Tony's Sermon on Patriarchy Today, March 2, at 12:45 p.m.

Please stay after coffee hour today to watch a film, that explores the roots of our patriarchal culture. A discussion will follow.

Shawl Ministry

The next meeting for the First Parish Shawl Ministry is this Tuesday, March 4, at 2 p.m. in the Brooks Room. All are welcome, and a lesson is provided for anyone interested.

Solar Panel Update

Congratulations, First Parish! Hundreds of parishioners and our staff donated \$57,000 to cover the cost of 47 of our soon-to-be-installed solar panels. That covers the cost of two-thirds of the panels! \$11,400 of that amount is going into this year's annual budget to partially cover the fundraising commitment that usually comes from our biennial auction. The other 23 panels will be financed through a loan from our Trustees and repaid by the savings on our electricity bills. Installation of the solar panels is scheduled for later this month, with the array going online in April. Check out our display outside the church office for more details and watch for information about a thank you celebration, later this spring. Again, thank-you all for helping us live more sustainably and for demonstrating your commitment to our UU values!

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

March Is Circle Supper Month

Circle Suppers are small, intimate potluck dinners at a member's home. Some people sign up to host, and others sign up to attend. We now have hosts for *March 15, March 29* and *April 5*, so come out and join us for a really enjoyable, relaxed evening of good food and fun. If you'd like to come to a supper, just email Caitlin Selle at selle.caitlin5@gmail.com, and let her know which night you'd like to attend. Then she will let you know who your host is. *If you would like to host on the 8th or the 22nd of March*, let her know that too.

Post-Worship Reflection Time in the Parlor.

After every 11:00 o'clock service, all are welcome to join the circle in the Bulkeley Room to listen and share your experiences of the service. We start at 12:15; feel free to join in any time. This is a simple, short, structured, facilitated event.

David Ballard in "Having It All" Solo Cabaret, March 14 and 15

David Ballard (son of Sara and Stoney) will present his critically acclaimed solo cabaret show "Having It All" at First Parish on March 14 and 15; social time at 7 p.m. (wine and beer available for purchase), performance at 8 p.m. Admission \$20; proceeds benefit the Trevor Project. This is a musical tale of a young man's struggles with his sexual identity, his search for love and experiences of loss, and his ultimate acceptance of himself and his life. Advance tickets available at coffee hour or in the church office. Some adult-themed material included. Cosponsored by the Diversity and Music Events committees.

Violin Duo Concert, from Baroque to Jazz, Sunday, March 23

Violinists Sarah Whitney (daughter of Lois and Alan) and Julia Salerno will present "Seeing Double," a violin duo concert, in Parish Hall on Sunday, March 23, at 3 p.m., marking the duo's first Boston area appearance. "Seeing Double" is a unique concert of all-violin duos, proving that the music of two violins is much more than the sum of its parts. Sponsored by the Music Events Committee. \$20 general admission, \$15 student. firstparish.org/cms/music/music-events or call the 24-hour hotline, 1-800-838-3006. Tickets sold at coffee hours.

Women's AM/PM Book Group

The selection for the Women's Book Group March discussions is *Flight Behavior: A Novel* by Barbara Kingsolver. The evening session will be Monday, March 24, 7:30-9:00 p.m. and the morning session will be Tuesday, March 25, 9:30-11:00 a.m., both in the Brooks Room at First Parish. All women of First Parish are warmly invited to read the current book and join one or both discussions. If you would like to be added to the Women's Book Group email list, please contact Darien Smith at darien@smithquest.com or 978-369-1471.

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 on the exchange shelf in the church office. All comments must be submitted by Friday, March 7.

Workshop on Intercultural Understanding

Saturday, April 12, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Partner Congregation Committee and the Social Action Community are cosponsoring a workshop on intercultural understanding, led by Rev. Parisa Parsa on Saturday, April 12. This workshop will use the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) to assess how we, as individuals and as a group, understand cultural differences. The cost of this workshop is \$50. If you are interested in attending, but cannot pay at this time, please register anyway. Online registration is now open at <http://bit.ly/1nTFien>. Members and Friends of First Parish in Concord will be given priority registration until March 15. Space is limited to 25 participants. If you have any questions, please contact Rodger Mattlage, rmattlage@mac.com; Lillian Anderson lillianand@comcast.net; Bethany Lowe; BLowe@firstparish.org.

Children's and Youth News

This Week, March 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 – Visit to Jiffy Reed's Farm from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

7th Grade – Visit to Grace Chapel at 10 a.m.

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

5:00-7:00 p.m. – West Virginia Travelers Meeting (Chaperones come at 5:00, youth and parents at 5:30)

Next Week, March 9 – Regular RE Week

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

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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 – Visit to Drumlin Farm from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

7th Grade – Classroom Sunday, 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

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

6:00 - 7:30 p.m. – 9th-12th Youth Group Teen Cook in the Kitchen (NOTE: we are meeting an hour earlier)

RE Child Caregiver Wanted

First Parish in Concord is seeking to hire a personable, warm, mature, reliable, and welcoming adult to care for infants and toddlers while parents attend a 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. to 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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