


# THE SUNDAY NEWS

March 9, 2014

## This Week

- Sun., Mar. 9 **Services at 9:00 and 11:00**  
12:15 Worship Reflection  
12:30 Nominating Committee  
6:30 Standing Committee
- Mon., Mar. 10 **First Parish Closed until 5:00 p.m.**
- Tue., Mar. 11 9:00 WPA Board Meeting  
9:30 Music Together  
5:30 Terrific Tuesday  
6:30 T'ai Chi
- Wed., Mar. 12 9:30 Buddhist Group  
4:00 Music Together  
4:30 Junior Choir  
5:15 Chalice Choir  
5:15 Gospel Choir  
7:30 Essence of Buddhism  
7:30 Forum Committee  
7:45 Adult Choir
- Thu., Mar. 13 9:30 Music Together  
1:30 Lincoln Ringers  
7:00 Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction  
7:30 Buddhist Group
- Fri., Mar. 14 9:30 Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction  
7:00 "Having It All" Solo Cabaret
- Sat., Mar. 15 7:30 Men's Group  
7:00 "Having It All" Solo Cabaret
- Sun., Mar. 16 **Services at 9:00 and 11:00**  
10:30 Sunday Forum  
12:15 Worship Reflection  
12:30 Nominating Committee  
3:00 Margaret Fuller Program  
7:00 "Yankee Home Companion" Rehearsal



**First Parish Annual Campaign: "Build On to What Is Good"**  
Today's special worship services launch our annual pledge campaign. Pledge cards are available in the pews to complete here and now. Please pledge today, generously. The Campaign will end *promptly* on May 1, so the team has time to prepare the budget. See the insert in today's order of service for additional information. Thank you!

## Parish Notes

### Solar Panel Update

Solar panel installation is under way. Check out our south-facing roof to watch the progress. Thanks to your generosity, 49 of the 70 panels have *now* been paid for, with 20 percent of the money raised going toward the annual budget, to help cover the 30,000 usually raised by our Auction. You may remember that the fundraising model we used for the solar panels was a pilot. Project-based fundraising like this comes with a recognition that most of what we do at First Parish benefits or is of interest to a large group of parishioners and therefore of value to the greater church community. *Giving back* a portion to the annual budget also acknowledges that these programs make use of church facilities, resources and staff. If you have any thoughts about this fundraising model, share them with any member of the Standing Committee or ministerial sounding board.

### David Ballard in "Having It All" 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.

### Megan Marshall on Margaret Fuller

#### Heroine for the 21st Century—Sunday March 16, at 3:00 p.m.

On Sunday, March 16, at 3:00 p.m., Megan Marshall, author of *Margaret Fuller: A New American Life*, will discuss ways that the issues of Fuller's day are still alive in ours. Fuller's life of courage and activism can still inspire us. *The New York Times* called Margaret Fuller one of the ten best books of 2013. Now available in paperback, Marshall's book will be available for sale and signing at the reception following her presentation. This event is sponsored by the Transcendentalism Council of First Parish and the William Munroe Special Collections of the Concord Free Public Library. It will take place at First Parish in Concord. Suggested donation \$5. For information, visit [www.fptranscendentalism.org](http://www.fptranscendentalism.org).

### Spring Concert and Tea—March 21

The Women's Parish Association cordially invites everyone to its annual spring concert, featuring jazz and rhythm and blues

### Terrific Tuesday, March 11

- 5:30 Communal Potluck Setup  
6:00 Words of Gratitude, led by Rev. Howard Dana  
6:00-6:45 Vegan Potluck Dinner sponsored by the Reverence for Life and the Environmental Leadership Team (please bring food options with no meat and no dairy and label ingredients)  
6:30-7:30 Centerpiece Making for Open Table, all ages activity  
6:45-7:15 Communal Cleanup  
7:30-8:30 Meditation and Lesson, led by the Wednesday Morning Buddhist Group  
7:30-9:00 Evening Programs  
Unitarian Universalist history, film viewing and discussion —"Vegucated," film viewing and discussion, led by Reverence for Life

### 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 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

March 20—Dealing and Living with the Death of a Spouse

April 3—Infertility, Pregnancy Loss and Family Building Issues

April 17—Job Insecurity

Musician Pat “Hatrack” Gallagher and friends. It will take place on Friday, March 21. beginning at 3 p.m. and followed by the tea. All First Parish folks and their friends are welcome. There is no charge for this event and no reservations are necessary. If possible, please bring along some nicely plated sweets to share.

### **Violin Duo Concert, from Baroque to Jazz in the Parish Hall Sunday, March 23 at 3:00 p.m.**

Violinists Sarah Whitney (daughter of Lois and Alan) and Julia Salerno will present “Seeing Double,” a violin duo concert, in the 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](http://firstparish.org/cms/music/music-events) or call the 24-hour hotline, 1-800-838-3006. Tickets sold at coffee hours.

### **Contemporary Vocal Ensemble**

#### **Accepting Singers for April 13 Worship**

We are now accepting interested singers for the contemporary vocal ensemble. This is a fun way to participate in the music ministry here at First Parish without a year-long choir commitment. You may try the group out and commit by the service. Rehearsals for this worship service will take place on Sundays in the Wright Tavern (12:15 p.m.-1:00 p.m.) on the following dates: March 16, 23, 30 and April 6. On April 13, we will be singing at the 9:00 a.m. service and will all plan to gather at 8:15 for warm ups. If you are interested in joining, now is the time! Just contact Gail Carey (Music Ministry Associate—[improvgail@gmail.com](mailto:improvgail@gmail.com)) to have your name added to our attendance roster.

### **Harmony and Heritage Pilgrimage, October 31 to November 10**

We are so pleased to learn that in addition to Beth Norton, our talented music director, our minister, Howard Dana, will be traveling with us to our partner church in Transylvania. Our preliminary budget indicates that we will likely hold the costs to \$2000 for the 10 day trip. The deadline for submitting your \$250 deposit is March 10, so don’t delay. For more information about the pilgrimage and the registration form, go to <http://bit.ly/xZwDwA>.—Lillian Anderson, Sara Ballard, Val Holt, Rodger Mattlage

### **Flea Market/Recycle Sale**

The Women’s Parish Association will hold its Flea Market/Recycle Sale on Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To rent a table, contact Pat Kane at [cstmcloth@yahoo.com](mailto:cstmcloth@yahoo.com) or 978-369-8418 right away. Table rentals are \$35.00 each. We will collect high-quality gift items in good condition to be sold at the WPA table. Bring items to the WPA table at 8:00 a.m. on April 5, or contact Marilyn Lowitt at 978-793-0267 or [Marilyn.Lowitt@verizon.net](mailto:Marilyn.Lowitt@verizon.net) to arrange for the pickup of items.

### **Social Action Community**

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

### **Frances Moore Lappé to Speak on Friday, March 14 at Tri-Con (54 Walden Street) from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

Frances Moore Lappé is a renowned author and speaker! Her inaugural book, *Diet for a Small Planet*, published in 1971, sparked a revolution in how we think about hunger, alerting millions to the hidden environmental and social impacts of our food choices. She will be sharing with us, on March 14, a broad and brilliant perspective about climate solutions that is the subject of her most recent book,

*Eco-Mind: Changing the Ways We Think to Create the World We Want*. “Humans are not couch potatoes or whiners; we are doers,” she says. But our capacity for doing is undermined by seven ‘thought traps’ that leave us mired in fear, guilt, and despair—none of which are motivators to action. The program is free of charge, although donations will be gratefully accepted. All donations will go to the Small Planet Institute. Following the presentation, there will be a reception and book signing.

### **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](mailto:rmattlage@mac.com); Lillian Anderson [lillianand@comcast.net](mailto:lillianand@comcast.net); or Bethany Lowe; [BLowe@firstparish.org](mailto:BLowe@firstparish.org).

### **Children’s and Youth News**

#### **This Week, March 9 – Regular RE Week**

##### **DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME**

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

7th Grade – Classroom Sunday, 11:00 a.m. to 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 Grades Youth Group – Teen Cook in the Kitchen (NOTE: we are meeting an hour earlier)

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4th-5th Grades – Middle RE – Begin in the Sanctuary and dismissed to RE in the Greeley Room

6th Grade – Visit to Jiffy Read’s Farm from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

7th Grade – Hindu Temple, 11:10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.

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

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – 9th-12th Youth Group in the Wright Tavern

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