


THE SUNDAY NEWS

March 23, 2014

This Week

- Sun., Mar. 23 **Services at 9:00 and 11:00**
10:30 Sunday Forum
12:15 Worship Reflection
12:30 Congregational Discussion
3:00 “Seeing Double” Violin Duo
7:00 “Yankee Home Companion” Rehearsal
- Mon., Mar. 24 **First Parish Closed until 5:00 p.m.**
- Tue., Mar. 25
9:30 Music Together
9:30 Women’s Book Group
2:00 Needleworkers Affinity Group
5:30 Terrific Tuesday
6:30 T’ai Chi
- Wed., Mar. 26
9:30 Buddhist Group
9:30 Rise Up and Call Her Name
4:30 Junior Choir
5:15 Chalice Choir
5:15 Gospel Choir
7:30 Essence of Buddhism
7:45 Adult Choir
- Thu., Mar. 27
9:30 Music Together
1:30 Lincoln Ringers
2:00 Pastoral Care Lay Ministers
7:00 Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction
7:30 Buddhist Group
- Fri., Mar. 28
9:30 Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction
7:30 Rise Up Singing
- Sat., Mar. 29
7:30 Men’s Group
- Sun., Mar. 30 **Services at 9:00 and 11:00**
10:30 Sunday Forum
12:15 Worship Reflection
7:00 “Yankee Home Companion” Rehearsal



First Parish Annual Campaign: “Build On to What Is Good”
Each week during worship, two parishioners give testimonials on their lives at First Parish. If you’d like to read their words yourself, find the Testimonials link on the First Parish homepage. Today at Coffee Hour, you can get personalized help with pledging and setting up payment options. See the insert in today’s order of service for other updates. Thank you!

Parish Notes

Discussion of Finance Committee Proposal

At the June 2013 First Parish Annual Meeting, an article was passed recommending that the Standing Committee create a Finance Committee to support the efforts of the Standing Committee and the Senior Minister to manage the finances of First Parish. On March 23, at First Parish from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., there will be an open discussion of that proposal. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Russell Prior, by email at mark.russell.prior@comcast.net, or by phone at 978-369-4901.

Violin Duo Concert from Baroque to Jazz! Today at 3:00 p.m.

Sarah Whitney (daughter of Lois and Alan) and Julia Salerno will present “Seeing Double”, taking the audience on a journey through the serene baroque style of Telemann, the lush Hungarian folk melodies of Miklos Rosza, the carefree bluegrass tunes of Mark O’Connor, the raw beauty of Prokofiev and the jazzy swing of Mark Summer. Sponsored by the Music Events Committee. \$20 General, \$15 Student. Tickets available at coffee hour today and at the door.

New UUA Moderator to Visit First Parish—April 5!

On Saturday, April 5, 2:00-3:30 p.m., everyone is invited to meet the new Moderator of the UUA, *Jim Key*, when he makes a special visit to First Parish! This is a rare and wonderful opportunity for us to learn firsthand from the UUA Moderator about what the UUA does and what’s new in our denomination. This will be a Town Hall style meeting and you’ll have the opportunity to ask *anything you’d like to know* about the UUA and its role in our movement. For more information, please see the website: www.firstparish.org/Moderator-Visit. Please sign-up at coffee hour or the church office for the Saturday event. For questions, please contact Darien Smith, darien@smithquest.com or 978-369-1471.

Oriana Consort—Friday April 4, at 8:00 p.m.

Oriana Consort Returns to First Parish on Friday, April 4, at 8 p.m. with a program of madrigals from 16th and 17th-century Italy and England, English part-songs, and the East Coast premiere of Abbie Betinis’s “The Waking”, and featuring “The Unicorn, the Gorgon, and the Manticore: A Madrigal Fable” — Gian Carlo Menotti’s 1956 sendup of hypocrisy, sham, and social conformity. Tickets are \$20 and \$15 at the door or online at www.orianaconsort.org, which also has info on additional Boston-area concerts, on April 6 and 11. A reception will follow the concert.

March 25—Terrific Tuesday

- 5:30 Communal Potluck Set Up
6:00 Words of Gratitude, led by Beth Norton
6:00-6:45 Potluck Dinner
6:45-7:15 Communal Clean Up
7:30-9:00 Evening Programs:
How vulnerability is the catalyst for courage, compassion and connection, Brené Brown’s TED Talk viewing and discussion
Long Strange Trip, Unitarian Universalist history film viewing and discussion.
Reproductive Justice Congregational Study/Action Issue, UUA workshop series.

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.

- April 3—Infertility, Pregnancy Loss and Family Building Issues
April 17—Job Insecurity

New to Unitarian Universalism Orientation

Sunday, April 6, 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Participants will learn about the rich history of our Unitarian Universalist faith, gain an understanding of congregational polity, and better understand the role of the UU principles and sources in our values-driven religious movement. R.S.V.P. and/or ask questions to Rachel Baker, Director of Congregational Life at rbaker@firstparish.org by Wednesday, April 2.

New to First Parish in Concord Orientation

Sunday, April 13, 10:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Participants will hear from the ministerial team, staff, and lay leaders, find out how to become engaged in congregational life at First Parish, and have the option to sign the membership book. R.S.V.P. and/or ask questions to Rachel Baker, Director of Congregational Life at rbaker@firstparish.org by Wednesday, April 2.

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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 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 a.m. on April 5, or contact Marilyn Lowitt at 978-793-0267 or Marilyn.Lowitt@verizon.net to arrange for the pickup of items.

Recently requested nametags are printed. Find them on the nametag board to the far right.

Social Action Community

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

Conversation on the Death Penalty with Amnesty International Group 15—Tuesday, March 25, 7:00 p.m. at the Maynard Public Library

Come join Amnesty International Group 15 for a conversation on the death penalty in the United States. Hear unique perspectives from Lawyer Johnson, a man who was exonerated after ten years on death row, and from Terry Kay Rockefeller, a woman whose sister was killed in the 9/11 attacks and who later founded September Eleventh Families for Peaceful Tomorrows. She testified at the death penalty trial of accused 9/11 coconspirator Zacarias Moussaoui. This event will be held in the Roosevelt Room at the Maynard Library.

Food Literacy Quiz to Prepare for Forum on April 6

In the Forum on April 6, Sonia DeMarta will discuss how agriculture relates to climate change. She'll help us answer the question: What does my hamburger have to do with climate change? How is your food literacy? Try the Food Literacy quiz, prepared by Nourish with PBS and Food Day, is a fun, interactive way to explore the story of our food: <http://www.nourishlife.org/learn/food-literacy-quiz>. Answer 15 thought-provoking questions that reveal fascinating facts about food, health, and the environment. A few examples: Of the

average dollar spent on food, what share goes to farmers and farm workers? On average, how much water is required to produce one serving of a typical hamburger versus one serving of lettuce? Take the quiz, share it with friends and come to the Forum at 10:30 a.m. on April 6, with Sonia DeMarta.

Fossil Fuel Divestment/Investing Group Meeting Monday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Recently, petitions for divestment from fossil fuel companies have been brought before the town of Concord, the state of Massachusetts, and the Unitarian Universalist Association, among many other groups. A small group of parishioners is currently reviewing these proposals and researching the options of divestment and socially responsible investing. They are planning to host an educational event this spring to help First Parish articulate how and where we invest. The Trustees are participating in this process. At this stage, we need a committed group who will research the issues and options thoroughly. If you are interested in being part of this core group, please contact Bruce Blumberg at bruce_blumberg@me.com. Our next meeting is Monday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. at First Parish in Concord. If you cannot commit your time, but have expertise to share, please contact Bruce Blumberg.

Children's and Youth News

Next Week, March 23 – Regular RE Week

8:50 & 10:50 a.m. – Little RE (0-4years) – 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 – Islamic Center, 11:45 a.m. to 2:15 p.m.

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

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

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6th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary and dismissed to RE in the Wright Tavern, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

7th Grade – Brooks Room, 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

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

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