


THE SUNDAY NEWS

March 30, 2014

This Week

Sun., Mar. 30	Services at 9:00 and 11:00 10:30 Sunday Forum 12:15 Worship Reflection
Tue., Apr. 1	1:30 First Tuesday Group 6:00 Minerva Gatherings Potluck Dinner 6:30 T'ai Chi
Wed., Apr. 2	9:30 Buddhist Group 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., Apr. 3	7:00 Pastoral Thursdays 7:00 Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction 7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 By Your Side Singers
Fri., Apr. 4	9:30 Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction 8:00 Oriana Consort
Sat., Apr. 5	7:30 Men's Group 9:00 WPA Flea Market 2:00 Meet the Moderator of the UUA
Sun., Apr. 6	Services at 9:00 and 11:00 10:30 Sunday Forum 12:15 Worship Reflection 4:00 Diversity Committee Film



First Parish Annual Campaign: "Build On to What Is Good"
Have you been contacted by a steward? Please work with them to make your most generous pledge. 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!

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.

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 questions, please contact Darien Smith at darien@smithquest.com or 978-369-1471.

Flea Market/Recycle Sale—Saturday, April 5

The Women's Parish Association will hold its Flea Market/Recycle Sale on this Saturday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. To rent a table, contact Pat Kane at estmcloth@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.

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

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

Parish Notes

Post-Worship Reflection Time

Join your fellow parishioners in a short simple quiet time after the 11:00 a.m. service in the Bulkeley room next to the Parish Hall behind the stage. We start at 12:15 p.m., but feel free to come earlier or later. We each take a minute to say what stood out for us about the service, and then have some discussion before ending with a moment of silence by 12:35 p.m.

Looking for Input on Defibrillators

Doug Baker is presently requesting advice from people that have a medical background or experience with defibrillators. First Parish wants to purchase a unit and train our ushers in its proper use. Any suggestions you may have as to a quality manufacturer of a defibrillator is welcome. Please contact Doug Baker at; dbaker@firstparish.org, thanks!

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.

Cooperative Seder April 19—Tickets on Sale Today

Passover is the Jewish springtime festival that celebrates freedom from slavery. It commemorates the story of the Exodus, and echoes the freedom struggles of every oppressed group. Our annual First Parish Passover Seder is coming in April: come downstairs today to buy tickets and sign up to help out with a task. This year, we are exploring what a Passover meal might have been like in Jesus' time, with different food, and some small changes in our popular Seder (the order of service).

You're Invited—Come Cook!

The Caring Connection of First Parish provides delicious meals for parishioners during times of transition (often from illness or family loss) as part of our shared pastoral care outreach. It's time for us to cook and restock our freezer. Come help! No experience or skills necessary; we provide recipes and provisions.

When: Friday, April 25

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Where: First Parish kitchen

All welcome! Breakfast snacks are served. It's a fun way to help out and connect to others. Please R.S.V.P. to Tracey Hurd at thurd@aol.com or 978-369-2366.

Women's AM/PM Book Group

The February selection for the Women's AM/PM Book Group is *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry: A Novel*, by Rachel Joyce. The evening session will be Monday, April 28, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and the morning session on Tuesday, April 29, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., both in the Brooks Room at First Parish. All women of First Parish are invited to read the book and join a discussion. If you would like to be added to the Book Group email list, please contact Darien Smith at darien@smithquest.com.

Social Action Community

Diversity Committee Presents "Lives Worth Living"

April 6, at 4 p.m. in the Parish Hall

The Diversity Committee will present the documentary "Lives Worth Living" about the fight for disability rights in America on Sunday, April 6, at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This fascinating film chronicles one of the great civil rights struggles of modern times, from the end of WW2 to the present; the rise of the disability rights movement, and the challenges faced to get the Americans with Disabilities Act passed and enacted into law. The film is an hour long, and will be followed by a discussion. No admission charge.

Vegan Potluck on Tuesday, April 8

Enjoy a delicious pot-luck dinner in the Parish Hall, April 8, at 6 p.m. hosted by Reverence for Life and the Environmental Leadership Team. First Parish's own Anna Huckabee Tull will sing for us. Dessert will include the chocolate fountain. 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 [978-371-2751](tel:978-371-2751) or marcialou28@gmail.com.

Piano Recital to Benefit Open Table

Dr. Margaret King Patterson, prizewinning pianist and co-founder of Open Table, will return to Concord in April to participate in Open Table's 25th anniversary celebration. Among the celebration activities, Dr. Patterson will present a piano recital to benefit Open Table on Friday, April 11, at Trinitarian Congregational Church, 54 Walden Street, Concord, at 7 p.m. Tax-deductible donations to Open Table, suggested at \$20, will be gratefully accepted at the door.

Open Table 25th Anniversary

Iron Chef Competition and Fundraiser

Celebrating 25 years of suppers and food pantries in Concord and Maynard, Open Table is holding an Iron Chef Competition and Fundraiser on April 12, from 6 to 9 p.m. at 300 Baker Avenue, Concord. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres, desserts and a cash bar while cheering on local teams. Tickets are \$55 per person, available online at www.opentable.org or in person at: Debra's Natural Gourmet, the Concord Bookstore and Serendipity Café.

Children's and Youth News

This Week, March 30 – 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 on the Lower Level

2nd-5th Grades – Middle RE – Begin in the Sanctuary and dismissed to RE in the Emerson Room

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

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

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. 9th-12th Grades Youth Group in the Wright Tavern (meet at 6:30 in the kitchen if you want to bake cookies)

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

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

7th Grade – Union Baptist Church, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

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