

THE SUNDAY NEWS

April 6, 2014

This Week

Sun., Apr. 6	Services at 9:00 and 11:00 10:30 Sunday Forum 12:15 Worship Reflection 4:00 Diversity Committee Film
Tue., Apr. 8	9:00 WPA Board Meeting 2:00 Shawl Ministry 6:00 Vegan Potluck 6:30 T'ai Chi
Wed., Apr. 9	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 Forum Committee 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Apr. 10	7:30 Buddhist Group
Fri., Apr. 11	12:30 Tai Chi 3:00 Transcendentalism Council
Sat., Apr. 12	7:30 Men's Group 9:00 Photography Club
Sun., Apr. 13	Services at 9:00 and 11:00 10:30 Sunday Forum 12:15 Worship Reflection 12:30 Congregational Meeting 6:00 Standing Committee

Next Meeting House News deadline: Friday, April 18.
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.

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 17—Job Insecurity


Parish Notes

Pastoral Care—Today at Coffee Hour

Stop by the Pastoral Care table at coffee hour today to learn more about pastoral care, address your concerns and to volunteer to help.

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.



First Parish Annual Campaign: “Build On to What Is Good”
We are making great progress! Stewards have finished contacting some families, and emails are going out to others. If you haven't yet pledged, visit Coffee Hour today or watch for a letter mailed to your home. Help First Parish complete this unique campaign with resounding results! See the insert in today's order of service for other updates. Thank you.

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!

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.

Yankee Home Companion

Tickets on sale now during coffee hours!

First Parish's own version of Prairie Home Companion is happening on *Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3, at 8 p.m.* You won't want to miss the sound effects team and the wonderful music of Gail Carey, Beth Norton, the Con-Chords, the Becks, Lauren Evans, Pam Howell, Anna Huckabee Tull, Chris Randall and our own version of Garrison Keillor—Doug Hardy. Suggested donations range from \$20-\$2000 to benefit the Music Reserve Fund in honor of Beth's 20 years of music ministry.

Congregational Sessions—April 13 and April 15

On Sunday, April 13, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, April 15, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., the Task Force on Committee Policy will be hosting an open congregational session to discuss our work

to develop a policy that supports the formation and management of groups at First Parish. Participation in committees, councils, and other groups is an essential element of First Parish. They share the responsibilities, build community and engage diverse perspectives. Our Task Force has been working several months to develop a policy on how we should manage our groups. Come hear what we are proposing, give us feedback, and help us shape the right policy for First Parish. For more information, contact Tom Wilson at twilson@wilsongroup.com.

Social Action Community

Diversity Committee Presents “Lives Worth Living”

Today at 4:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

The Diversity Committee will present the documentary “Lives Worth Living” about the fight for disability rights in America, today 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.

Forum on Fossil Fuel Divestment Forum

Friday, April 11, 7:00 p.m. at the Alcott School

Divestment from fossil fuels is a growing movement and a call to action. Twenty-two cities and towns including Seattle, San Francisco and Providence have already led the way. Concord will be voting on this issue at Town Meeting. This Forum offers a chance to learn from financial experts Chuck Collins and Stephanie Leighton. This forum will take place at the Alcott School Auditorium, 93 Laurel St, Concord. This forum is free and open to all.

South African Anti-Apartheid Champion and Mandela Colleague to Speak on April 13, 3:00 p.m. at Kerem Shalom

Albie Sachs, an anti-apartheid activist appointed by President Nelson Mandela in 1994 as a judge on South Africa’s 1st Constitutional Court, has been named the UMass Lowell 2014 Greeley Scholar for Peace Studies. On April 13, he will discuss his work and that of the anti-apartheid movement. Sachs’ presentation, entitled “Finding Soft Vengeance in a Violent World,” is free of charge and open to the public. Reservations are strongly encouraged as seating is strictly limited. To reserve seats contact Bob Rosenbaum at 978-263-5309 or bob@littleoaklane.com.

Children’s and Youth News

This Week, April 6 – 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 on 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—Begin in the Sanctuary and dismissed to RE in the Community Garden, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

7th grade – Union Baptist Church, 9:30am – 1:30 p.m.

3:30 – 5:30 pm 8th grade – Meet at Wright Tavern for Concord Town Cleanup and Chalk Graffiti

5:30 – 7:00 p.m. – West Virginia service trip planning meeting in the Emerson Room

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

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

3:30 – 5:30 p.m. – 8th grade – Meet at Emerson Umbrella for Earth Day puppet and float making

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

Tuesday, April 15

7:30 – 8:30 p.m. – YAC (Youth Advisory Council) in the Ripley Room

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