

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

April 20, 2014

## This Week

Sun., Apr. 20	<b>Easter Sunday —Services at 9:00 and 11:00</b> 12:15 Worship Reflection
Tue., Apr. 22	7:00 Tai Chi
Wed., Apr. 23	9:30 Buddhist Group 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Apr. 24	9:30 Music Together 7:30 Buddhist Group
Fri., Apr. 25	7:30 Rise Up Singing
Sat., Apr. 26	7:00 Dhamma Brothers Film
Sun., Apr. 27	<b>One Sunday Service at 11:00</b> 12:15 Worship Reflection 3:00 Photography Club Exhibition

**Next Meeting House News deadline: Friday, May 23**

**Please keep article length to 100 words.**

**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](http://www.firstparish.org).**

## Parish Notes

### Pastoral Care

“Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life.” The Pastoral Care Lay Minister on call for April is Diane Clapp. If you need a meal or support, please contact Diane at [d.clapp@comcast.net](mailto:d.clapp@comcast.net) or 781-257-5025.


### Ferry Beach Registration!

The annual First Parish Retreat will be held Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-26, at the UU Ferry Beach Camp and Conference Center in Saco, Maine. Join First Parish families, couples and singles of all ages for a relaxed weekend of fellowship at the beach! Please see the Ferry Beach table at coffee hour **today** for more information or to register. Registrations will be accepted through Sunday, April 27 at coffee hours or in the church office. Forms are also available in the church office and online at [www.firstparish.org/forms](http://www.firstparish.org/forms). Questions? Please contact Darien Smith ([darien@firstparish.com](mailto:darien@firstparish.com) or 978-369-1471).

### Yankee Home Companion

**Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3, 8:00 p.m.**

Modeled (loosely) on the radio show “A Prairie Home Companion,” First Parish’s own Yankee version presents songs, stories, poems, jokes, and radio-style sound effects. Host Doug Hardy describes a quiet week at First Parish; Gail Carey directs a fabulous live band; performers include Anna Huckabee Tull, the Con-Chords, Sue and Tom Beck, Lauren Evans, Pam Howell, Chris Randall, Beth Norton, and many more. Tickets available at coffee hours; suggested donation ranges from \$20 to \$2000, to benefit the Music Reserve Fund in honor of Beth’s 20 years of music ministry. Come enjoy a great show while helping assure that First Parish continues to provide the best quality music for the next 20 years! If you can’t attend but would like to contribute to the Music Reserve Fund, get a donation form at coffee hour—or just send a check marked “Music Reserve Fund.”



**First Parish Annual Campaign: “Build On to What Is Good”**  
Are you currently paying your 2013-2014 pledge by auto-debit? Great! —but for 2014-2015, you must renew your auto-debit payments for July 1 and beyond. This is due to a vendor change for auto-debit and credit card services. Stop by at Coffee Hour to pledge, or call the business office during the week with questions. For other news, see the insert in today’s order of service. Thank you.

### 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](mailto:thurd@aol.com) or 978-369-2366.

### Photo Club Exhibit

**Sunday, April 27, 3-5 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

Please mark your calendars and join us next Sunday for the First Parish Photo Club’s 12th Annual Exhibit with pictures, slide shows, expert photography help and, of course, delicious refreshments—all for free!

### New Facilities Committee Being Formed

Parishioners are invited to join the new Facilities Committee (tentative name) being started by Richard (Kel) Keleher at the request of Doug Baker, our Sexton. This committee, acting under our present Policy Governance operation, will advise Doug on matters such as the performance of an energy audit, upcoming maintenance issues, priorities for building and grounds maintenance, budgeting, etc. If you can’t join the committee, there will be opportunities to volunteer for individual hands-on projects. We’ll keep the number of meetings minimal; much of the correspondence will be via email. If you are interested in either way of participating or need more information, please contact Kel at 978-944-2734 or [kel@rkeleher.com](mailto:kel@rkeleher.com).

### Want to See Through Your Fears and Live Happily in the Present? —Saturday, May 24

On Saturday, May 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at First Parish, Lila Kate Wheeler will teach us “how to train our brain to wake up to the present, release fermented hallucinations, and connect with life’s natural balance and richness.” Lila says, “We humans have a big brain that easily gets mesmerized by its own creations. With his typical humor, the Buddha suggests that clinging to this present moment is the key to letting go of all the fears, anxieties, and regrets that make us miserable.” Suggested donation \$40. Space limited. Register with Bill Seaver: [billseaver@earthlink.net](mailto:billseaver@earthlink.net) or 978-369-7318

## STARHAWK is Coming to Concord!

Starhawk is one of the most respected voices in modern Goddess religion and earth-based spirituality. She is an author, activist, permaculture designer, and was influential in the decision by the UUA to include earth-centered traditions among our sources of faith.

**Tuesday, June 3**—Starhawk will be joining us at our June Minerva Potluck at First Parish, which will be followed by a Women's Workshop and Spiral Dance.

Tickets: \$60 for the Workshop and Dance

**Wednesday, June 4**—Starhawk will take the stage at The Umbrella (formerly Emerson Umbrella) where she will first be interviewed for "The Goddess Show," a TV production focused on explorations of the sacred feminine. This will be followed by a talk, a ritual and a spiral dance. Tickets: \$25

Workshop and talk are on creating sacred community, holding our own power and stepping into leadership. Please Note: If the fees are a hardship, please email [TwinkleManning@gmail.com](mailto:TwinkleManning@gmail.com) to request a reduced fee or waiver.

Purchase tickets at [www.TVforYourSoul.com/STARHAWK.html](http://www.TVforYourSoul.com/STARHAWK.html)

## Social Action Community

### Interested in Sustainability?

Join the Environmental Leadership Team. Be it food, energy, divestment, composting, gardening, transportation, or climate change, we tackle First Parish-related "green" issues and plan possible ways our community can take action. Interested? Contact Bethany Lowe or an Environmental Leadership Team member.

### Event with Jenny Phillips

#### Saturday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Emerson Room

On Saturday, April 26, The Massachusetts Campaign for a Department of Peace will host Dr. Jenny Phillips, Film director, cultural anthropologist, and psychotherapist who will present "The Transformative Power of Meditation: Lessons from Prisoners."

Dr. Phillips will share the story of how she became involved in filming interviews with inmates in a maximum security prison in Alabama, resulting in her production of "The Dhamma Brothers." Following clips of the film, she will demonstrate curriculum developed for High School students, "Teaching Peace in a Violent World" based on the experiences of inmates who had found inner peace in the ancient, intensive meditation practice of Vipassana.

### It's Time for Earth Day

Join us Saturday, April 26, at 10 a.m. at the Lowell Road Landing for the River Ceremony (with First Parish singers, drumming, stilts and much more), stay for the Giant Puppet Parade, which steps off at 11 a.m. and travels through town to the Emerson Umbrella for music, performance, food, arts and crafts, environmental information and goods, at the Environmental Festival. More information is at [www.emersonumbrella.org/musketaquid](http://www.emersonumbrella.org/musketaquid) and from coordinator, Nancy Lippe at 978-318-0820. Also, come for food and art to the all-ages, Earth Month Exhibit: "Life on the Edge," reception at Emerson Umbrella on Tuesday, April 22, from 5 to 8 p.m.

## Children's and Youth News

### This Week, April 20 – Easter Sunday

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. – Intergenerational Services followed after each service by an Easter Egg Hunt – Meet at the Labyrinth  
8:50 & 10:50 a.m. – Little RE (0–4 years) – Lower Level  
10:30 a.m. – West Virginia travelers meet at **Keyes Road parking lot** (behind Middlesex Savings Bank)

### Next Week, April 27 – One service at 11 a.m. only

School Vacation Week  
10:50 a.m. – Little RE (0–4 years) – Lower Level

### Week after Next, May 4 – 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 11 a.m.  
7th grade – Brooks Room, 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 pm  
7 – 8:30 p.m. – High School (grades 9–12) Youth Group in the Wright Tavern – 8th Graders welcome

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Questions or concerns about domestic violence?  
Call the Domestic Violence Services Network Help Line:  
888-399-6111