


THE SUNDAY NEWS

April 27, 2014

This Week

Sun., Apr. 27	One Sunday Service at 11:00 12:15 Worship Reflection 3:00 Photography Club Exhibition
Mon., Apr. 28	6:30 Interfaith Environmental Potluck 7:30 Women's Book Group
Tue., Apr. 29	9:30 Women's Book Group 7:00 Tai Chi
Wed., Apr. 30	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 Junior Choir 5:15 Chalice Choir 5:15 Gospel Choir 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., May 1	9:30 Music Together 7:00 Understanding Social Structure Workshop 7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 By Your Side Singers
Fri., May 2	8:00 Yankee Home Companion
Sat., May 3	8:00 Yankee Home Companion
Sun., May 4	Sunday Service at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. 10:15 Congregational Conversation 10:30 Forum 12:15 Congregational Conversation 12:15 Worship Reflection



First Parish Annual Campaign: "Build On to What Is Good"
Four more days! Did you pledge last year, but haven't yet this year? Please act now to ensure your pledge gets factored into the 2014-2015 budget. Come to Coffee Hour for friendly, personalized assistance. See the insert in today's order of service for more. Thank you.

Qualified to Vote?

Remember that in order to vote at the First Parish Annual Meeting on June 8, you must have been a signed member for 30 days. So if you are not yet a signed member and wish to vote, please stop by the office and sign the membership book before May 9.

Ferry Beach Registration—Deadline Today

Today is the final day to register for the annual First Parish Retreat held over 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. Late registrations (i.e. after today) will be accepted only on a space-available basis. If you have questions or want to inquire about scholarship assistance, please contact Darien Smith (darien@smithquest.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."

Congregational Conversation

Sunday, May 4, at 10:15 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

Join Rev. Howard Dana and other leaders in a discussion about switching to one service on Sundays for the next church year.

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

SPRING CELEBRATION - MAY 11

Special Continental Coffee Hours

There will be Music - Appreciation - and great food to honor
MOTHER'S DAY - MOTHER EARTH - EVERYONE
THAT ADOPTED A SOLAR PANEL
Please plan to attend one of the coffee hours to share in the
Celebration

Parish Notes

Photo Club Exhibit

Today from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Please mark your calendars and join us today 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.

Help out in the Herb Garden—Monday, April 28 at 9:30 a.m.

Get your hands in the dirt, chat with friends, and top the morning off with tea and cookies. Come help Doug clean out and start up the Herb Garden. Starting at 9:30 a.m. this Monday, April 28. Come by any time after that.

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 or 781-257-5025.

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 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 to request a reduced fee or waiver.

Purchase tickets at www.TVforYourSoul.com/STARHAWK.html.

Children’s and Youth News

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

School Vacation Week

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

Next Week, 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

7:00 - 8:30 p.m. – High School (grades 9–12) Youth Group in the Wright Tavern – 8th Graders welcome

Social Action Community

Understanding Our Social Structure:

Steps for Cultural Change—May 1, at 7:00 p.m.

This three-part workshop will take place on consecutive Thursday evenings starting on May 1. Through a blend of presentation and open sharing, we will explore the possibilities for change in a culture that works very hard to maintain the status quo when it comes to gender roles and identity. Tony Fisher and Pat Simon will lead the discussion. A bonus film, “Who’s Counting: Marilyn Waring on Sex, Lies, and Global Economics,” will be shown after coffee hour on May 4. Contact Tony Fisher at tfisher@firstparish.org.

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.

Mother’s Day Peace Walk on Sunday, May 11, at 8:00 a.m.

Tina Cheri, founder of the LDB Peace Institute, writes: “This month is a special time of reflection, not only for me (Tina’s son Louis was killed 21 years ago), but also for our great City of Boston, the Commonwealth and the Nation. In honor of Victim Rights Month in Massachusetts—and as we remember not just the victims of the tragic marathon bombing of last year, but all victims of violence—may we take a moment to recommit to the journey toward peace.” Contact Rev. Margie King Saphier 781-424-2179 or mksaphier@comcast.net to learn more about the Walk. Last year we raised \$1791. This year let’s try for \$2014.

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Visit our website at firstparish.org

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