

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

May 11, 2014

## This Week

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| Sun., May 11 | <b>Sunday Service at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.</b><br>12:15 Worship Reflection<br>6:30 Standing Committee                             |
| Mon., May 12 | 7:00 Women's Goddess Covenant Circle  |
| Tue., May 13 | 9:00 WPA Board Meeting<br>6:00 Vegan Potluck<br>7:00 Tai Chi  |
| Wed., May 14 | 9:30 Buddhist Group<br>4:30 Junior Choir<br>5:15 Chalice Choir<br>5:15 Gospel Choir<br>7:30 Forum Committee<br>7:45 Adult Choir |
| Thu., May 15 | 10:00 Creative Practice Affinity Group<br>7:00 Our Social Structure<br>7:30 Buddhist Group<br>7:30 By Your Side Singer          |
| Fri., May 16 | 8:00 Mom's Night Out  |
| Sat., May 17 | 3:00 Lincoln Ringers Concert  |
| Sun., May 18 | <b>Music Sunday - One Service at 10:00 a.m.</b><br>12:15 Worship Reflection   |

**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

### Interested in Women's Earth-Based Spirituality?

The First Parish Women's Goddess Covenant Circle, which focuses on the Feminine Divine and Earth-Based Spirituality while celebrating the Wheel of the Year, invites interested women to learn more about us and our path to membership at a Learning Circle at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 12 in the Brooks Room. R.S.V.P. to Twinkle Manning at [twinklemanning@gmail.com](mailto:twinklemanning@gmail.com).

### Say Thanks and Farewell to Tony—June 1, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Join the Ministerial Internship Committee, staff and other parishioners in a good-bye party for Tony Fisher on June 1, between 4 and 5:30 p.m. at Alec Walker's house. Come to reminisce, share potluck snacks and participate in a collective appreciation of our outgoing intern. So that we can plan for numbers, contact Cassy Bosworth [cbosworth@firstparish.org](mailto:cbosworth@firstparish.org).

### Annual Meeting of the Congregation: All are Invited

Save the date for the First Parish Annual Meeting on June 8. The meeting will begin shortly after worship. All visitors, friends, and members of First Parish in Concord are invited to witness and participate in the meeting. However, only those who have signed the membership book at least 30 days (May 9) before the meeting may vote. The congregation will vote on the 2014-2015 budget. Look for the warrant and other announcements to learn more.

## Ushers Needed!

Please contact Rachel Baker at [rbaker@firstparish.org](mailto:rbaker@firstparish.org), if you are interested in helping out on Sunday mornings.

## Pastoral Care

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life." The Pastoral Care Lay Minister on call for May is Sue Dobbie. If you need a meal or support, please contact Sue at 978-456-8432 or [susandobbie@gmail.com](mailto:susandobbie@gmail.com).

## Creative Practice Affinity Group

Thursday May 15, 10 a.m. to Noon in the Brooks Room: Join us every month for support, inspiration, discussion, accountability and sense of community—*whatever* your creative outlet. Everything from writing to photography to painting to music. Third Thursday of every month; contact Derek McCarthy at [dsm32@cornell.edu](mailto:dsm32@cornell.edu)

## Calling All FP Mothers of Young and School-Aged Children

Come join other First Parish mothers for Mom's Night Out on Friday, May 16, at 8 p.m. in the Parlor. Bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice to this casual and fun gathering. The Mom's Night Out (MNO) group is new and looking to connect mothers in friendly and fun ways, as well as sharing wisdom and inspiration for raising children and meaningful living. Join our Google Group First Parish MNO to stay updated.

## Lincoln Ringers "Thank You" Concert

**Saturday, May 17, at 3:00 p.m.**

Your 2013-2014 handbell choir-in-residence will be presenting a Spring concert on Saturday, May 17, at 3 p.m. in the Sanctuary. We have been so blessed to "live" here for the year. This concert celebrates our appreciation for your warm welcome and will include many of the pieces you've heard in church over the last nine months. Please join us!

## WPA Luncheon Program — Wednesday, May 21

The Women's Parish Association invites you to an interesting and inspiring luncheon program on May 21, featuring Marilene Phipps-Kettlewell, a world acclaimed and highly celebrated author, poet and artist, who will share some of her amazing talents with everyone. Social time begins at 11:30 a.m., followed by lunch and the program. Everyone is welcome. Cost is \$10.00. Contact the office by May 18, or Dian Pekin at [Pekindc@comcast.net](mailto:Pekindc@comcast.net), for reservations or for food and transportation needs.

## 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**

**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**

### **Vegan Potluck on Tuesday, May 13, at 6:00 p.m.**

Enjoy a delicious potluck dinner in the Parish Hall, May 13, at 6 p.m., hosted by Reverence for Life and the Environmental Leadership Team. 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. Don't have time to cook? A simple salad or a loaf of bread is just fine. Need a recipe? Contact Lyell Slade at 978-369-0636 or [llsrdv@netscape.net](mailto:llsrdv@netscape.net).

### **Interested in Sustainability?**

Join First Parish's Environmental Leadership Team (ELT). Be it food, energy, divestment, composting, gardening, transportation, or climate change, we tackle First Parish-related "green" issues and plan ways for our community to take action. Interested? Contact Bethany Lowe [blowe@firstparish.org](mailto:blowe@firstparish.org) or an ELT member.

### **Calling All Composters**

The Coffee Composting Project, sponsored by The Environmental Leadership Team, has been a big success with 10 volunteers rotating through the twice-a-month winter schedule. Each person is scheduled to pick up one bag of coffee grounds once a month to enrich their own compost piles. It is a small but major step in the right direction to help First Parish become more sustainable. Now is also the time when many of you are planning your gardens and enriching your personal compost bins. Your help is needed and your garden will thank you. Please email Berni Jenkins for more information, [berni.jenkins@verizon.net](mailto:berni.jenkins@verizon.net).

### **Reproductive Justice: Feminine Product Drive**

Believe it or not, there are women in our own community who do not have access to feminine hygiene products. With your help, we can change that. Here's how you can help: buy a box for yourself and buy an extra to put in the box marked "Women Helping Women" in the coat room at church. This drive will continue for the month of May. All donations will be given out at Open Table on Thursdays. Questions: contact Laura Benedict, [bremben@comcast.net](mailto:bremben@comcast.net) or Lora Venesy.

## **Children's and Youth News**

### **This Week, May 11**—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–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.

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

### **Saturday, May 17**

3:30 - 5:00 p.m. – 7th grade Neighboring Faiths – Sandwich making at FP for Common Cathedral

### **Next Week, May 18**—Music Sunday: **One service 10 a.m.**

9:50 a.m. – Little RE (0–4 years) – Lower Level

K–1st grade – Begin in the Sanctuary and dismissed to RE on the Lower Level

2nd –6th grades – Middle RE – Begin in the Sanctuary and dismissed to RE in the Emerson Room

11:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. 7th grade Neighboring Faiths Trip to Common Cathedral, Boston

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

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

**Howard's email:** [hdana@firstparish.org](mailto:hdana@firstparish.org)  
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