

THE SUNDAY NEWS

May 18, 2014

This Week

Sun., May 18	Music Sunday—One Service at 10:00 a.m. 12:15 Worship Reflection
Mon., May 19	7:30 Jewish Awareness Group
Tue., May 20	2:00 Needleworkers Affinity Group 7:00 Amnesty Group 7:00 Evening Worship 7:00 Tai Chi
Wed., May 21	9:30 Buddhist Group 11:30 WPA Luncheon 4:30 Junior Choir 5:15 Chalice Choir 5:15 Gospel Choir 7:30 Forum Committee 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., May 22	7:30 Buddhist Group
Fri., May 23	6:00 Hawthorne's 150th Memorial
Sat., May 24	10:00 Kate Wheeler—Buddhist Workshop
Sun., May 25	One Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:15 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.

Parish Notes

Sunday Services Switch to One Service Starting Today

Starting today, there will only be one service only—at 10:00 a.m. The one Sunday service will continue throughout the summer.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for the new pledge year are in. They will be available downstairs after the services on Sunday, May 25, June 1 and June 16.

Evening Worship, Tuesday, May 20, 7:00 p.m.

Emergence: Where do we begin? Where do we end?
Join C.C. King, Rachel Baker and others on the First Parish labyrinth for an evening of worship, guided dance and meditation. Wear comfortable shoes and clothes. Chairs will be available for those who need to sit down.

Music Reserve Fund Donations

Thanks to your generous donations, "Yankee Home Companion" raised approximately \$7000 to support the Music Reserve Fund and celebrate Beth Norton's 20 years of musical ministry at First Parish. Today, in the Sanctuary we are present to hear what those contributions allow us to do. They provide the orchestral support for our talented choir director to enhance our choir and present a musical offering that we can all enjoy. If you are inspired by today's music and would like to make a contribution to the Music Reserve Fund, we will be happy to receive your donations during coffee hour today and in the office throughout the month of May.

Checks should be made payable to First Parish in Concord and tagged for the Music Reserve Fund.

Say Thanks and Farewell to Tony Sunday, 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 4:00 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 at 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. Members will vote on the 2014-2015 budget. Look for the warrant and other announcements to learn more.

Standing Committee Update—Next Year's Budget

Howard Dana and Fifi Ball presented a rough draft of the budget to the Standing Committee (SC) on May 11. Having asked for and received feedback from the committee, they will spend the next two weeks making revisions. A "final version" of the budget will be posted immediately following the Memorial Day weekend. On the following Sunday, June 1, after the service, members of the congregation who are interested can come comment and ask questions. This will give Howard and the SC time to make any final tweaks before presenting the budget at the Annual Meeting. We hope to see many of you there.

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.

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, for reservations or for food and transportation needs.

Nathaniel Hawthorne Memorial

Please join us for a special program to honor Nathaniel Hawthorne on Friday, May 23, the 150th anniversary of his funeral. The memorial will begin at 6 p.m. at First Parish, where Hawthorne's funeral took place in 1864. Readings will include works by Ralph Waldo Emerson, Louisa May Alcott, and other Hawthorne contemporaries. Following this program, participants are invited to walk to Hawthorne's gravesite in Sleepy Hollow. The procession will pass the horse-drawn hearse that is believed to have carried

Hawthorne's coffin in 1864. Finally, the public is invited to a reception at the Old Manse. This program is free and open to the public. A series of events in Concord from May 18 through May 24 will explore Hawthorne's life, literature, legacy, family and association with the town. For a list of events, see <http://fptranscendentalism.files.wordpress.com/2014/04/hawthornememorialweek.pdf>.

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 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 to request a reduced fee or waiver. Purchase tickets at www.TVforYourSoul.com/STARHAWK.html.

Social Action Community

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 at 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 ten 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.

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 coatroom 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 at bremenben@comcast.net or Lora Venesy.

Mother's Day Walk for Peace

Thank you, everyone who walked and those who sponsored walkers or donated to the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute. The First Parish team raised about \$1200. We are still getting online donations, so I do not yet have a final number. When I do, I will let you what we were able to raise. It was a beautiful day in so many ways.

—Rev. Margie King Saphier

Children's and Youth News

This 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–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 Emerson Room

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

11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. – Steeple tour for 5th & 6th graders

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

Next Week, May 25 – Memorial Day Sunday – **One service 10 a.m.**

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

Following Week, June 1 – **Youth Service** – 10:00 a.m. (**Senior Recognition Sunday**)

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

10:00 a.m. – Service

K–1st Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the lower level classrooms

2nd–6th Grades – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to grade-level pew after Children's Message

10:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. – 7th Grade Neighboring Faiths attends Youth Service, then closing class in Brooks Room

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Visit our website at firstparish.org

Questions or concerns about **domestic violence** or **suicide**?
Call...

Domestic Violence Services Help Line: 888-399-6111

Suicide Prevention Life Line: 800-273-TALK (8255)