

THE SUNDAY NEWS

May 25, 2014

This Week

Sun., May 25 **One Service at 10:00 a.m.**
11:15 Worship Reflection

Mon., May 26 First Parish Closed—Memorial Day

Tue., May 27 7:00 Tai Chi

Wed., May 28 9:30 Buddhist Group
4:30 Junior Choir
5:15 Chalice Choir
5:15 Gospel Choir
7:45 Adult Choir

Thu., May 29 7:30 Buddhist Group

Sun., June 1 **One Service at 10:00 a.m.**
11:15 Worship Reflection
11:30 Denominational Affairs Committee
7:00 Sarasa Chamber Ensemble

Next Meeting House News deadline: Friday, August 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

Snacks for Social Hour through the Spring and Summer

As we enter into the warmer months, all are invited to bring in snacks from their gardens. Please feel free to set out your offerings—ready for snacking on—in the kitchen on the counter near the stove.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for the new pledge year are in. They will be available downstairs after the service today, and on Sundays, June 1 and June 16.

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. The fund provides support for our talented choir director to enhance our choir and present musical offerings, that we can all enjoy. If you would like to make a contribution to the Music Reserve Fund, we will be happy to receive your donations in the office throughout the rest of May. Checks should be made payable to First Parish in Concord and tagged for the Music Reserve Fund.

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.

Say Thanks and Farewell to Tony Fisher

Sunday, June 1, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., Off Site

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 the 10:00 a.m. worship service. 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 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.

Sarasa Chamber Ensemble—Sunday, June 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, June 1, the Sarasa Chamber Ensemble returns to First Parish with a program titled, “Tracing Vienna’s Lineage,” and features Haydn Quartet Op. 20, No. 5, Anton Webern Langsamer Satz, and Schubert Quintet in C major. Come hear outstanding musicians perform in our Parish Hall.

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, email TwinkleManning@gmail.com to request a reduced fee or waiver. To purchase tickets go to 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.

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 bremen@comcast.net or Lora Venesy.

Join Us at the Boston Pride Parade on June 14

The Diversity Committee will take a group of parishioners to march with our First Parish banner in the Boston Pride Parade on Saturday, June 14. The parade starts at 11:00 a.m., an hour earlier than usual this year due to construction at the Government Center T station. Please join us for this fun, family-friendly event and help us show our support for the LGBT community. Those wishing to attend the Pride Service at the Arlington Street Church beforehand may join us afterwards, before the parade starts. Email Sara Ballard at sara@sb.org, or sign up at coffee hour on June 1 or 8 if you'd like to participate.

Children's and Youth News

This Week, May 25 – Memorial Day Sunday

One service 10 a.m.

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

Next Week, June 1 – Youth Service – 10:00 a.m.

(Senior Recognition Sunday)

9:50 a.m. – Little RE (0–4 years) – 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

RE registration immediately after the service, in the Parish Hall

Following Week, June 8 – Intergenerational Service

One service 10:00 a.m.

9:15-10:00 a.m. – 5th & 6th Grades – Bridging with Pam in the Chapel (for those who missed May 18, and for those who want to come again), followed by a tour of the steeple

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

2:00-3:00 p.m. Garden Orientation, Hugh Cargill Community Garden, Walden Street (opposite Court House)

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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)