

THE SUNDAY NEWS

June 1, 2014

This Week

Sun., Jun 1	One Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:15 Worship Reflection 11:30 Budget Presentation 7:00 Sarasa Chamber Ensemble
Mon., Jun 2	7:30 Women's Book Group
Tue., Jun 3	9:30 Women's Book Group 6:00 Minerva Gathering Potluck 7:00 Tai Chi
Wed., Jun 4	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 Junior Choir 5:15 Chalice Choir 5:15 Gospel Choir 7:00 Arts Council 7:00 Environmental Leadership Team 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Jun 5	7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 By Your Side Singers
Sun., Jun 8	One Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:30 Annual Meeting

Next Meeting House News deadline: Tuesday, Aug 19
Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to Rachel Baker at rbaker@firstparish.org.
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 Sunday, June 16.

Say Thanks and Farewell to Tony

This afternoon from 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.

Sarasa Chamber Ensemble—This Evening at 7:00 p.m.

This evening the Sarasa Chamber Ensemble returns to First Parish with a program titled "Tracing Vienna's Lineage." It 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.

The First Parish Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 8, 2014, at 11:30 a.m.

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Annual Meeting. The warrant, which includes the agenda for the meeting, has been posted on the doors of the church and on the First Parish bulletin board. Staff and committees will present their annual reports, and important matters will be decided. Attendees who are signed members will be voting on First Parish officers, ratifying our UU General Assembly delegate slate, approving the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015, and hearing and acting upon any other matters that may come before the meeting. If there are any questions about the meeting agenda or thoughts about business to be covered in the meeting, please contact Standing Committee member Mark Russell Prior, mark.russell.prior@comcast.net or 978-369-4901.

Flower Communion Service—Sunday, June 22, at 10:00 a.m.

On June 22, Rev. Howard Dana will lead the congregation through the traditional Unitarian Flower Communion created by Norbert Capek [1870-1942], who founded the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia. Please bring a flower or two to contribute to the service. The flowers may come from your garden, a field, or the roadside. One interpretation of the flower communion states, "Our common bouquet would not be the same without the unique addition of each individual flower, and thus it is with our church community; it would not be the same without each and every one of us. Thus this service is a statement of our community. By exchanging flowers, we show our willingness to walk together in our search for truth, disregarding all that might divide us. Each person takes home a flower brought by someone else—thus symbolizing our shared celebration in community. This communion of sharing is essential to a free people of a free religion."

Herb Garden Coffee Hour Party—Sunday, June 22

The Women's Parish Association will hold its popular annual coffee hour Herb Garden party on Sunday, June 22, following the Sunday service. Everyone is welcome! Come and enjoy the beauty of the Deborah Webster Greeley Memorial Herb Garden and the herb-flavored sweets, savorys and cold drinks. In case of inclement weather, the event will be held in the Parish Hall.

Herb Sale Postponed to June 22

Due to the slow start of spring and the reduced inventory of herbs from our supplier, the Herb Sale has been postponed to coffee hour on June 22. That is also the date for our popular annual coffee hour Herb Garden party. All are cordially welcome.

Catnip Ball Time

Among the favorite attractions of the First Parish Artisans Holiday Fair each year are beautiful handmade catnip balls at the Women's Parish Association's booth. The balls make adorable gifts, appreciated by cat owners almost as much as their cats! The catnip ball covers are knitted by volunteer knitting "elves" over the summer, and the balls are assembled in October. If you would like to join the catnip ball brigade, you will find copies of the knitting directions in the First Parish office. This is an ideal summer project,—light, easy and fun. Please call or email Margaret Stewart for more information: 508-662-6348 or mjs.ontheroad@gmail.com.

Lost and Found

Please check the coatroom, where there are many items of clothing left behind over the winter. They will soon be taken to Goodwill.

Pastoral Care

“Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life.” The Pastoral Care Lay Minister on call for June is Dana Snyder-Grant. If you need a meal or support, please contact Dana at danasg@newview.org or 978-266-9406.

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.

Church Calendar

Did you know that you can access the church’s building-use calendar? There is a link on the home page of the website in the right hand calendar (look for the tiny calendar icon).

Children’s and Youth News

This 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 the Brooks Room

RE registration immediately after service, in the Parish Hall

Next Week, June 8 – 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

11:00 a.m. – 7th Grade meeting about 8th Grade play in Brooks Room

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

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – High School Youth Group BBQ—Meet in the Wright Tavern – 8th Graders Welcome

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 bremben@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 afterward, 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.

Howard’s email: hdana@firstparish.org

Tony’s email: tfisher@firstparish.org

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)