

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

June 8, 2014

## This Week

Sun., Jun 8	<b>One Service at 10:00 a.m.</b> 11:30 Annual Meeting
Tue., Jun 10	2:00 Shawl Ministry 6:00 Vegan Potluck
Wed., Jun 11	9:30 Buddhist Group
Thu., Jun 12	7:30 Buddhist Group
Sat., Jun 14	9:00 Photography Club
Sun., Jun 15	<b>One Service at 10:00 a.m.</b>

**Next Meeting House News deadline: Tuesday, August 19**  
**Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to**  
**Rachel Baker at [rbaker@firstparish.org](mailto: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](http://www.firstparish.org).**

## Parish Notes

### 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.”

### 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 on Sunday, June 15.

### The First Parish Annual Meeting Today 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](mailto:mark.russell.prior@comcast.net) or 978-369-4901.

### 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, savories 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. It now coincides with 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](mailto: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](mailto:danasg@newview.org) or 978-266-9409.

## Save the Date—First Parish Homecoming Picnic

Sunday, September 7, at 5:30 p.m. is the Parish Homecoming Picnic for all ages, all First Parish. Music and Potluck Dessert. Please bring finger food dessert to share, your own picnic, food and beverage, lawn chairs and blankets. The party will be on the front lawns of First Parish, weather permitting; in the Parish Hall in case of rain. No admission charge. Mark your calendar now. This is an event not to be missed.

## Inaugural First Parish Organ Dedication Concert Sunday, June 22, at 4:00 p.m.

Dr. James Welch, former organist of Grace Episcopal Cathedral in San Francisco will present a concert on, Sunday, June 22, at 4:00 p.m. This concert is one of several pre-convention events promoted for organists attending the national conference of the American Guild of Organists in Boston, June 23-25. Dr. Welch is a well-known concert organist and teacher, who regularly performs at venues such as the Mormon Tabernacle in Salt Lake City and the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris. He has been University Organist and lecturer in music at California's Santa Clara University since 1993 and also serves as organist for St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Palo Alto, California. His concert will include a generous variety of shorter pieces that will show off the colors of First Parish's new pipe organ.

## Free Brochures about Unitarian Universalism and First Parish

The brochures are located in racks located to the left and right of the church office door and to the left of the front door as you exit the Sanctuary. Please feel free to take these home or give them to friends.

## Children's and Youth News

### This 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

### Vegan Potluck on Tuesday, June 10, at 6 :00 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious potluck dinner in the Parish Hall, June 10, 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. Your \$2 donation helps to cover expenses. 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](tel:978-369-0636) or [llsrvd@netscape.net](mailto:llsrvd@netscape.net).

### Reproductive Justice—Feminine Product Drive Continuing through June

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 one. 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 June. All donations will be given out at Open Table on Thursdays. Questions: Contact Laura Benedict at [bremben@comcast.net](mailto:bremben@comcast.net) or Lora Venesy at [Venesy@comcast.net](mailto:Venesy@comcast.net).

### 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](mailto:sara@sb.org), or sign up at coffee hour on today if you'd like to participate.

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

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