

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 5, 2014

## This Week

Sun., Oct. 5	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:30 Sunday Forum
Mon., Oct. 6	7:30 Denominational Affairs
Tue., Oct. 7	1:30 First Tuesday Group 6:00 Women's Wisdom Brainstorm Session 7:00 Vespers Service
Wed., Oct., 8	9:00 Catnip Ball Workshop 9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 - 9:00 First Parish Choirs
Thu., Oct. 9	6:00 Tears of Sorrow, Tears of Joy 7:30 Buddhist Group
Sat., Oct. 10	7:30 Men's Group 9:00 Photography Club
Sun., Oct. 11	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.

**Next Meeting House News deadline: Tuesday, October 21.**  
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.

## Parish Notes

### Pastoral Care

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life." The Pastoral Care Lay Minister on call for October is Diane Clapp. If you need a meal or support, please contact Diane at 781-257-5025 or [d.clapp@comcast.net](mailto:d.clapp@comcast.net).

### First Parish Members Need Sunday and Weekday Drivers

We are experiencing an increase in requests for rides to First Parish so folks can continue to attend Sunday worship, and other important congregational events. Please let us know if you can help with the following needs.

*Sunday Drivers*—Volunteer to drive members and friends to the Sunday service or other congregational events on a regular or occasional schedule. Members live at Concord Park and Newbury Court in Concord, and in surrounding towns. Contact Suzanne Hogan, Rides Coordinator, at 978-318-9035 or [suzanne.hogan@comcast.net](mailto:suzanne.hogan@comcast.net) or Anne Fortier at 978-369-6303 or [randafortier@comcast.net](mailto:randafortier@comcast.net). You will be contacted to help out.

*Weekday Drivers*—Volunteer to provide a ride for members who need a ride to and from medical appointments or the like. Contact Suzanne Hogan, Rides Coordinator, at 978-318-9035 or [suzanne.hogan@comcast.net](mailto:suzanne.hogan@comcast.net), and she will contact you when a need arises.

You may sign up in person at the Pastoral Care table at coffee hour. Thank you for helping our tradition of caring for one another to continue! —Rev. Marion Visel

Minister for Pastoral Care

### The First Tuesday Group

**Tuesday, October 7, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.**

Come meet Rev. Marion Visel, Minister for Pastoral Care, and Brian Chenowith, Ministerial Intern. As always, coffee, tea and refreshments, and a chance to talk with old and new friends.

**Cancelled:** New to Unitarian Universalism Orientation, scheduled for today at 11:30 a.m. Stay tuned for a new date.

### Vespers—Tuesday, October 7, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

Please join us for a vespers service filled with original songs and story by Anna Huckabee Tull, and poetry and meditations by Bethany Lowe. Our theme this month is "change." We'll sing, we'll listen, and we'll have time for reflection. All are welcome. We'll start right at 7:00 p.m. and end before 7:45 p.m.

### Women's Wisdom Brainstorming Session

Are you seeking a deeper connection with other women of the First Parish community? You are invited to bring your ideas and energy to a brainstorming session about continuing the monthly Minerva Supper gatherings, on Tuesday evening, October 7, with potluck supper and conversation, starting at 6 p.m. in the Brooks Room. Questions? Contact Margaret Stewart [mjs.ontheroad@gmail.com](mailto:mjs.ontheroad@gmail.com).

### Worship Sharing Circle

After the service, parishioners will gather in Rev. Dana's study or on the Keresztúr Terrace, weather permitting, to take turns sharing what stood out for them about the service. This simple event runs from 11:10 to 11:30 a.m. and is open to everyone.

### Standing Committee Opening

Standing Committee member Dawn Van Patten has assumed the position of Assistant Director of Religious Education, so there is an opening available on the Standing Committee. According to First Parish bylaws, the Standing Committee can fill unexpected vacancies for a term that runs until the next Annual Meeting. Because our year is already well under way, we would like to appoint someone who can come up to speed quickly. We are seeking a congregation member who has experience in leadership roles on committees such as the Standing Committee, Nominating Committee or Trustees of Parish Donations, and who is available and interested in serving in a provisional capacity until our Annual Meeting in June 2015. Anyone interested in being considered for this position is encouraged to contact Mark Russell Prior before October 7, by email at [mark.russell.prior@comcast.net](mailto:mark.russell.prior@comcast.net) or by phone at 978-369-4901.

### Catnip Ball Workshop: Help Wanted

Please come Wednesday morning, October 8, to help with the final assembly of the catnip balls for the WPA's Artisans Fair in November! It's an easy and pleasant task, in the company of old and new friends. Drop in any time between 9 a.m. and noon.

### Tears of Sorrow, Tears of Joy—Thursday, October 9, at 6 p.m.

Sheila Collins, dancer, social worker, and author of *Warrior Mother: Fierce Love, Unbearable Loss and Rituals that Heal*, goes outside the bounds of the ordinary when two of her three adult children are diagnosed with life-threatening diseases. Witness the walk of life's challenges during this evening of performance. Questions? Contact CC King [sammykat@comcast.net](mailto:sammykat@comcast.net) 978-369-1543. Emerson Room: wine & cheese, reading and performance.

**Scholarships for Székelykeresztúr Students:** Each year our scholarship programs enables 30 to 40 deserving students in Transylvania to get a high school education in their native

Hungarian language by helping defray the cost of room, board and other expenses. This year donors are supporting 29 returning high school students and 5 college students. We are looking for donors to help 10 to 12 new freshmen students. If you are interested in helping a student, come to the PCC table before or after the service, or contact Rodger Mattlage, [rmattlage@mac.com](mailto:rmattlage@mac.com). Many thanks to all who have so generously supported these students.

### **Urgent Need for Laptops**

The language lab in the Székelykeresztúr school is in urgent need of ten more IBM-compatible laptops to replace aging and broken ones. Please contact Dana Booth ([dana.a.booth@gmail.com](mailto:dana.a.booth@gmail.com)) who will take care of making sure all your data is purged. Our pilgrims will bring them when they depart on October 30. Many thanks.

### **Reverence for Life—Thursday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m.**

Come join our Reverence for Life (RFL) team at our October meeting Thursday, October 16, at 7:30 p.m. in the Emerson Room. Come to listen or to join in. We are a group interested in promoting the last line of our benediction, “Honor all beings.” Currently we have vegan potlucks once a month, where all are welcome to enjoy a vegan evening together. We need ideas and energy to broaden and enhance our program, so please come and attend and see what you think. . . . no commitment. Please contact with any questions or suggestions Diana Shoemaker Kelly, [shoefolk@comcast.net](mailto:shoefolk@comcast.net) Lyell Slade, [llsrdv@netscape.net](mailto:llsrdv@netscape.net) or Brooks Stevens, [stevensbrady@comcast.net](mailto:stevensbrady@comcast.net).

### **Sacred Drum and Chant with Laney Goodman and the Mother Drum—Sunday October 19, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.**

We will drum, chant and dance in the four directions of the Medicine Wheel. We will send prayers to the four corners of the earth for Global Healing and healing For All Our Relations. We will invoke and celebrate the Grandmothers, the Grandfathers, and the Ancestors as we sing, drum and dance them awake into our circle and into our lives. This ceremony teaches us the power of deep listening and helps take us deeper into community to find our commonUNITY as we heal ourselves and our Mother Earth. Please, bring bells, shakers, rattles and drums of all types. We'll be in the Chapel. Suggested donation \$10. Space Limited Reservations required. For reservations or more information: call or email Tammie, [TamasinFoote@feete.com](mailto:TamasinFoote@feete.com) 978-369-3666.

### **Trivia Night**

Come to Trivia Night at First Parish on Saturday, October 25, at 7 p.m. Bring your favorite beverage. We will provide pizza. Sharpen your wits, laugh with your friends, and finally put to good use all that “stuff” filling your brain and taking up precious space. This event is *not* a fundraiser. It is a “fun\*raiser.” Join or create a team of six. Perhaps your team will go home with a Winner’s Trophy! Sign up at coffee hour. \$5.00 per person. All adults and high school students welcome. Last day to sign up for Trivia Night will be on Sunday, October 19, during coffee hour.

## **Social Action Community**

### **Diversity Committee Meeting—Tuesday, October 14, at 7:00 p.m.**

The Diversity Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 14, at 7 p.m., where we will work on finalizing some plans for events for the coming months. In response to what happened in Ferguson, Missouri recently, we have decided to focus much of our energy this year on programming aimed at educating about and combatting racism, and the attitudes that contribute to it. Please join us if you’d like to be involved in this important work. Contact Sara Ballard at [sara@sb.org](mailto:sara@sb.org) with any questions or suggestions.

### **Fundraiser for Children’s Island**

On Sunday, October 19, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., Margot Kimball will be drawing portraits at Reasons to be Cheerful (the ice-cream shop) in West Concord, as a fundraiser for Children’s Island, a day care center in Argentina for indigent families. Each portrait takes from 10 to 15 minutes, for a minimum donation of \$20.

### **Concord Area Crop Walk for the Hungry—Sunday, October 19**

The Concord Area Crop Walk for the Hungry will take place on Sunday, October 19, starting at First Parish; registration begins at 1:30 p.m., step-off is at 2:15 p.m. Funds raised go to support several local hunger relief organizations, and the global disaster relief and development projects of Church World Service. Please put this date on your calendar and plan to walk or sponsor a walker. See [www.concordcrop.org](http://www.concordcrop.org) for more details, and look for the Crop Walk table at coffee hours starting in mid-September. You may register to walk, or make a donation online. This is a great social action project for families to participate in together.

## **Children’s and Youth News**

### **This Week, October 5 – Regular RE Week**

9:50 a.m. – Regular Classes, Babies-Preschool

10:00 a.m. – Service

Kindergarten – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the lower level classrooms

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

2nd Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to the Emerson Room, pickup in Emerson Room

3rd Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to the Emerson room, pickup in Emerson Room

4th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the Bulkeley Room, pickup on Parish Hall Stage

5th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the Brooks Room, pickup on Parish Hall Stage

6th & 7th Grades – Begin in the Sanctuary and dismissed to Sunporch for a Crop Walk Activity

8th Grade – Drama – Meet on the Wright Tavern Sunporch at 4:00 p.m.

9th Grade COA – 4:30p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in the Emerson Room

9th-12th Grades, Youth Group – 7:00 p.m. on the Wright Tavern Sunporch

**Friday, October 10-11**, 9th Grade Coming of Age Retreat, 6 p.m. departure from First Parish.

### **Next Week, October 12 – Columbus Day Weekend**

9:50 a.m. – Regular Classes, Babies-Preschool

10:00 a.m. – Service

Kindergarten through 8th graders in Sanctuary, No Regular RE

### **Child Dedication Parent Group**

#### **October 5, 11:30-12:15 in the Emerson Room**

Parents will gather in the Chapel to discuss how we can navigate parenthood as Unitarian Universalists Parents.

### **Kids Q&A in the Emerson Room for Child Dedication Sunday**

Do you have an older child who is unsure about participating in the Child Dedication this November? Please join Pam on October 19 at 11:30 p.m. for a half hour to ask questions about this special ceremony that celebrates the blessing of their life.

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