

THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 19, 2014

This Week

Sun., Oct. 19	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:30 Forum 1:00 Crop Walk 6:00 Standing Committee 7:00 Sacred Drum and Chant
Mon., Oct 20	6:30 Interfaith Environmental Potluck
Tue., Oct. 21	6:00 Amnesty International 7:00 Evening Worship
Wed., Oct., 22	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 - 9:00 First Parish Choirs
Thu., Oct. 23	7:30 Buddhist Group
Fri., Oct. 24	7:30 Rise Up Singing
Sat., Oct. 25	7:30 Unity Singers of Unity Church Concert
Sun., Oct. 26	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:30 New to First Parish Orientation 11:30 Congregational Meeting on Finance

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, contact Diane at 781-257-5025 or d.clapp@comcast.net.

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.

**Please give generously to the First Parish History Project.
Look for a table at coffee hour.**

Spaces Still Available for Sacred Drum and Chant with Laney Goodman and the Mother Drum—Tonight at 7:00 p.m.

We’ll be in the Chapel at First Parish in Concord. Suggested donation \$10.

Interfaith Environmental Potluck

Monday, October 20, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall
Interested in working on important issues with other Concord-based faith communities? At the September Interfaith potluck, the group took major steps toward launching a comprehensive composting program involving five Concord congregations. To hear what additional actions are being considered, come to the Interfaith Potluck supper tomorrow, Monday, October 20, at 6:30 p.m. at First Parish. Please R.S.V.P. to Laura Benedict at bremen@comcast.net, member of First Parish’s Environmental Leadership Team. Together we can! For more information, visit concordcan.org.

“New to First Parish in Concord” Orientation Sunday, October 26, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Participants will hear from the ministerial team, staff and lay leaders, find out how to become engaged in congregational life at First Parish, and have the option to sign the membership book. Child care is available. For questions, or to R.S.V.P., please contact Rachel Baker at rbaker@firstparish.org by Wednesday, October 22.

Congregational Conversations

The First Parish Finance Committee would like to invite you to a meeting on either Sunday, October 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or Tuesday, October 28, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Our agenda will be to review the church financials from 2014 (last year), study an overview of our budget for 2015 (this year), and to hold a discussion of priorities for financial resources for 2016 (next year’s budget). This information will inform the Senior Minister, Staff and Standing Committee on the congregation’s guidance for our upcoming pledge campaign and budgets. This is also an opportunity to meet the Finance Committee and discuss with you our priorities, priorities, questions or information. Contact Tom Wilson, First Parish Treasurer, at twilson@wilsongroup.com.

Annual All-Parish Art Exhibit

All First Parish artists are invited to submit a painting, drawing, pastel or graphic print they have created to be displayed in an exhibit this coming November. The exhibit will be in both galleries A and B of the Susan Altshuler Gallery (the stairs leading down from the Sanctuary and the parish hall stage). All art should include some means to hang it, as well as the name, title and phone number of the artist on the back. The work can be brought to First Parish beginning the week of November 2, and left in Doug Baker’s office. The display will be mounted on Wednesday, November 5, between 9 a.m. and noon. The display will be up until Wednesday, December 3. This is an annual exhibit to celebrate parishioners’ art and is noncompetitive and noncommercial.

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 Partner Church Committee table before or after the service, or contact Rodger Mattlage, rmattlage@mac.com.

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, 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.

WPA Boutique at the Artisans Fair

The Women’s Parish Association will have its WPA Boutique at this year’s Holiday Artisans Fair and is looking for donations of handmade items to sell. Please contact the office at 978-369-9602, or Melita Teichert at mmtconcord1@gmail.com, or Marilyn Lowitt at marilynlowitt@verizon.net or 978-793-0267 if you have items such as knitted or crocheted scarves, purses, clothing or home-decorating items, as well as hand-sewn or quilted items. Also high-quality, like-new regifting items such as jewelry, artwork, home decorating items, and the like. Items can be picked up at your home if necessary.

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 chance to sign up for Trivia Night is today, October 19, during coffee hour.

Social Action Community

Concord Area Crop Walk for the Hungry TODAY

The Concord Area Crop Walk for the Hungry will take place this afternoon, 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. See www.concordcrop.org for more details, and look for the Crop Walk table at coffee hour. You may register to walk, or make a donation online.

“Caring for Torture Survivors” Event Hosted by AI Group 15 Saturday, October 25 at Boston University

Members of Concord Area Group 15 of Amnesty International will be hosting a workshop at Amnesty’s Northeast Regional Conference on Saturday, October 25, at Boston University. The topic is “Amnesty’s Global Campaign against Torture: Caring for Survivors,” an area of particular concern to local group members. Group 15’s regular meetings are the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Ripley Room. In addition to signing letters in support of human rights activists and prisoners of conscience worldwide each month, we also focus on several other issues including solitary confinement, the death penalty, and violence against women. We welcome all to join us at our meeting on October 21. If you would like more information about Amnesty’s regional conference or Group 15, please contact Kathy Taylor, the group’s coordinator, at Kly.taylor@gmail.com or 781-718-7640.

SAC Council’s Challenge to Support Ebola Relief Efforts

After following news about the spread of Ebola in West Africa for the past few months, the SAC Council has decided to give \$5,000 to Doctors without Borders, an organization with a history of providing assistance during disaster relief. DWB has been treating Ebola victims and trying to control the spread of the disease since the beginning of the outbreak. The SAC Council is challenging the congregation to match its donation of \$5,000. During the plate collection next Sunday, you will have an opportunity to give what you can to help the congregation meet this goal. The SAC Council will also be reaching out to other local houses of worship to ask them to initiate similar challenges. If you would like to contribute, but cannot be here on October 26, you can write a check and leave it in the front office. Make all checks out to First Parish in Concord with “Doctors without Borders” in the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

Children’s and Youth News

This Week, October 19 – 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 Ripley Room, pickup in Emerson Room

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

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

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

6th & 7th Grades – Begin in the Sanctuary, 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 – 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. in Emerson Room with Tom Bird

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

1:30 p.m. – 6th and 7th Graders join Crop Walk

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Kids Q&A for Child Dedication Sunday, October 19, 11:30 a.m.

Do you have a child who has questions about the Child Dedication coming up in November? Children are invited to join Pam and Howard in the Emerson Room to ask questions about this special ceremony.

Parents as Spiritual Guides Discussion Group Sunday, October 26, 11:30 a.m.

What do we want for our children? How can we be spiritual guides and teach our children the values that we hold dear? Let’s learn together about what we value as we approach parenthood as Unitarian Universalists. Child care is available. *(Can you help us with child care? We have 4 teens, but we need 4 adults too. Could you offer 1 hour of your time to make this gathering for parents possible? Contact Dawn Van Patten if you can help: dvanpatten@firstparish.org.)*

Save the Date: You’re a Good Man, Charlie Brown

Performances will be December 12 at 7:00 p.m., and December 13 at 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.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.

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.

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