

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

October 26, 2014

## This Week

Sun., Oct. 26	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:30 New to First Parish Orientation 11:30 Congregational Meeting on Finance
Mon., Oct 27	7:30 Women's Book Group
Tue., Oct. 28	9:30 Women's Book Group 7:00 Congregational Meeting on Finance
Wed., Oct., 29	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 - 9:00 First Parish Choirs
Thu., Oct. 30	7:30 Buddhist Group
Sat., Nov. 1	10:00 Artisans Fair
Sun., Nov. 2	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 2:00 20th Century Piano and Chamber Music Recital

## 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](mailto:d.clapp@comcast.net). November Pastoral Care Lay Minister is Dana Snyder-Grant. Dana can be contacted at 978-760-1129 or [danasg@newview.org](mailto:danasg@newview.org).

### 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.**

### Congregational Conversations—Today at 11:30 a.m.

The First Parish Finance Committee would like to invite you to the meeting this morning at 11:30 a.m.; or the meeting on 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 for you to meet the Finance Committee and to discuss with you our priorities, questions or information. Contact Tom Wilson, First Parish Treasurer, at [twilson@wilsongroup.com](mailto:twilson@wilsongroup.com).

### Your Notes to Your Transylvania Friends or Students

Letters, cards and photos can be dropped off in the Partner Church Committee box on top of the staff mailboxes in the office or at the PCC table before and after this Sunday's service. Our pilgrims will bring them when we leave on Thursday.

### 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.

### Get Ready for the Holiday Artisans Fair

Plans are well under way for our annual Holiday Artisans Fair, which will be held this Saturday, November 1, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This major fundraiser has taken place for over 30 years and attracts over 40 great artists and artisans. Note: 20 new artisans will be selling their latest unique handmade items. Bring family members, friends and neighbors for a day of great browsing, shopping, and festive socializing at the café. Contact the church office or Dian Pekin at [pekinde@comcast.net](mailto:pekinde@comcast.net) to volunteer your help at this great community event.

### 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](mailto:mmtconcord1@gmail.com), or Marilyn Lowitt at [marilynlowitt@verizon.net](mailto: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.

### 20th Century Piano and Chamber Music Recital Sunday, November 2, at 2:00 p.m.

Eric Huenneke and clarinetist Nancy Ackerman will share a concert of International 20th Century Piano and Chamber Music by Isaac Albeniz, Gerald Finzi, Niels Gade, Alexander Scriabin and William Grant Still on Sunday, November 2, at 2 p.m. in the sanctuary. Eric and Nancy have performed together many times in concerts and services over the years at First Parish. It will be a great opportunity to hear a variety of lovely pieces composed over the last century or so. Eric is our organist and Nancy is well-known as a performer and teacher in the Concord and Worcester area.

### ¿Hablas español, o quieres mejorar?—Thursday, November 6

Do you speak Spanish—or want to speak it better? Then please join *otros compañeros de First Parish* for some great evenings of *conversación, diversión, y comida*. Gatherings are held on the first Thursday of every month. *Próxima reunión: jueves 6 de nov a las 6:30. Nuestra próxima reunión* will be Thursday, November 6 and at 6:30 p.m. *en la casa de Nancy Kerr & Richard Warren*. We'll celebrate *El Día de los Muertos*, so bring a reminder object from alguien especial who's gone before. Please bring *comida y bebida* for a potluck supper. *Ven: No tienes que hablar bien!* Don't be shy: English is allowed. There will always be someone who can translate. *Para Más Información:* For more information, *llama a call Laurie Van Loon or 978-369-8528, o manda or send email to [lvloon@comcast.net](mailto:lvloon@comcast.net)*.

## **Invitation to All First Parish Cooks—Thursday, November 13 9:00 a.m. to Noon, First Parish Kitchen**

The Caring Connection of First Parish provides delicious meals for parishioners during times of transition (such as illness or family loss) as part of our shared pastoral care outreach. We are going to cook and you're invited. We will make three dishes in a November cooking session, and then more in January. No experience or skills necessary; we provide recipes and provisions. All are welcome. Breakfast snacks are served. Come help out, enjoy some breakfast, and connect to others. Please R.S.V.P. to Tracey Hurd [thurd@aol.com](mailto:thurd@aol.com) or 978-369-2366. If you can't help this time but would like to be on a list of potential January cooks, just let Tracey know. Thank you.

## **Sarasa Chamber Music Ensemble Sunday, November 9, at 7:00 p.m.**

Once again, First Parish welcomes the Sarasa Chamber Music Ensemble for a Sunday evening concert, with a program titled "C.P.E. Bach and J.-P. Rameau Anniversary Celebration." Portraying the genius of these two neglected, yet highly influential and forward-looking composers are Jennifer Morsches, cello, and acclaimed British harpsichordist Robin Bigwood. The program, in addition to Rameau's colorful and flamboyant solo harpsichord works, will include CPE Bach's two sonatas *Wq 136 and 137*, written for viola da gamba and continuo, presented here on an original five-string piccolo cello. Come hear this delightful program in our Parish Hall, performed by world-class musicians. And help support their mission of bringing such performances to underprivileged and incarcerated youth. Visit [www.sarasamusic.org](http://www.sarasamusic.org) for tickets and information.

## **Social Action Community**

### **SAC Council's Challenge to Support Ebola Relief Efforts**

After following the 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. To date, at least 4,500 people in West Africa have died after contracting Ebola, and thousands more are expected to die from the disease in the next few months. 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 at some other time, you can write a check and send to the front office. Make all checks out to First Parish in Concord with "Doctors without Borders" on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity.

## **Children's and Youth News**

### **This Week, October 26 – Regular RE Week Last Week of Fall Term**

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

4th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the Emerson Room, pickup on Parish Hall stage  
5th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the Emerson Room, pickup on Parish Hall stage  
6th & 7th Grades – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to The Wright Tavern  
8th Grade – Drama – Meet on the Wright Tavern sunporch at 4:00 p.m.  
9th Grade COA – 4:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m. in the Emerson Room  
9th-12th Grades, Youth Group – 7:00 p.m. on the Wright Tavern sunporch – Pam will attend.

### **Next Week, November 2 – Regular RE Week First Week of Holiday Term**

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 Children's Chapel, pickup in the Emerson Room  
3rd Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to Children's Chapel, pickup in the 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, dismissed to the Wright Tavern Sunporch  
8th Grade – Drama – Meet on the Wright Tavern Sunporch at 4:00 p.m.  
9th Grade COA – off-site circle meetings  
9th-12th Grades, Youth Group – 7:00 p.m. on the Wright Tavern sunporch

### **Parents as Spiritual Guides Discussion Group Today at 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](mailto:dvanpatten@firstparish.org).)*

### **Save the Date: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown**

This winter, the First Parish 8th Grade Players will be presenting the musical production *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. Put the dates on your calendar now and plan to join us.

**The Sunday News deadline is Wednesdays at noon.**  
Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to  
Cassy Bosworth at [cbosworth@firstparish.org](mailto:cbosworth@firstparish.org).  
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