

THE SUNDAY NEWS

November 2, 2014

This Week

Sun., Nov. 2	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 2:00 20th-Century Piano and Chamber Music Recital
Tue., Nov. 4	1:30 First Tuesday Group
Wed., Nov. 5	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 - 9:00 First Parish Choirs 6:00 Arts Council 7:00 Concord Area Humanists 7:30 Environmental Leadership Group
Thu., Nov. 6	7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 By Your Side Singers
Fri., Nov. 7	7:30 Paths to a Sustainable Food System
Sat., Nov. 8	9:00 Photography Club
Sun., Nov. 9	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:30 Sunday Forum 6:00 Standing Committee Meeting 7:00 Sarasa Chamber Music Ensemble

Parish Notes

Many Thanks!

The Women's Parish Association extends heartfelt thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this year's Holiday Artisans Fair another great success. It was a community effort!

Pastoral Care

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life."
November Pastoral Care Lay Minister is Dana Snyder-Grant.
Dana can be contacted at 978-760-1129 or danasg@newview.org.

Worship Sharing Circle

After the service, parishioners will gather in Rev. Dana's study or 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.

20th-Century Piano and Chamber Music Recital—Today

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, today 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.

Tuesday Group (65+) Meeting—"Transitions in Later Life" Tuesday, November 4, at 1:30 p.m.

Each meeting includes a time of focused sharing and a topic for facilitated discussion. This month's meeting will focus on coping in a positive way with the many transitions in later life. The Tuesday Group meets the first Tuesday of the month from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Don't worry about your age, all are welcome. Hope to see you there! Tuesday Group Steering Committee consists of Berni Jenkins (contact person), berni.jenkins@verizon.net or 978/369-2876, Bob Andrews, Becky Blodgett, Mary Clarke, Dave Dawson, Susan Dobbie, Patricia Ellis and Jack Nevison.

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 month. 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 this week, 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.

Humanists: Restorative Justice

What is it? How is it applied? Wednesday, November 5. Social time at 7:00 p.m.; program starts at 7:20 p.m.

¿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, 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. And 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*.

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 for tickets and information.

Vegan Potluck Dinner—Tuesday, November 11, at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a delicious potluck dinner in the Parish Hall, Tuesday, November 11, at 6:30 p.m. (please note new time), 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. Please also bring your own plate, silverware, napkin and cup to reduce paper waste and cleanup. (We will have paper in case people forget.) Also, attach a card with the ingredients of your dish, to help out those with allergies or

special diets. 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 or lslrvd@netscape.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 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.

Rescheduled—New to Unitarian Universalism Orientation Sunday, November 16, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Participants will learn about the rich history of our Unitarian Universalist faith, gain an understanding of congregational polity, and better understand the role of the UU principles and sources in our values-driven religious movement. Child care is available. R.S.V.P. to rbaker@firstparish.org by Thursday, November 13.

Women's AM/PM Book Group

As usual, the Women's AM/PM Book Group will read just one book for November and December. The selection is *The Sound of a Wild Snail Eating*, by Elisabeth Tova Bailey. The evening group will meet on Monday, December 1, 7:30-9:00 p.m.; and the morning group on Tuesday, December 2, 9:30-11:00 p.m., both in the Brooks Room at First Parish. All women of First Parish are warmly invited to read the current book and join one or both of these discussions. If you would like to be added to the Women's Book Group email list, please contact Darien Smith at darien@smithquest.com or 978-369-1471.

Social Action Community

Panel Discussion on "Paths to a Sustainable Food System" Friday, November 7, 7:30 p.m. at First Parish in Concord

The Climate Solutions Speaker Series continues on Friday, November 7, with a panel discussion on regional food systems and what it will take to have the Northeast produce more of its own food. This panel will include Brian Donohue (Professor of American Environmental Studies at Brandeis), Jennifer Hashley (Director of the New Entry Sustainability Farming Project at Tufts), and Jack Kittredge (Policy Director for the Mass. Chapter of the Northeast Organic Farming Association (NOFA). These three highly knowledgeable panelists will discuss the role of local farms, farmers, gardeners and consumers in creating a more sustainable and sufficient regional food system. This event is free and open to the public.

From the Denominational Affairs Committee (DAC)

Delegates at the 2014 General Assembly selected "Escalating Inequality" as the new Congregational Study/Action Issue for the coming four years. The UUA is drafting a resource guide, and will offer workshops to share best practices, address challenges and identify opportunities for collaboration. Here at First Parish, the DAC is looking for congregation members who want to join in the planned process of study, reflection and action on economic inequality in America. If you are interested, please come to the next DAC meeting, Monday, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Brooks Room; or contact AliceVanDeusen@gmail.com.

Children's and Youth News

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 – Circle Meetings, meet in the Emerson Room at 4:30 p.m.

9th-12th Grade, YAC – 6:00 p.m. on the Wright Tavern Sunporch

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

Next Week, November 9 – Veterans Day Weekend

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

10:00 a.m. – Service

Kindergarten to 7th grade – Sanctuary, No Regular RE

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

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

Coming of Age Unitarian Universalist Heritage Tour

Tuesday, November 11, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Meet at the Concord Center train station.

Parents as Spiritual Guides—Discussion Group

Sunday, November 16, 11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.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 four teens, but we need four adults too. Could you offer one 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*

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.

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