

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

November 9, 2014

## This Week

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
Mon., Nov. 10	7:30 Denominational Affairs Committee
Tue., Nov. 11	2:00 Shawl Ministry 6:00 Vegan Potluck
Wed., Nov. 12	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 - 9:00 First Parish Choirs
Thu., Nov. 13	9:00 Caring Connection Cooking 7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 Reverence for Life
Sun., Nov. 16	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:30 Sunday Forum 4:00 Diversity Committee Film

## Parish Notes

### All-Parish Art Exhibit

Don't miss seeing the new art exhibit in the Susan Altshuler Gallery, on the Parish Hall stage. It is an annual exhibit to celebrate the work of many First Parishioners.

### 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](mailto:danasg@newview.org).

### Worship Sharing Circle

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

### Nominations for First Parish Standing Committee

The Nominating Committee, charged with identifying nominees to serve on the First Parish Standing Committee, is accepting nominations now through the end of the year. Nomination forms are available at the Welcome Table during coffee hour. Contact Alane Wallis, 978-505-7363 or [alanewallis@gmail.com](mailto:alanewallis@gmail.com), with any questions. Thank you.

### Sarasa Chamber Music Ensemble

#### Today, November 9, at 7:00 p.m.

First Parish welcomes the Sarasa Chamber Music Ensemble this evening, with a program titled "C.P.E. Bach and J.-P. Rameau Anniversary Celebration." 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. For tickets and information, visit [www.sarasamusic.org](http://www.sarasamusic.org).

### Help Wanted for Sunday Forum Setup

The Sunday Forum Committee needs help. Forums on every imaginable subject are presented in the Sanctuary after the service at 11:30 a.m. They're fun to produce and very educational. Come learn how to set up sound systems, mikes, projectors, and screens and how to host a world class event. Young people are most welcome. We particularly need people to help us with setup from 11:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Sundays, but once you've helped us

assemble everything, you might just want to stick around and watch the show. Inquiries may be addressed to vice-chair Sally Schloemann, [sallysmail@verizon.net](mailto:sallysmail@verizon.net), or by calling 978-369-3416.

### Help Wanted! Please Come Join In the Fun!

#### Thursday, November 13, at 9:00 a.m., 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 the 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.

### 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](mailto:rbaker@firstparish.org) by Thursday, November 13.

### Women's Retreat Reunion—Potluck Dinner

#### Monday, November 17, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Come socialize, brainstorm ideas, and get excited about the next retreat with other women who have attended the First Parish Women's Retreats. Please bring food and your favorite drink to share, and your own plate, silverware, napkin, placemat, and cup to reduce paper waste and cleanup. Questions? Contact Bozena at [bozenasmith@mindspring.com](mailto:bozenasmith@mindspring.com).

### 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, Tomorrow, November 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the Brooks Room; or contact [AliceVanDeusen@gmail.com](mailto:AliceVanDeusen@gmail.com).

## Social Action Community

### 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., 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 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 loaf of bread is just fine. Need a recipe? Contact Lyell Slade, [llsrvd@netscape.net](mailto:llsrvd@netscape.net) or 978-369-0636.

## Reverence for Life

Come join our Reverence for Life (RFL) team at our October meeting Thursday, November 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Brooks Room. Come to listen or to join in. We are a group interested in promoting the last line of our benediction, "Honor All Beings." 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 Diana Shoemaker Kelly, [shoefolk@comcast.net](mailto:shoefolk@comcast.net), Lyell Slade, [lsvrd@netscape.net](mailto:lsvrd@netscape.net), or Brooks Stevens, [stevensbrady@comcast.net](mailto:stevensbrady@comcast.net), with any questions or suggestions.

## Forum: "Taking a Stand on Climate Change: Divestment From Fossil Fuel Investments," Sunday, November 16, 11:30 a.m.

At its General Assembly, in July 2014, the Unitarian Universalist Association passed a Business Resolution including strong encouragement for all UU congregations to consider divestment from fossil fuels or responsible shareholder activism. The Environmental Leadership Team's divestment subgroup is leading the congregation in learning about and discussing these issues. Come to this panel on November 16 to learn about the issues involved. Panelists will include: Donna Clifford, a financial advisor at Rainbow Solutions, Inc.; Rev. Dorothy Emerson, an ordained UU minister; and Peter Lowitt, cochair of the Environmental Leadership Team and GA 2014 attendee.

## Film Viewing and Discussion, Diversity Committee

The Diversity Committee will show the film "Brother Outsider: the Life of Bayard Rustin" in the Chapel on Sunday, November 16, at 4 p.m. This documentary presents the vivid history of a largely unknown but pivotal figure in the civil rights struggles of the mid-20th century. "One of the first freedom riders, an adviser to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., organizer of the march on Washington, intelligent, gregarious and charismatic, Bayard Rustin was denied his place in the limelight for one reason—he was gay. This film contributes a fascinating new chapter to our understanding of both progressive movements, and gay life, in 20th-century America." The film is 83 minutes long, and will be followed by a short discussion. Admission is free; please join us.

## Concord Area Interfaith Environmental Potluck Monday, November 17, 6:30 p.m.

### St. Anne's-in-the-Fields, 147 Concord Road, Lincoln

Join us and become a part of this exciting new effort to engage in environmental action as part of an interfaith collaboration. We'll discuss updates on the cooperative composting by houses of worship and restaurants in Concord. This is also a forum to explore how local churches can collaborate to build green movements within their congregations. Bring your favorite dish to share. R.S.V.P. to Laura Benedict, [bremen@comcast.net](mailto:bremen@comcast.net).

## Collect and Sort Clothing for Cradles to Crayons Saturday, November 22, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Bring your gently used children's items to the Cradles to Crayons' (C2C's) Concord Community Collection Unit (305 Walden Street) from November 8 to 22. Then join your neighbors for a hands-on service opportunity where you will inspect and organize the donations on November 22, 1 to 3 p.m. at the Nashoba Brooks School. Most needed items: boys' jeans, girls' jeans (esp. sizes 12-18), new socks, underwear, pajamas and shoes. Items *not* accepted: stuffed animals, furniture, bikes, large plastic toys. C2C is a long-standing SAC partner. This event is family-friendly—younger kids can help sort! Contact Kerri Metcalf at 617-779-4741 for more information.

## Children's and Youth News

### This 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

### Next Week, November 16 – 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 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, Youth Group – 7:00 p.m. cooking in the kitchen

## 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](mailto: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. Put the dates on your calendar now and plan to join us.

## Youth Service Trip—Deadline to Commit is December 1

Last year the youth group had a wonderful service trip to West Virginia. This year we'll be exploring urban poverty and doing service through the Youth Service Opportunity Project in New York City. If you or your high-school-aged youth are interested in going on the service trip to New York City between February 15 and 21, the deadline to register for this trip and give a \$400 nonrefundable deposit is December 1. We are also looking for adult chaperones; contact Bethany ([BLowe@firstparish.org](mailto:BLowe@firstparish.org)) to learn more.

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