

THE SUNDAY NEWS

November 16, 2014

This Week

Sun., Nov. 16	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:30 Sunday Forum 4:00 Diversity Committee Film
Mon., Nov. 17	7:30 Women's Retreat Potluck
Tue., Nov. 18	7:00 Taizé-Style Vespers Service 7:00 Amnesty International Meeting 7:00 Diversity Committee
Wed., Nov. 19	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 - 9:00 First Parish Choirs
Thu., Nov. 20	7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 By Your Side Singer's
Fri., Nov. 21	7:00 Jewish Awareness Group 7:30 Rise Up Singing 7:30 Mom's Night Out
Sun., Nov. 23	Sunday Services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Next Meeting House News deadline: **Tuesday, November 18.**
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.

Parish Notes

Next Sunday, November 23, there will be two services – one at 9:00 a.m. and one at 11:00 a.m. There will be no café at 9:00 a.m. Muffins will be at coffee hours following the services.

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." The November Pastoral Care Lay Minister is Bev Bringle. Bev can be contacted at 978-369-4793 or bevbringle@yahoo.com.

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.

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. Supervised children are also welcome. 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.

Diversity Committee Meeting—November 18, 7:00 p.m.

The next Diversity Committee meeting is on Tuesday, November 18, in the Greeley Room from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. We welcome anyone to join us who is interested in helping us make First Parish

a more diverse and welcoming congregation.

Taizé-Style Vespers Service—Tuesday, November 18, 7:00p.m.

"Go to the very edge // Where the old one ends. // And something else begins. // Something else begins." Join Beth Norton, Rachel Baker, Bethany Lowe and the By Your Side Singers for a service of song, poetry and reflection on the topic of transitions. We all experience transitions—as a community, as a family, and personally. We as a church community have been transitioning for the past five years, as staff and friends have left the church. The departure of Pam from her staff role is currently on our minds and hearts. And during all of this, we have carried our personal transitions, and we have asked to be held by this community. In this time when we are feeling the transition of seasons, we examine all the transitions that are currently informing our experience and take some quiet time to reflect on these changes in our lives and this community.

Jewish Awareness—Friday, November 21, 7:00 p.m.

Mel Bernstein will lead a discussion on the rise of anti-Semitism in Europe on Friday night, November 21, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., for the Jewish Awareness affinity group. The discussion will focus on such questions as: Where have acts of Anti-Semitism taken place? Why is it happening now? What effect has it had on Jewish people in Europe? What is being done about it? All are welcome.

Mom's Night Out—Friday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.

The First Parish Mom's Night Out group connects mothers of young and school-age children in friendly and fun ways. The group provides a forum for sharing wisdom and inspiration for raising children and meaningful living, and serves as a subset of the Women's Parish Association in an effort to weave multiple generations of women at First Parish. In addition to our casual Friday night get-togethers, we are organizing hikes, group music outings, yoga, cooking demos and more.

Rise Up Singing—Friday, November 21, 7:30 p.m.

First Parish's monthly folk song circle open to singers and instrumentalists of all ages.

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, with any questions. Thank you.

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, or by calling 978-369-3416.

Social Action Community

Forum: "Taking a Stand on Climate Change: Divestment from Fossil Fuel Investments," Today at 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, bremenb@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) through November 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 (especially 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 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 the Parish Hall stage

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

Next Week, November 23– Two Services

Special Child Dedication Services at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

8:50 a.m. – Regular Classes, Babies-Preschool

10:50 a.m. – Regular Classes, Babies-Preschool

No RE for Kindergarten through 8th grade

9th Grade COA – 4:30 - Meet in Emerson Room

9th-12th Grade, Youth Group – 7:00 p.m.

Child Dedication Discussion for Parents with Rev. Howard Dana—Sunday, November 16, 11:30 a.m.– 12:30 p.m.

Rev. Howard Dana will discuss the upcoming child dedication. Child care for babies through 1st grade on the lower level. Child care for 2nd grade and older in the Emerson room.

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) to learn more.

Questions or concerns about **domestic violence** or **suicide**?
Call...

Domestic Violence Services Help Line: 888-399-6111

Suicide Prevention Life Line: 800-273-TALK (8255)

Rev. Howard Dana's email: hdana@firstparish.org

Rev. Marion Visel's email: mvisel@firstparish.org

Brian Chenowith's email: bchenowith@firstparish.org

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