

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

December 28, 2014

## This Week

Sun., Dec. 28 **Sunday Service at 10:00**  
Tue., Dec. 30 7:00 The Conchords Concert  
Wed., Dec. 31 9:30 Buddhist Group  
Thu., Jan. 1 First Parish Meeting House Closed  
Sun., Jan. 4 **Sunday Service at 10:00**

## Parish Notes

### Office Hours During the Holidays

The office will be open limited hours during the holidays:

Tuesday, December 30, 9:00-12:00

Wednesday, December 31, 9:00-12:00

Thursday, January 1, closed

Friday, January 2, 9:00-12:00

### A Cappella Concert—The Conchords

**Tuesday, December 30, 7:00 p.m.**

Founded in September 2013, the Conchords are a six-person a cappella vocal ensemble with styles ranging from jazz, the great American songbook, barbershop, doo-wop and gospel to popular music. At 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall on December 30, the Conchords will present a special performance of timeless favorites from their eclectic repertoire—including selections arranged exclusively for the Conchords by ensemble members Lauren Evans and Larry Gall. A freewill donation is requested. For more about the Conchords, visit their website at [www.TheConchords.us](http://www.TheConchords.us).

### Women's Retreats 2015: "Creativity"

All women of First Parish are warmly invited and welcome to attend this year's retreats, where we'll focus on "Creativity" as we share our time together. We will banish all cares as we relax, have fun, rejuvenate, and reflect on what creativity means to us and how we can find and foster it in our lives. Choose either of the two weekend retreats (Friday evening through Sunday lunch) at Senexet House in Connecticut, January 23-25 or January 30-February 1; or the at-home retreat at First Parish, Friday evening, February 6, and Saturday morning February 7, through the afternoon. Registration forms are at coffee hours or in the church office. Questions? Contact Darien Smith at [darien@smithquest.com](mailto:darien@smithquest.com) or 978-369-1471.

### Pastoral Care

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life." The December Pastoral Care Lay Minister from December 14 to 31 is Dana Snyder-Grant. Dana can be reached at [danasg@newview.org](mailto:danasg@newview.org) or 978-760-1129.

### First Parish Café—Every Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

Come have coffee, tea and muffins with new and old friends. Welcome those who are standing around by themselves to come sit at the table. Introduce yourself to someone you have not yet met. This is a time to make connections and build a sense of belonging. We do this together, one by one.

### Worship—Sunday, January 4, 10:00 a.m.

"The Church Bells of First Parish"

Rev. Howard Dana and Lincoln Ringers; Diane Burke, Director

### Sunday Bouillon—Volunteers Needed

It is that time of year again. A few of us are thinking that we might begin making bouillon the first Sunday in January, as we have in the past. Remember how delicious the bouillon was on a cold winter Sunday? And the smell drifting upstairs? We need volunteers. Can you help one Sunday a month, either by buying, preparing, and serving during social hour, or cleaning up after? Please email Kel at [kel@rkeleher.com](mailto:kel@rkeleher.com) or call him at 978-944-2734 if you are interested.

### Nominations for the 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.

### Women's AM/PM Book Group

For January, the Women's Book Group will be reading *My Beloved World*, by Sonia Sotomayor. The evening discussion will be on Monday, January 26, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.; and the morning discussion, on Tuesday, January 27, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Both sessions meet 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](mailto:darien@smithquest.com) or 978-369-1471.

### Do you speak Spanish—or want to speak it better?

*¿Hablas español, o quieres mejorar?*

Please join *otros compañeros de First Parish for conversación, diversión, y comida*. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 8, at 7 p.m., *jueves 8 de enero a las 7 en la casa de Jim Reynolds*, 615 Elm St, Concord. Don't be shy. *¡No tienes que hablar bien!* English is allowed. There will always be someone who can translate. We'll celebrate *el año nuevo* and in recognition of *El Día de los Reyes Magos*, we'll consider the gifts that the past year has brought us. Please bring *comida y bebida* for a potluck supper. *Para más información:* for more information, *llama* a call Alec Walker, 978-227-4031. *O manda* or send email to [AlecWalker@aol.com](mailto:AlecWalker@aol.com).

## Children's and Youth News

**This Week, December 28—No Regular RE**

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

**Next Week, January 4—No Regular RE**

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

### Neighboring Faiths Information Session

Sunday, January 11, from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. in the Wright Tavern, there will be a Neighboring Faiths information session for parents of seventh graders.

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](mailto:hdana@firstparish.org)

**Rev. Marion Visel's email:** [mvisel@firstparish.org](mailto:mvisel@firstparish.org)

**Brian Chenowith's email:** [bchenowith@firstparish.org](mailto:bchenowith@firstparish.org)

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