

THE SUNDAY NEWS

January 4, 2015

This Week

Sun., Jan. 4 **Sunday Service at 10:00**
Tue., Jan. 6 1:30 First Tuesday Group
Wed., Jan. 7 9:30 Buddhist Group
 4:30 - 9:00 First Parish Choirs
 6:00 Arts Council
 7:00 Concord Area Humanists
Thu., Jan. 8 7:30 Buddhist Group
Fri., Jan. 9 7:00 Darlingside Concert
Sat., Jan. 10 9:00 Photography Club Meeting
Sun., Jan. 11 **Sunday Service at 10:00**
 6:00 Standing Committee Meeting

Next Meeting House News deadline: Tuesday, January 20.
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

Women's Retreats 2015, "Creativity"

Registration deadline: Wednesday, January 7

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. 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. (Creativity is found in many aspects of life, not just arts and crafts!) Choose either of the two weekend retreats (Friday evening through Sunday lunch) at Senexet House in Connecticut, January 23-25 or January 30 to February 1, or the at-home retreat at First Parish, Friday evening, February 6, and Saturday morning through afternoon, February 7. Registration forms at coffee hour today, in the church office, or download from www.firstparish.org/forms. Questions? Contact Darien Smith at darien@smithquest.com or 978-369-1471.

Pastoral Care

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life." The January Pastoral Care Lay Minister is Sue Dobbie. Sue can be reached at susandobbie@gmail.com or 978/501-6969.

Tuesday Group (65+) Meeting—January 6, 1:30 p.m.

"Looking Forward"

Our next meeting is Tuesday, January 6, 1:30-3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall and Parlor. Each meeting includes a time of focused sharing and a topic for facilitated discussion. This month's meeting will focus on, "Looking Forward," What do we want to leave behind from 2014, and what do we wish for ourselves in 2015? There will be a fire in the fireplace and friendly conversation again, to keep us warm. 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; you determine whether the topic is for you. Hope to see you there! Tuesday Group Steering Committee: Berni Jenkins (contact person,

berni.jenkins@verizon.net or 978-369-2876), Bob Andrews, Mary Clarke, Dave Dawson, Susan Dobbie, Patricia Ellis, Bill Maxwell, Jack Nevison and Virginia Taylor.

Shawl Ministry—Tuesday, January 6, 2:00 p.m.

Come help knit and crochet shawls for the Shawl Ministry on the first Tuesday of every month at 2:00 p.m. Lessons are available for anyone who would like to learn to knit or crochet and contribute to this ministry. First Parish offers shawls to anyone who may like the literal comfort of a warm shawl wrapped around the shoulders or draped across a lap during challenging times. If you would like a shawl, please contact Rev. Marion Visel at mvisel@firstparish.org.

Concord Area Humanists—Wednesday, January 7, 7:00 p.m.

The Concord Area Humanists will host a talk on "Fusion Energy." Is it possible? Is it needed? Presented by Dr. Reinier Beeuwkes in the Parish Hall; social time at 7:00 p.m., program starts at 7:15 p.m. Is Fusion Energy from ordinary water just a pipe dream, or can it happen to make a difference? Dr. Beeuwkes's basement cyclotron won first place in the 1958 Westinghouse Science Talent Search. His B.S. is from MIT, and his Ph.D. from Harvard. He is an active scientist, entrepreneur and conservationist, with many publications and patents. Come and join the discussion. See www.ConcordAreaHumanists.org and click on "Events" for more information. Questions to pne@aol.com.

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 7:00 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.

Darlingside Concert—Friday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.

Darlingside is a terrific new band that plays a variety of stringed instruments that harmonize together. Their music is beautiful. Come hear their music at First Parish on January 9 at 7:00 p.m. This concert is scheduled to end about 8:30 p.m. The tickets are \$20. If you would like a seat, please go to "doodle" and put your name and the number of tickets you or your family would like. It is the honor system, so we will collect your money at the door. There will be only 150 seats available, so sign up soon: <http://doodle.com/vn2quh2xs7sybnc>

Photography Club Meeting—Saturday, January 10, 9:00 a.m.

Open to all First Parish adults. If you enjoy taking pictures and can see the beauty of nature all around you, join us in integrating the interdependent web into our lives with photographic images. Our goal is to have fun with photography and learn a little each month. We are a noncompetitive, informally oriented group for First Parish adults—novice to professional. We have demos, portfolios, projects, travelogues, critiques, slide shows, and a monthly

opportunity for everyone to display their pictures for advice, gentle critique, and admiration We have tutorials to learn more about such topics as copywriting, Photoshop, printing, matting and framing, lighting, depth of field, composition, back lighting, low light photography, RAW, and many others. Field trips are optional but fun and have included trips to Rockport, Boston at night, Old North Bridge, state parks, Bare Hill Pond, the Quabbin, Quebec City, Acadia and Utah. Meet at 9:00 a.m. on the second Saturday of every month. Contact Kathleen Elcox at kelcox1@verizon.net, or Fred Van Deusen at fredvandeu@gmail.com.

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

Come have coffee, tea and muffins with new and old friends. Ask 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 11, 10:00 a.m.

“From Fear to Calm”

Rev. Howard Dana and the First Parish Choir

Interfaith Environmental/Sustainability Potluck

Monday, January 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

First Parish is one of six local faith communities working together on sustainability issues. Come join our next potluck dinner at Kerem Shalom (659 Elm Street, Concord). We have more than one project under discussion, from recycling to building on Earth Day/Patriots' Day themes. We are developing plans for a collective effort in April that gives voice to the spiritual dimension of climate change. Be part of this discussion and planning session. (Please no nuts, shellfish, or pork.) R.S.V.P. to Laura Benedict at bremben@comcast.net.

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 or 978-369-1471.

Children's and Youth News

This Week, January 4 —No Regular RE

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

6:00 p.m. – YAC in the Wright Tavern Sunporch

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

Next Week, January 11 - 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 Ripley Room, pickup in the Emerson Room
3rd Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to Greeley Room, pickup in the Emerson Room
4th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the Chapel, released to coffee hour
5th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the Chapel, released to coffee hour
6th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to the Wright Tavern Sunporch
7th Grade - Neighboring Faiths - **early start**
9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the Wright Tavern
9th-12th Grades, Youth Group – 7:00 p.m.

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.

Sunday Forum: OWL- Sunday January 11, at 11:30 a.m., in the Sanctuary

Come hear a panel of past OWL teachers, as well as meet our new teachers to discuss OWL here at First Parish. We'll talk about the curriculum and UU values, as well as our expansion to Little OWL for first grade, and a high school level course (and what they would cover).

Save the Date: Rock 'n' Roll Bingo Fundraiser for Youth Group Service Trip—Saturday January 31, at 6:00 p.m.

The Youth Group will lead a night of Rock 'n' Roll Bingo. This event will be open to folks of all ages and families of all sizes. Pizza and homemade chili will be sold at the event.

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

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