

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

January 11, 2015

## This Week

Sun., Jan. 11	<b>Sunday Service at 10:00</b> 11:30 Forum in the Emerson Room 6:00 Standing Committee Meeting
Tue., Jan. 13	9:30 WPA Board Meeting 2:00 Shawl Ministry 6:30 Vegan Potluck
Wed., Jan. 14	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 - 9:00 First Parish Choirs
Thu., Jan. 15	7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 Reverence for Life Meeting
Fri., Jan. 16	7:00 Jewish Awareness Group 7:30 Mother's Night Out
Sun., Jan. 18	<b>Sunday Service at 10:00</b>

**Next Meeting House News deadline: Tuesday, January 20.**  
**Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to Rachel Baker at [rbaker@firstparish.org](mailto: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

**Today:** Hot bouillon will be served after the 10:00 a.m. service. Come downstairs and try some of this delicious tradition.

## 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](mailto:susandobbie@gmail.com) or 978/501-6969.

## Worship—Sunday, January 18, 10:00 a.m.

“Standing on the Side of Love: Where Black Lives Matter”  
Bethany Lowe, Beth Norton and Intergenerational Gospel Choir

## Women's Retreats 2015

### Late Registration for Weekends 2 and 3

Though the official registration deadline has passed, we will be accepting late registrations for the second “Away” retreat, January 30-February 1, and the “At Home” retreat, February 6 -7, while there is still space available. All women of First Parish are warmly invited and welcome, so please register as soon as possible if you would like to attend one of these retreats. The theme for our time together this year is Creativity. (Creativity is found in many aspects of life, not just arts and crafts!) The “Away” weekend is from Friday evening through Sunday lunch at Senexet House in Connecticut, and the “At Home” retreat is at First Parish, Friday evening and Saturday morning through afternoon. Registration information and forms are available for download from [www.firstparish.org/forms](http://www.firstparish.org/forms) or in the church office. Questions? Contact Registrar Darien Smith at [darien@smithquest.com](mailto:darien@smithquest.com) or 978-369-1471.

## Join a Covenant Group

One of the long-term covenant groups is looking for additional members. Men and women, young and older, are welcome. This

group thinks married couples benefit from being in covenant groups, but they prefer not to have spouses in the same group. This group meets at 1:30 p.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month. If you are interested or have questions, contact Rachel Baker at [rbaker@firstparish.org](mailto:rbaker@firstparish.org).

## You're Invited to Come Cook on Wednesday, February 4

As you know, the Caring Connection of First Parish provides delicious meals for parishioners during times of transition (often from illness or family loss) as part of our shared pastoral care outreach. We are going to cook and you're invited. Come help! No experience or skills necessary; we provide recipes and provisions. Breakfast snacks will be served.

Date: Wednesday, February 4, 2015

Time: 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Place: First Parish kitchen

If we have many volunteers, we may do two shifts (please indicate your interest or availability): Prep and Cooking: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Finishing Cooking, Packaging, Labeling & Stocking Freezer: from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Come help out, enjoy some breakfast, and connect to others. R.S.V.P. to Tracey Hurd ([thurd@aol.com](mailto:thurd@aol.com) or 978-369-2366) and indicate if you are interested in one or both shifts.

## WPA Luncheon Meeting Wednesday, January 21, 11:30 a.m.

Join old and new friends at the Women's Parish Association's luncheon meeting on Wednesday, January 21. Social time: 11:30 a.m. Lunch: 12:00 p.m., followed by the program. In a slide presentation of their recent pilgrimage to Transylvania, Concord parishioners who visited our partner church community in Szekelykerestur will show highlights of their trip. Cost of the luncheon is ten dollars. Contact the office or Dian Pekin at [Pekindc@comcast.net](mailto:Pekindc@comcast.net) by January 18 to make reservations and to communicate food requirements. All women and men are cordially invited.

## Social Action

### Two Opportunities to Learn about SAC Grant Giving

This Social Action Community (SAC) Council would like to invite interested parishioners to learn more about the grant cycle. They are hosting an informational meeting this Wednesday, January 14, at 7 p.m. for anyone who would like to learn more about our church's grant giving and meet potential grantees. Also, the SAC Council is again seeking volunteers to help read and make a preliminary assessment of grant proposals. It will take about two to three hours and you can work at home. It will need to be done by the end of February. If you are interested in being a grant reader, please contact Wendy Holt ([wendyholt48@yahoo.com](mailto:wendyholt48@yahoo.com)).

## Interfaith Environmental Potluck Tomorrow, January 12, 6:30 p.m. at Kerem Shalom, 659 Elm Street

This is a monthly gathering of six local faith communities working together on sustainability issues. Come join our potluck dinner at Kerem Shalom. We have a few projects under discussion—from cooperative composting to sustainable building events to a Patriots' Day climate justice event. We are open to new ideas and what interests you around ideas that foster greater awareness and participation by all our congregations. Bring a dish that *does not* contain nuts, pork and shellfish.

### **Vegan Potluck on Tuesday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m.**

Enjoy a delicious potluck dinner in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, January 13, 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. Also, attach a card with the ingredients of your dish, to help out those with allergies or special diets. Your \$2 donation helps to cover expenses. 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](tel:978-369-0636) or [llsrvd@netscape.net](mailto:llsrvd@netscape.net).

### **Sarah Chayes Speaking on Thursday, January 29, at 7:30 p.m.**

You might remember Sarah Chayes, who came to Concord a few years ago to raise funds to rebuild a village outside of Kandahar, Afghanistan. Chayes became familiar with Afghanistan while reporting for NPR following the U.S. intervention there. While in Afghanistan, Chayes reported on the corruption that perpetuated both the U.S. intervention in Afghanistan and the public corruption in Afghanistan. Chayes's newest book, *Thieves of State*, is due out January 19. Learn more about Chayes's new book here: <http://www.thievesofstate.com>. On January 29, Chayes will speak about her current work in Nigeria, and also about her experiences in Afghanistan. This event is free and open to the public.

### **Social Action Grant Application Deadline Is Friday, January 30**

The Social Action Community's Grant Application deadline is January 30. Each year, First Parish allocates 7.5 percent of annual pledge income to the SAC Council. The Council distributes this grant money to local, national and international organizations. Grant award priority is given to these new concepts and ventures. Please keep in mind that grant applications must be sponsored by a First Parish pledging member. Further details and the application can be found at <http://bit.ly/1xJgxu2> or by contacting Wendy Holt [wendyholt48@yahoo.com](mailto:wendyholt48@yahoo.com) or Bethany Lowe [blowe@firstparish.org](mailto:blowe@firstparish.org).

### **"Inequality for All" Screening and Moderated Discussion Friday, January 30, at 7:00 p.m.**

The Denominational Affairs Committee invites you to a screening of Robert Reich's gripping film about the origins and corrosive effect of income disparity in America. First Parishioner and Massachusetts State Representative Cory Atkins, who brought this film to the community in October, will introduce the evening. Fred Van Deusen will moderate the follow-up discussion, starting with further materials Reich has provided. Atkins will be on hand to field questions on legislative action. The film is in line with the UUA's current Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) of income disparity, and it may be the chance to kick off deeper engagement with UU's everywhere on the CSAI.

### **Annual MLK Event Hosted by the Concord-Carlisle Human Rights Council Wednesday, January 14, at 7:00 p.m.**

On Wednesday, January 14, at 7 p.m., the Concord Human Rights Council will host the annual Martin Luther King event at the Fenn School auditorium. The fabulous lineup of performers include Willard School Chorus, Fenn Treble Chorus, Boston Children's Chorus, Lisa Lee-Slam Poet, Carl Alleyne-Acapella Singer, and The Holy Tabernacle Brotherhood Choir. On display in the lobby will be photography by the late Ivan Massar of Concord. For more information, contact Arthur Walker ([historymusic13@gmail.com](mailto:historymusic13@gmail.com) or [978-369-3051](tel:978-369-3051)).

## **Children's and Youth News**

### **This 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 the Ripley Room, pickup in the Emerson Room

3rd Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to the Greeley Room, 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 Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to Kitchen for baking

7th Grade – Neighboring Faiths – **early start:**

9:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. in the Wright Tavern

NYC Service Trip Meeting – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

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

### **Next Week, January 18 —Martin Luther King Jr. holiday**

#### **Intergenerational Service, No Regular RE**

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

10:00 a.m. – Service

#### **Coming up**

January 23 to 25, 9th grade – COA Winter Retreat at Camp Takodah

January 25 8th grade – OWL – 1st session in the Emerson Room from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### **Today's Sunday Forum: OWL in the Emerson Room**

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). Childcare will be provided in the Little RE Wing.

#### **Rock "n" Roll Bingo Fundraiser for Youth Group Service Trip**

On Saturday, January 31, 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. Youth lead many rousing rounds of bingo. Each time a "bingo" is announced, we'll celebrate with music. Dancing will be encouraged. There will also be a silent auction of toys, games, babysitting services, etc. All proceeds will go to support the Youth Group's service trip to New York City this coming February. Please come and support the efforts of our youth to make their service trip financially sustainable.

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