

THE SUNDAY NEWS

February 1, 2015

This Week

Sun., Feb. 1	Sunday Service at 10:00 11:30 Sunday Forum 7:00 Sarasa Concert
Tue., Feb. 3	9:30 Woman's Book Group 1:30 First Tuesday Group 7:30 Environmental Leadership Team
Wed., Feb. 4	9:00 Caring Connection Cooking 9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 - 9:00 First Parish Choirs 6:00 Arts Council
Thu., Feb. 5	7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 By Your Side Singers
Sat., Feb. 7	6:30 Funderburg Dinner
Sun., Feb. 8	Sunday Service at 10:00 11:30 Nominating Committee 6:00 Standing Committee

Parish Notes

Pastoral Care

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life." The February Pastoral Care Lay Minister is Diane Clapp. Diane can be reached at d.clapp@comcast.net or 781-257-5025.

Sunday Forum "The Computer Revolution"

Today at 11:30 a.m.

Have you ever wondered how the computer revolution began and what the first steps were that led to the Internet and the World Wide Web? Come join the Sunday Forum in the Sanctuary, this morning at 11:30 a.m. where Dr. Robert Fano, Ford Professor of Engineering, Emeritus from M.I.T. will answer these questions. In other words, he'll discuss how he with the help of others provided a trail-blazing computer service to the M.I.T. community. He'll also reveal the surprising social effects of providing such a service, similar to what occurred in the 1900's when electrical power became available to individual homes.

Sarasa Concert—This Evening, February 1, at 7:00 p.m.

Haydn Piano Sonata in E-flat Major | Mozart Flute Quartet
Salomon's arrangements of Haydn's Symphony No. 101 in D Major ("Clock") and Symphony No. 94 in G Major ("Surprise").
Long-time Sarasa favorite Maggie Cole, fortepiano, returns to perform with Emi Ferguson, flute, Christina Day Martinson and Jesse Irons, violins, Jenny Stirling, viola and Sarasa director Timothy Merton, cello in an intimate concert highlighting the genius of Franz Joseph Haydn. His "London" symphonies, arranged for this chamber ensemble combination by 18th century impresario, violinist and Haydn's close friend, Salomon will be the main attraction.

Women's AM/PM Book Group—Rescheduled

Due to the blizzard, the January sessions of the Women's AM/PM Book Group have been rescheduled to Tuesday morning, February 3, 9:30-11:00 a.m. and Monday evening, February 9, 7:30-9:00 p.m., both in the Brooks Room at First Parish. As always, all women of First Parish are welcome to attend. Questions? Contact Darien Smith, darien@smithquest.com.

The First Tuesday Group (65+)

"Getting from Clutter to Clean, Part 1"

Tuesday, February 3, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

February's meeting will focus on "Getting from Clutter to Clean, Part 1." Before we can deal with our material stuff, we need to remove the obstacles holding us back. First Parish Director of Operations Fifi Ball worked as a professional organizer before coming to First Parish. She will share some insights about why we put cleaning our clutter off, lead us through an exercise, and frame some questions for us to discuss in small groups. The First Tuesday Group meets the first Tuesday of the month, 1:30-3:00 p.m., and 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; Bob Andrews, Mary Clarke, Dave Dawson, Susan Dobbie, Patricia Ellis, Bill Maxwell, Jack Nevison and Virginia Taylor

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 because of 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 supply the recipes and provisions. Breakfast snacks will be served.

Date: Wednesday, February 4

Time: 9:00 – 12:00 noon

Place: First Parish kitchen

If we have many volunteers, we may consider two shifts (please indicate your interest or availability). Prep and Cooking: 9:00 - 10:30 a.m.; Finishing cooking, packaging, labeling and stocking freezer: 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 or 978-369-2366) and indicate if you are interested in one or both shifts.

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, February 5 at 7 p.m., *5 de febrero a las 7 en la casa de Laurie Van Loon, 95 Marthas Point Rd. Concord.* Don't be shy. *¡No tienes que hablar bien!* English is allowed. There will always be someone who can translate. This time we'll include discussion of perspectives on immigration, sharing with Tony Rodriguez who will go with the UUSC as a witness in the BorderLinks program later in February on the Mexican border. Please bring *comida y bebida* for a potluck supper. *Para más información:* for more information, *llama a Laurie Van Loon 978-369-8528. O manda* or send email to ivanloon@comcast.net

Adult Contemporary Vocal Ensemble

Start Date—Sunday, February 8, 11:30 a.m.

Our contemporary vocal ensemble resumes again this February. Do you have a passion for singing? Do you love gospel, jazz, folk? Do you enjoy singing but feel unable to make a weekly commitment to a choir? Do you long to share your voice in the music ministry here at First Parish in Concord? If so, the Contemporary Vocal Ensemble may be just what you are seeking. Unless otherwise

noted, we will be rehearsing on Sundays in the chapel from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Singers commit by the service. We will next be singing in the March 8, Sunday service. Weekly rehearsals preparing that service begin on Sunday, February 8. We will always plan to warm up and run through pieces the morning of the service as well. If interested, contact Gail Carey, Music Ministry Associate at improvgail@gmail.com.

Nominations for the First Parish Nominating Committee

The Standing Committee is looking for people who would like to be considered for nomination to the Nominating Committee (NomCom). There are two upcoming openings. We are looking for people who are “connectors” and like to participate in many aspects of church life. This year we have a specific need to have people with a strong sense of the workings of the current Standing Committee. The primary function of the Nominating Committee is to solicit and nominate candidates for any open positions on the Standing Committee and openings for the Treasurer, Clerk and Moderator positions. The term is three years, with an option to do two consecutive terms. The NomCom meets monthly on Sunday mornings, and the time commitment is two to three hours a month. Please let us know by Sunday February 22, about people who might be interested in and qualified for these positions by contacting Patty Popov at ppopov@nichols-pratt.com or 978-369-1990.

New to Unitarian Universalism Orientation

Sunday, February 22, 11:30 to 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. Childcare is available. R.S.V.P. to rbaker@firstparish.org by Wednesday, February 18.

Social Action

Funderburg Scholars Dinner on Saturday, February 7

Join us on Saturday, February 7, for the Funderburg Scholars fundraising dinner at church. Help Roxbury youth attend and graduate from college while you enjoy a nice meal with great company. These engaging students will tell stories about their college experiences. No fixed “price”—donate what feels right to you at the dinner. Reserve your place at dinner at coffee hour today, by calling Loretta Ho Sherblom’s cell at 508-935-6750, or by emailing her at Loretta@LHSBenefits.com. Join us for wine and cheese at 6:30 p.m., dinner by Sven Olson at 7:15 p.m.

Chocolate Tasting and Vegan Potluck Dinner

Tuesday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy *fair-trade chocolate tasting* and a delicious pot-luck dinner in Parish Hall, Tuesday, February 10, at 6:30 p.m. hosted by Reverence for Life and the Environmental Leadership Team. Please bring your own beverage and a dish (4-6 servings) to share that is free of meat, fish, eggs, honey, and dairy. Please also bring your own place setting to reduce paper waste and clean up. Also, attach a card with the ingredients of your dish, to help out those with allergies or special diets. Children welcome! Creative fun at children’s craft table provided. Need a recipe? Contact Lyell Slade at 978-369-0636 or llsrvd@netscape.net.

Amnesty International Group 15 Meeting

Tuesday, February 17 at 7:00 p.m.

AI Group 15 meets regularly on the third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Ripley Room at First Parish in Concord. Our next meeting is Tuesday, February 17. In addition to signing letters and petitions in support of human rights activists and prisoners of

conscience worldwide each month, we also focus on several other issues including solitary confinement in Massachusetts, the death penalty in the United States, and global violence against women. We welcome all to join us in February and beyond. If you’d like more information about Group 15, please contact Kathy Taylor, the group’s coordinator, at Kly.taylor@gmail.com or 781-718-7640.

Children’s and Youth News

This Week, February 1—Regular RE Week

First week of the Winter Term

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 Chapel, pickup in the Chapel

3rd Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to the Chapel, pickup in the Chapel

4th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the Bulkeley Room

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

6th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to the Wright Tavern

7th Grade – Neighboring Faiths – Classroom Sunday

8th Grade – OWL – 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Emerson Room

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

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

Friday, February 6, 5:00 p.m.—Neighboring Faiths

Meet at First Parish for Congregation Beth El visit.

Next Week, February 8—Regular RE Week

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

10:00 a.m. – COA 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 Ripley Room

3rd Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to the Greeley Room, pickup in the Greeley Room

4th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to RE in the Bulkeley Room

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

6th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to the Wright Tavern

7th Grade - Neighboring Faiths – 9:00 -9:55 a.m. Classroom Sunday

8th Grade – OWL – 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Emerson Room

Service Trip Meeting – 5:30 p.m.

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

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