

THE SUNDAY NEWS

First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Road, Concord, MA 01742

April 5, 2015

This Week

Sun., Apr. 5	ONE Service Easter Sunday at 10:00 11:30 Easter Egg Hunt
Tue., Apr. 7	9:30 WPA Board Meeting 1:30 First Tuesday Group 6:00 RE Potluck 6:30 SAC Film 7:00 RE Vespers 7:00 Diversity Committee Meeting
Wed., Apr. 8	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 - 9:30 First Parish Choirs
Thu., Apr. 9	1:00 Finding Meaning in Later Life 7:30 Buddhist Group
Fri., Apr. 10	7:00 Inequality Discussion 7:00 Photography Exhibit Reception
Sat., Apr. 11	9:00 Photography Club 1:00 Challenges of Caregiving 5:00 Seder
Sun., Apr. 12	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 3:00 Remembering Lincoln 6:00 Standing Committee 7:00 Reflective RE Conversations

Parish Notes

Pastoral Care

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life." The April Pastoral Care Lay Minister is Carolyn Shohet. Carolyn can be reached at careshohet@gmail.com or 978-369-6231.

Name Tags

Recently requested name tags are now available on the name tag board in the downstairs hallway. New name tags are placed on the small board to the right. After you retrieve them, please return them to the main board alphabetically.

Cooperative Seder Ticket Sales Today

Come on down to the Seder table at coffee hour in the Parish Hall, get your questions answered, sign up for a task, and buy a ticket for this April 11, 5 p.m.- 9 p.m. event. Tickets are \$18 for everyone 13 to 80. Over 80 or under 7 are free; 7-12, \$5. New this year: two or more young people, half price. Join a celebration of freedom that's thousands of years old. No experience necessary. Price includes all-you-can-eat food, wine or grape juice for all, and the very popular "leftovers for sale" right after the meal. For more information, contact Jim Snyder-Grant at 508-572-2985 or write to the team at fpseder@googlegroups.com.

Ferry Beach Retreat—Registration: April 5, 12 and 19

The First Parish Ferry Beach Retreat is May 22 – 25 (Memorial Day weekend). Join families, couples and singles from our own congregation and First Parish in Lexington for a relaxed weekend on the beach at the UU Ferry Beach Camp and Conference Center in Saco, Maine. Registrations for the retreat will be taken at the Ferry Beach table at coffee hours on April 5, 12 and 19, or in the church office during those two weeks. For questions or to inquire about scholarship assistance, contact Darien Smith at darien@smithquest.com or 978-369-1471. The Registration Packet can be downloaded from www.firstparish.org/forms. Also,

check out the excellent summer camps and conferences for all ages at Ferry Beach, at www.ferrybeach.org.

Tuesday Group (65+) Meeting—Tuesday, April 7, 1:30 p.m. Getting from Clutter to Clean, Part 1

This month's meeting will focus on "Getting from Clutter to Clean, Part 1." Before we can deal with our material stuff, we need to remove 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 this off, lead us through an exercise, and frame some questions for us to discuss in small groups. The Tuesday Group meets the first Tuesday of the month, 1:30-3:00 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

Photography Exhibit Reception—Friday, April 10, 7:00 p.m. "The Nature of Imagination," April 7–May 11

On Friday, April 10, at 7 p.m., there will be a reception for the photography show "The Nature of Imagination." It will be held in the Parlor, with good food and drink for all. Please join us to celebrate the return of spring in images. The photographers are Terri Ackerman, Deb Allen, Judy Boudrot and Susan Page.

Remembering Lincoln on the 150th Anniversary of His Death

On Sunday, April 12, at 3 p.m., there will be a tribute to Abraham Lincoln at First Parish in memory of the 150th anniversary of his death. Rick Frese will deliver excerpts from Emerson's powerful eulogy. Polly Peterson and Richard Smith will share citizens' reactions to the loss of their President. Jacqueline Schwab will play selections of Civil War music Brian Chenoweth will officiate. Frese is the author of *Concord and the Civil War: From Walden Pond to the Gettysburg Front*. Peterson is a researcher, speaker and author of *Stirring the Nation's Heart: Eighteen Stories of Prophetic Unitarians and Universalists of the Nineteenth Century*. Smith is a historian and interpreter of Henry David Thoreau. Schwab is a pianist who has performed on Ken Burns' documentaries, including the Grammy award-winning *Civil War*. She performed at the White House for President Clinton, and on *A Prairie Home Companion* and *David Letterman*. www.fptranscendentalism.org

Vegan Potluck Dinner, Chocolate Fountain and Raffle

Enjoy a delicious potluck dinner in the Parish Hall, Tuesday, April 14, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by Reverence for Life and the Environmental Leadership Team. Please bring a dish (4-6 servings) to share that is free of meat, fish, eggs, honey and dairy, and attach a card with the ingredients to help out those with allergies or special diets. Highlights this month are the return of the chocolate fountain and a raffle with your \$2.00 donation for one of two books: *Becoming Vegan* (Davis/Melina) and *How to Be a Vegan* (Castoria). Children are free, and creative fun at a craft table is provided. Need a recipe? Contact Lyell Slade at 978-369-0636 or llsrdv@netscape.net.

Join the Tour of 24 Farnsworth—New UUA Headquarters

On Sunday, April 26, at 3:30 p.m., join our minister, Rev. Howard Dana, and fellow parishioners for a special tour of the new UUA Headquarters at 24 Farnsworth Street in Boston. Come and see how the space has been beautifully designed to honor our history as

well as meet the needs of our denomination in the 21st century. For more information or to sign up, see the Denominational Affairs table at coffee hour today through April 19, or call the church office. You can also sign up to carpool and/or to join others for an early dinner together following the tour.

Social Action

Environmental Film Series on Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.

Parts of our planet that were once habitable are slowly but dramatically changing, causing the displacement of people around the world. How does that affect us here in Concord? Join Howard Dana for a viewing and discussion of the documentary “Climate Refugees.” This award-winning film examines the moral, economic and political implications of climate change.

Inequality Discussion on Friday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

Were you dismayed at the March 29 front page *Boston Globe* article titled “Divided Nation”? Were you inspired by Howard’s stirring sermon on Palm Sunday titled “The Limits of Tyrants”? Here’s a chance to do something constructive with your feelings. The Denominational Affairs Committee has recently formed a group of people who have begun working on the UUA action issue “Escalating Inequality.” At our Escalating Inequality upcoming meeting we will focus on identifying and prioritizing the actions we want to take to learn more about the topic, to raise awareness, and to work with other groups. We would love to have you join us. For additional information, contact Fred Van Deusen, at fredvandeu@gmail.com.

Congregational Discussion on Divestment on Sunday, April 12, 11:30 a.m.

Please join us to consider proposed language for a potential warrant article on fossil fuel divestment for this year’s Annual Meeting in June. This meeting is part of an ongoing First Parish dialogue about social and responsible investing and fossil fuel divestment, and we are interested in your feedback! Please come to ask any questions you have, and give your input. This dialogue is spurred by the fossil fuel divestment commitment adopted at the UUA General Assembly last June and other divestment discussions under way around the world. We’ll also gather for a discussion on Sunday, May 17, at 11:30 a.m. Questions and comments can go to Bruce Blumberg or Bethany Lowe.

Hope Out Loud, 4—UU Urban Ministry in Roxbury Sunday, April 12, 3:00 p.m.

All First Parish in Concord choirs will be participating in Hope Out Loud, 4, a multifaith, multigenerational community praise celebration at the UU Urban Ministry. There will be lots of group singing, so bring your voice and help us make HOPE come alive. All are invited. Door-to-door bus service provided. Contact Beth Norton (music@firstparish.org) for a spot on a bus. A donation of \$5.00/person, \$20/family will be gratefully accepted for bus costs.

Rain Barrel Program 2015—Conserve Water and Save Money

This spring, the Social Action Community is selling rain barrels to help our community conserve water and save money. The barrel comes complete with overflow fittings, drain plug, screw-on cover, and a threaded spigot with a choice of two ports to use with either a watering can or a garden hose. Each barrel, \$75, comes in forest green, earth brown and Nantucket gray. Barrels will be available for pickup on Saturday, May 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. at First Parish. Orders must be received by April 25, 5:00 p.m. Rain barrel order forms will be available at coffee hour today through the end of April.

Mother’s Day Walk for Peace is Sunday, May 10

The Mother’s Day Walk is the major fundraiser that supports the work of the Louis D Brown Peace Institute (LDBPI), whose work supports families that are victims of violence, as well as providing and teaching the PeaceZone curriculum in the public schools which teaches conflict resolution through peaceful means. On Sunday, April 5, 12, 19, 26 and May 3, you can visit the Peace Walk table during coffee hour to make a donation and/or sign up to participate in the Peace Walk, letting families of homicide know that “All lives matter.” If you have any questions, please talk with Bethany Lowe, or contact Margie at mksaphier@comcast.net or 789- 424-2179.

Children’s and Youth News

This Week, April 5 — Easter Sunday Intergenerational Service No Regular RE

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

10:00 a.m. – Intergenerational Service

Easter Egg Hunt—Following the Service

Next Week, April 12 — Regular RE Week

First Week of Spring Term

9:50 a.m. – Regular Class, 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

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

4th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to the Bulkeley Room, released to coffee hour

5th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, dismissed to the Brooks Room, released to coffee hour

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

7th Grade – Neighboring Faiths – Classroom Sunday – 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

8th Grade – OWL – Potluck with parents 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Emerson Room

YAC – Wright Tavern Sun Porch – 6:00 p.m.

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

Potluck Dinner, Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The RE Council is hosting a Community Potluck Dinner.

Reflective RE Congregational Conversation

Sunday, April 12, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Emerson Room

This is similar to our previous Congregational Conversation offerings; however, the intention is for this discussion to be a place for reflection about where RE has been over the past six months in addition to where we want to go in the future. Justine Sullivan, President of UU Clara Barton District, will facilitate the discussion. Your input will be used to inform decisions about RE at First Parish and our next DRE. No need to R.S.V.P. but please feel free to contact Leslie Pelton Nichol lpelton@ljpconsult.com or 781-929-1147, if you have any questions.

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