

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

May 24, 2015

This Week

Sun., May 24 **Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.**
Mon., May 25 Memorial Day —Meeting House Closed
Wed., May 27 9:30 Buddhist Group
4:30 - 9:30 First Parish Choirs
Thu., May 28 7:30 Buddhist Group
Fri., May 29 7:30 Rise Up Singing
Sun., May 31 **Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.**
6:00 Standing Committee
7:00 Sarasa Concert

Parish Notes

Pastoral Care

“Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life.” The May Pastoral Care Lay Minister is Bev Bringle. Bev can be reached at bevbringle@gmail.com or 978-369-4793.

Intern Committee Seeks New Members

The Ministerial Intern Committee, which searches for, supports and advises First Parish interns, is seeking fresh faces to join our ranks. The requirements are few — a love of First Parish; willingness to help guide each intern to become the best minister he or she can be; and diverse, inclusive perspectives. We are open to all and particularly encourage younger and young adult members to consider serving the Parish in this all-important way. First Parish has always been proud to be a “teaching congregation” come join us! Contact Kate Keleher at kate@rkeleher.com with interest or questions.

Worship Sharing Circle—Every Sunday, 11:10 a.m.

In Rev. Howard Dana’s Study or on the Keresztúr Terrace

Everyone is invited to gather in Rev. Howard Dana’s study or on the Keresztúr Terrace (weather permitting) to take turns sharing what stood out for them about the service. This simple opportunity to share, listen and get to know others starts soon after the service ends around, 11:10 a.m., and is open to everyone. First Parish volunteers are present to help facilitate this event.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for the new pledge year are in. They will be available downstairs after the services today and June 7.

The First Tuesday Group, June 2, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

“Go Out into the World”

In June, we’ll focus on how freedom from work and family responsibilities opens up opportunities for us to go out into the world through community service, personal adventures or both. Come and talk about ways you have become involved in or would like to become involved in the wider world. As a summer send-off, we’ll adjourn with a make-your-own ice-cream sundae social. We’ll bring the ice cream — you bring a topping to share. Hope to see you there. The Tuesday Group Steering Committee: Berni Jenkins (contact person), berni.jenkins@verizon.net; Bob

Andrews, Dave Dawson, Susan Dobbie, Patricia Ellis, Jack Nevison and Virginia Taylor

Concord Area Humanists

Wednesday, June 3, at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall: The movie *The People Factor: Finding Home in Austin*, by award-winning film producer Jane Turville. Come, view and discuss this prototype of the first of a series of six documentary films about the impacts of growth. It is about the hidden role population growth plays in our daily lives, the lives of our communities, and the life of the planet. It is a fascinating view of a too-little-discussed topic. This is the last of this season’s CAH First Wednesday events. We start again in September. See www.ConcordAreaHumanists.org for more.

Flea Market—Saturday, June 6, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

The Women’s Parish Association is holding a multi-vendor Flea Market on Saturday, June 6, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in our Parish Hall, rain or shine. Table rentals are \$35.00 per table. Snacks and lunch items will be sold throughout the day. Contact the office or Dian Pekin right away at Pekindc@comcast.net to rent a table or to arrange for donations of high-quality gift items to the WPA table. Arrangements can be made for pickup of items. Vendors will be selling a variety of items—including household items, jewelry, children’s items, antiques, collectibles, and so forth.

Annual Meeting 2015

The First Parish Annual Meeting is scheduled for June 14, 11:30 a.m. At the meeting, the congregation will receive reports from staff and committees, vote on officers and committee members, approve delegates to General Assembly, approve the budget for next year, and more. Who can vote at our Annual Meeting? Our bylaws state that only First Parish members who have signed the Membership Book by May 14, 2015, may vote. If anyone has any questions about the Annual Meeting or thoughts about warrant articles, please contact Mark Russell Prior by email at mark.russell.prior@comcast.net, or by phone at 978-369-4901 or Moderator John Stevens by email at john_stevens43@comcast.net.

—Mark Russell Prior, chair, First Parish Standing Committee

Celebration for Doug Baker’s 35 Years at First Parish Sunday, June 7, at Coffee Hour

Please join us in celebrating Doug’s 35 years of dedicated service on Sunday, June 7, at 11:30 a.m. We hope that everyone will come to show appreciation for all he has done for our church community. There will be extra-special treats and a chance to sign a card and thank Doug in person.

Party to Say Farewell to Brian Chenowith and Wish Him Well in His New Ministry—Saturday, June 20, 2:00 p.m.

You are invited to come and celebrate Brian’s ministry with First Parish at the home of Janet Bailey and Bob Brack at 1437 Sudbury Road in Concord. We will gather from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 20, to say good-bye and congratulations to Brian as he concludes his ministry at First Parish and begins his life as Minister at the UU Church of Lexington, Kentucky. R.S.V.P. to Kate Keleher at kate@rkeleher.com.

Welcome Corner

The yellow-covered table in the Parish Hall during social hour is set with markers, temporary name tags, a name tag request form, and information about how to get involved at First Parish. Often someone will be near the Welcome Corner who will be available to help you find your way.

Social Action

Volunteer Sign-Up for Social Action and an Immediate Need

The SAC Council has a new way to distribute information about volunteer opportunities in the community. We have started a Sign-Up Genius, which allows First Parishioners to sign up for one-time and regular volunteer opportunities in the local community. You can sign up ahead of time, or we will intermittently send last-minute calls to fill specific, direct-service opportunities to anyone registered with our group. If you'd like to stay in the loop about these local volunteer opportunities, contact Tricia Haut, thaut@mac.com, or sign up directly here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090c44aaa82da13-first2>.

Participate in Concord's "Green Your Heat" Program

Concord's Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee, architect of the highly successful "Solar Challenge" in Concord, is now offering great savings in energy and energy expenses through its "Green Your Heat" program. If you heat your home with either oil or electricity, you are eligible to participate in this program, which provides partial rebates for a variety of weatherization services—such as insulation, sealing of air leaks, upgraded attic vents, and installation of programmable thermostats. With weatherization, most residents can save as much as 20 to 30 percent on their energy bills. Go to the Town of Concord's website for further details.

Children's and Youth News

This Week, May 24 — No Regular RE – Memorial Day Weekend

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

10:00 a.m. – Service

Friday, May 29 – 7th grade / Neighboring Faiths

5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.—Sandwich making for Common Cathedral in the First Parish kitchen

Next Week, May 31 — Regular RE Week – Music Sunday

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 RE in the Bulkeley Room, released to coffee hour

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

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

7th Grade – Neighboring Faiths – Visit to Common Cathedral – meet at First Parish at 11:00 a.m., return by 3:15 p.m..

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

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