

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

May 31, 2015

This Week

Sun., May 31	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 6:00 Standing Committee 7:00 Sarasa Concert
Mon., Jun. 1	7:30 Women's Book Group
Tue., Jun. 2	9:30 Women's Book Group 1:30 First Tuesday Group
Wed., Jun. 3	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 - 9:30 First Parish Choirs 6:00 Arts Council 7:00 Concord Area Humanists 7:30 ELT Meeting
Thu., Jun. 4	7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 By Your Side Singers
Sat., Jun. 6	9:30 WPA Flea Market
Sun., Jun. 7	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:30 Celebration for Doug Baker 35th Anniversary

Parish Notes

Pastoral Care

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life." The June Pastoral Care Lay Minister is Dana Snyder Grant. Dana can be reached at danasg@newview.org or 978-760-1129.

Visiting or Considering First Parish?

If you would like us to be in contact with you, please fill out a Welcome Card found in the hymnals. You may place the cards in the offering plates or give them to the ushers.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for the new pledge year are in. They will be available downstairs after the service next week, on June 7.

It's Budget Review Time

Based on the pledges and other projected income for 2016, Rev. Dana, Fifi Ball, the Finance Committee, and the Standing Committee have developed a budget for 2016. Because we did not meet our pledge goal (we came close) and we heard a number of critical concerns from parishioners (thank you), we have developed a budget that should meet our priority needs. It will be submitted for a vote at the Annual Meeting on June 14. If you want to see a preview and engage with the Finance Committee on what, why and how, come to one of two meetings. They are **Sunday, June 7, from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.** (after Doug Baker's reception) and **Monday, June 8, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.** If you have questions, send them to Tom Wilson, our humble Treasurer, at twilson@wilsongroup.com. Hope to see you at the meeting.

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.

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 supply the ice cream — please 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.

Doug Baker's 35th Anniversary

Sunday, June 7, at Coffee Hour

Come to Celebrate Doug Baker's 35th Anniversary as our Sexton. Join us for coffee hour on Sunday, June 7, as we extend a special thank-you to guest of honor Doug Baker for all that he does for First Parish! There will be special treats, so bring the entire family. This is our opportunity to let Doug know how much we appreciate his artistic talents, his dedication, his knowledge, his love of

history, his kindness to parishioners “young and old and canine,” and his stamina for putting up with us for 35 years! We hope to see everyone there.

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

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.

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 is available to help you find your way.

Social Action

Boston Pride Parade on Saturday, June 13, at Noon

A group from First Parish, organized by the Diversity Committee, will march with our large banner in the Boston Pride Parade on Saturday, June 13; the parade begins at noon, starting in Copley Square. All are welcome to participate in this fun, family-friendly event, so please consider joining us and help us show our support for the LGBT community. You may sign up at coffee hour today, or contact Sara Ballard at sara@sb.org or 978-371-0723 with questions or to let her know you will attend. Car pools can be arranged.

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

7th Grade – Neighboring Faiths – 9:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. – Closing Sunday – on the Wright Tavern Sunporch

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

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