

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

September 20, 2015

This Week

Sun., Sept. 20	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:15 Sample Small Group Ministry 11:30 SAC Listening Session
Mon., Sept. 21	7:00 SAC Listening Session 7:30 Denominational Affairs Committee
Tue., Sept. 22	7:00 Diversity Committee
Wed., Sept. 23	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 Junior Choir 5:15 Chalice Choir 5:15 Gospel Singers 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Sept. 24	7:30 Buddhist Group
Fri., Sept. 25	7:30 Rise Up Singing
Sat., Sept. 26	6:30 PCC Dinner for Scholarship Donors
Sun., Sept. 27	Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:10 Worship Sharing Circle 11:30 SAC Listening Session 11:30 Sunday Forum

Parish Notes

Sample Small Group Ministry Session Sunday, September 20, 11:15 a.m.

Come and find out what Small Group Ministry is all about by experiencing a session, or just take the opportunity to connect with a few other folks in a meaningful way. Rev. Marion Visel will facilitate these groups on Sundays after worship, 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. in the Brooks Room. Session topics will follow the theme of that Sunday's worship. No sign-up required—just show up!

Pastoral Care

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life." The September Pastoral Care Lay Minister is Diane Clapp. Diane can be reached at dianebamclapp@gmail.com or 781-257-5025.

Worship Sharing Circle— Sunday, September 27, 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.

Diversity Committee Meeting

On Tuesday, September 22, at 7:00 p.m., the Diversity Committee will meet to plan upcoming initiatives and events on antiracism work, LGBT advocacy, and inclusion/disability projects. All who are interested are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please contact Sara Ballard at sara@sb.org with any questions.

Donors Needed for Transylvania Students

Last year First Parish members helped 46 needy students attend school. We are looking for donors to help 9 to 12 incoming freshmen to the Unitarian High School in Keresztúr. This scholarship money pays about one-third of the cost of room and board in the dorm. Committee members will answer your

questions at coffee hour. You may also contact Bill Maxwell at 978-369-5257 or wmaxwell5257@gmail.com.

Partner Congregation Committee Dinner for Scholarship Donors—Saturday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.

This is sponsored by the Partner Congregation Committee. Join our Transylvanian partnership community for dinner and an evening devoted to news, reflections and images from the scholarship program, and especially to give thanks to all for their support of the students and their families over the years. We welcome all who are interested in participating. Please contact Lillian Anderson at Lillianand@comcast.net for more information, or sign up at coffee hour. We hope you can join us.

The Women's AM/PM Book Group

Welcome to a new year of book discussions with the First Parish Women's AM/PM Book Group! The September book is *Delta Wedding*, by Eudora Welty. The evening session will be Monday, September 28, 7:30-9:00 p.m.; and the morning on Tuesday, September 29, 9:30-11:00 a.m. Both meet in the Brooks Room at First Parish. All women of First Parish are warmly invited to read the current book and join one or both discussions. If you would like to be added to the Women's Book Group email list, please contact Darien Smith at darien@smithquest.com.

Denominational Affairs

As UU's, we wish to build our faith in our personal lives, congregations, communities and the world. When the UUA president and our minister speak about an issue we care about, they are heard and make a difference. Attend a Denominational Affairs Committee (DAC) meeting to share and discuss concerns and spread our Principles. Hear the 2015 UUA/GA ten delegates. See Fred Van Deusen's article about our CSAI Escalating Inequality. Attend a DAC meeting the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Brooks Room, or contact Paula Vandever at VandeverP@aol.com for more information.

Brazilian Jazz Cabaret

October 3, from 7:30-10:00 p.m.

Come to a festive cabaret of fantastic Brazilian jazz on Saturday, October 3, from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m., presented by the Women's Parish Association. Munchies, hors d'oeuvres and dessert will be served with a cash bar. The world-famous Fernando Holz Quartet charms everyone with sambas, bossa novas, Brazilian- and Latin-inspired American pop, and intricate Brazilian jazz. All First Parish men and women and their friends are enthusiastically invited. Charge: \$12.50. This is sure to be a sold-out event. Advance tickets will be sold at coffee hour and in the church office. Charge for remaining tickets at the door: \$15.00.

October Is Circle Supper Month

Circle Suppers are relaxed and fun dinner parties at parishioners' homes. They are wonderful opportunities to enjoy a delicious pot-luck meal while connecting or reconnecting with beautiful people. If you would like either to host or attend a Circle Supper on any Saturday evening in October, please email Caitlin Selle or let Cassy Bosworth in the office know. Caitlin can be reached at selle.caitlin5@gmail.com.

First Parish Photo Directory

The 2016 First Parish Directory is in development. It won't be complete without your updated contact information and photo. Register one of three ways for your 30-minute photo session: online at <http://tinyurl.com/FPphoto>, at coffee hour in September and October after the Sunday service, or by calling the office, 978-369-9602, and Cassy will assist you. This is a great opportunity to get a free professional family or personal portrait. Additional photos can be purchased as well. Register today. Photos will be taken at First Parish. Choose a day and a 30-minute time slot:

- Thursday, October 22, 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, October 23, 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 24, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Thursday, November 12, 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Friday, November 13, 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday, November 14, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, November 18, 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Social Action

Race Dance on Friday, October 2, and Saturday, October 3

With the creative and accessible tools of InterPlay, participants in this workshop will explore questions of race, authorize their human experiences, and take home embodied ways to listen, witness and affirm; honor different energies and directions; open doors and widen circles. The workshop will be led by Soyinka Rahim and Cynthia Winton-Henry, who will also join First Parish in Concord in worship on Sunday, October 4. This workshop will start on Friday, October 2, at First Parish in Cambridge from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., and continue on Saturday, October 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the UU Urban Ministry in Roxbury. Cost is \$0-\$150 for the whole weekend, \$0-\$35 for Friday only, and \$0-\$125 for Saturday only. Saturday dinner is \$12. To register, contact 510-465-2797 or info@interplay.org. For more information, contact CC King, ccking.interplay@gmail.com.

Mil Milagros' Sixth Annual Celebration and Fundraiser

Thursday, October 8, 6:00 p.m.

Come celebrate the work of Mil Milagros, a recent grantee of First Parish in Concord. The mission of Mil Milagros is to ensure that all children in Guatemala graduate from sixth grade healthy, literate, and prepared to continue their education. All proceeds from this event will support this mission. Suggested donation is \$250/person. The celebration will take place at Goulston & Storrs, 400 Atlantic Avenue, 1st Floor, Boston, MA 02110. R.S.V.P. to Renee Caraviello at 617-330-7382 or event@milmilagros.org. If you cannot make it, but would like to make a donation to Mil Milagros, go here: <http://www.milmilagros.org/donate-now/>.

Showing of "Pay2Play: Democracy's High Stakes"

Thursday, October 8, 7:30 p.m.

The Americans for Economic Fairness group was started here at First Parish to raise awareness and take action on the UUA study action issue Escalating Inequality. We, together with Denominational Affairs and the Social Action Community, invite you to a screening of the film "Pay 2 Play: Democracy's High Stakes," about the corrosive effects of Big Money on our elections. This entertaining documentary follows political newcomers, uncovers intrigue and corruption, and suggests actions we can all take to address these issues. The film will be followed by homemade refreshments and a group discussion about the issues and actions we should consider taking as a group.

Religious Education News

This Week, September 20 –RE Classes Start

9:50 a.m. – Little RE (0-4 years) – Lower Level

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Children in Kindergarten through Grade 7 begin in the Sanctuary with their families. Following our Children's Message, the children leave the Sanctuary for their classroom with their teachers. All RE classes are held until 11:15 a.m. Parents of children 0-Grade 3 are asked to pick up their children in their classrooms listed below. Older children and youth will be dismissed to coffee hour.

Kindergarten and 1st Grade – Lower Level

2nd Grade – Ripley Room

3rd Grade – Greeley Room

4th Grade – Bulkeley Room

5th Grade – Brooks Room

6th-7th Grades – Emerson Room

8th Grade – Parish Hall, 4:00 p.m.

9th Grade – Coming of Age Opening Reception, Parents and Youth Attending, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary

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

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Online Registration

Whether you are a returning family or new to First Parish, we'd like to encourage you to register your child(ren) and youth for the Religious Education Program. It's easy to find and quick to complete! You can find the yellow "RE Registration" button on the front page of the website: www.firstparish.org Please register as soon as possible so we will be better able to serve our community. If you have questions or ideas to share, contact Rev. Amy Freedman: afreedman@firstparish.org.

Rev. Howard Dana's email: hdana@firstparish.org

Rev. Marion Visel's email: mvisel@firstparish.org

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Visit our website at firstparish.org

Questions or concerns about **domestic violence** or **suicide**?

Call...

Domestic Violence Services Help Line: 888-399-6111

Suicide Prevention Life Line: 800-273-TALK (8255)