

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

## September 27, 2015

### This Week

Sun., Sept. 27	<b>Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.</b> 11:10 Worship Sharing Circle 11:30 SAC Listening Session 11:30 Sunday Forum
Mon., Sept. 28	7:00 Dream Work Group 7:30 Women's Book Group
Tue., Sept. 29	9:30 Women's Book Group 11:00 SAC Listening Session
Wed., Sept. 30	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 Junior Choir 5:15 Chalice Choir 5:15 Gospel Singers 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Oct. 1	7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 By Your Side Singers
Sat., Oct. 3	7:00 Brazilian Jazz Cabaret
Sun., Oct. 4	<b>Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.</b> 11:30 Small Group Ministry Session 11:30 SAC Listening Session 6:00 Standing Committee Meeting

### Parish Notes

#### Worship Sharing Circle— Today at 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.

#### 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 [dianeclamclapp@gmail.com](mailto:dianeclamclapp@gmail.com) or 781-257-5025.

#### Rev. József Szombatfalvi, Our Partner Minister In Székelykeresztúr, Retires October 1

After 17 years of service to the Székelykeresztúr congregation and to our partnership with them, Jozsef will be retiring, effective October 1. We are arranging gifts from our congregation to him, including a commemorative plate, a memory book for people to add to, and a monetary gift. Contributions to the book and the gift can be made at the Partner Congregation Committee table at Sunday coffee hours, and in the office during the week. Please make checks payable to "First Parish in Concord," with "József's Retirement" on the memo line. Checks can also be mailed to Lillian Anderson, 149 Belknap Street, Concord, MA 01742.

#### 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 at 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](mailto:wmaxwell5257@gmail.com).

#### 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.

#### Drop-In Small Group Ministry Session

Rev. Marion Visel will facilitate a drop-in Small Group Ministry session on Sunday, October 4, 11:30 – 12:30 p.m. in the Brooks Room. Find out what Small Group Ministry is about by participating in a session and get to know a few folks better.

#### The First Tuesday Group (65+) —“Ingathering”

##### Tuesday, October 6, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

Calling all parishioners 65 and older: join us in the Parish Hall and Parlor on October 6, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. for the season opener of the Tuesday Group. The group sponsors social and educational meetings on subjects relevant to our lives. This month, we'll share our experiences of the summer and discuss program ideas for 2015-2016. **Tuesday Group Steering Committee**—Berni Jenkins (contact person), [berni.jenkins@verizon.net](mailto:berni.jenkins@verizon.net); Bob Andrews, Dave Dawson, Susan Dobbie, Patricia Ellis, Jack Nevison and Virginia Taylor.

#### 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](mailto: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

### SAC Listening Sessions Continue This Week

This year, the Social Action Community (SAC) Council is working in collaboration with Howard to launch a conversation about social action at First Parish. We will look back to social action initiatives that inspired us, and look forward to how we hope to make a positive difference in the world. *In case you missed the first two, there will be a SAC Listening Session after worship today, Sunday, September 27, at 11:30 a.m.* Please plan to attend one session so we can hear from you.

Additional sessions will be on:

- Tuesday, September 29, 11:00 a.m.
- Sunday, October 4, 11:30 a.m.
- Monday, October 5, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 8 (time TBD)

### 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](mailto:info@interplay.org). For more information, contact CC King, [cking.interplay@gmail.com](mailto:cking.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 per 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](mailto:event@milmilagros.org). If you cannot attend the event, 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.

### 2015 Concord Area Crop Walk for the Hungry on October 25

Join us for the Crop Walk on Sunday, October 25, starting at First Parish. Registration is at 1:30 p.m., with music by the CCHS Pep Band; the step-off is at 2:15 p.m. This walk raises funds for the global disaster relief and development projects of Church World Service, and for ten local food pantries and suppers. Our minister, Howard Dana,

will walk; please consider walking with or sponsoring him. Go to [www.concordcrop.org](http://www.concordcrop.org) to sponsor him or another walker online, join the First Parish team, or get information. You may also sponsor Howard or pick up a form for yourself at coffee hour.

## Religious Education News

### This Week, September 27 – RE Classes

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 & 1st Grade – Lower Level

2nd Grade – Ripley Room

3rd Grade – Greeley Room

4th Grade – Brooks Room

5th Grade – Bulkeley Room

6th-7th Grades – Hugh Cargill Community Gardens

8th Grade – Parish Hall, 4:00 p.m.

9th Grade – Coming of Age, 4:30 p.m.

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

Coming of Age Retreat, Takodah, Friday, 10/2 – Saturday, 10/3

### Next Week, October 4 – RE Classes

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

*Kindergarten – 7th grade begin in the service. All RE classes are held until 11:15 a.m.*

Kindergarten & 1st Grade – Lower Level

2nd Grade – Ripley Room

3rd Grade – Greeley Room

4th Grade – Brooks Room

5th Grade – Bulkeley Room

6th-7th Grades – Emerson Room

8th Grade – Parish Hall, 4:00 p.m.

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

### Come Build a Life-Sized Game

Sunday, October 11

Led by Rev. Amy Freedman and Peter Bowden

On October 11, we're going to super-size our Sunday fun and build community among our 1st through 7th Graders! Working with Amy and Peter, we'll be making and playing a giant First Parish Concord board game. That's right—we're making a life size game, complete with giant dice, special game spaces, fun question cards, and more.

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Domestic Violence Services Help Line: 888-399-6111

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