

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

March 13, 2016

## This Week

Sun., Mar. 13	<b>Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.</b> <b>(Daylight Savings Time Spring Ahead One Hour)</b> 11:30 Worship Sharing Circle 11:30 Forum 11:30 Nominating Committee Meeting 6:00 Standing Committee Meeting 7:00 Seder Planning Meeting
Mon., Mar. 14	
Tue., Mar. 15	<b>April Meeting House News Deadline</b> 7:00 Amnesty International Meeting 7:00 Stewards Training 7:30 Environmental Leadership Team
Wed., Mar. 16	9:30 Buddhist Group 11:30 WPA Luncheon 4:30 Junior Choir 5:15 Chalice Choir 5:15 Gospel Singers 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Mar. 17	7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 By Your Side Singers
Fri., Mar. 18	9:00 Caring Connection Cooking 7:00 Jewish Awareness Affinity Group 7:30 Rise Up Singing
Sat., Mar. 19	10:00 Flower Arranging Workshop
Sun., Mar. 20	<b>Palm Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.</b> 11:30 Worship Sharing Circle 11:30 Forum 11:30 Waking Up White Group A 11:30 Kathleen McTigue Workshop

**Meeting House News deadline: This Tuesday, March 15.**  
**Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to**  
**Wendy Wolfberg at [wfwolfberg@comcast.net](mailto:wfwolfberg@comcast.net).**  
**Be aware that all items (including contact information)**  
**posted to the *Sunday News* or *Meeting House News*,**  
**or on First Parish-related email lists, may be published**  
**online at [www.firstparish.org](http://www.firstparish.org).**

## Parish Notes

### Pastoral Care

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life"  
The March Pastoral Care Lay Minister is Diane Clapp. Diane can be reached at 781-257-5025, or at [dianeclamclapp@gmail.com](mailto:dianeclamclapp@gmail.com).

### Worship Sharing Circle

Everyone is invited to gather in Rev. Howard Dana's study 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 end of service, and is open to everyone.

### Sunday Forums

*Today, March 13*—Rick Frese, parishioner and historian, on "Concordians and the Civil War." Host: Richard Vargas-Vila  
*Sunday, March 20*—Rev. Jim Sherblom, parishioner on "How I Became a 21st Century Transcendentalist." Host: Patrick Everett

### "Sow Everyday Miracles" by Becoming a Steward

You can grow your involvement in First Parish and help us "Sow Everyday Miracles" by becoming a Steward in our Annual Pledge Campaign. It's a great way to get to know others who share your

appreciation for First Parish while also providing an important service to our church—all with a minimal commitment of time. Kickoff and training session is *Tuesday, March 15, 7:00-8:30 p.m. at First Parish*. For more information, contact Tom Wilson at [twilson@wilsongroup.com](mailto:twilson@wilsongroup.com).

### WPA Luncheon and Video "Musings on Meeting Houses: First Parish in Concord" Wednesday, March 16, 11:30 a.m., Parish Hall

The Women's Parish Association (WPA) is pleased to host the premier of Doug Baker's 50-minute historical video entitled "Musings on Meeting Houses: First Parish in Concord." Socializing begins at 11:30 a.m., lunch at 12:00 p.m., followed by the premier. For premier only, please arrive before 12:30 p.m. Luncheon cost: \$10. Please contact the office at 978-369-9602 or Dian Pekin at [Pekindc@comcast.net](mailto:Pekindc@comcast.net) by March 13 to make luncheon reservations and to communicate food requirements.

### Come to Cook

The Caring Connection provides delicious meals for parishioners during times of transition. It is time to fill the freezer again. We are going to cook on Friday, March 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. If you are willing to help, please R.S.V.P. to Judy Dembsey at [dembsey@verizon.net](mailto:dembsey@verizon.net) or 978-263-3272. Email preferred.

### Jewish Awareness Affinity Group

**Friday, March 18, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., at First Parish**  
WWII was a turning point in Jewish history. The Jewish Awareness Affinity Group will view the PBS documentary "Fortress Berlin." Come view this gripping account of part of the war's end. All are welcome: Jews, non-Jews, friends of Jews, and those that just want a warm place to sit and be together. Contact Dana Snyder-Grant, [danasg@newview.org](mailto:danasg@newview.org) or 978-760-1129.

### First Parish 2016 Auction May Day—Celebrate Spring! Saturday, April 30, 6:00 p.m.

The First Parish Auction is coming on April 30! We need a wealth of donations from our multitalented parishioners to make it a success. Your donations are vital. Are you searching for ideas? Here are suggestions to get your creative juices flowing. Do you have tickets to the Red Sox, a concert, the Patriots, the ballet or the theater? Can you offer sports coaching, math tutoring, music lessons, a wardrobe consultation, or nutrition counseling? How about an insider's tour of a historic site or museum? A gift of spring cleaning, yard cleanup, house painting, or handyman services? Perhaps you can provide horseback riding lessons or can organize a kids' party. Would you like to host a dinner, party, or wine tasting? Bidders would also love a week at your Cape Cod or Nantucket home. You could also clean out your attic of new, unused luxury items like luggage, designer handbags, an iPad, or a camera. To donate, simply download the form at [www.firstparish.org/auction](http://www.firstparish.org/auction), visit us at coffee hour any Sunday, or contact Jeanne Williams at [courteje@bc.edu](mailto:courteje@bc.edu).

### Prayer Bead Workshop—Saturday, April 2

A Prayer Bead Workshop led by Sue Dobbie, Dana Snyder-Grant and Rev. Marion Visel will be held at First Parish on Saturday, April 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

If you are looking for a prayer practice that is authentic to you and your sense of the holy, this workshop may be for you. We'll learn about the four major forms of prayer shared by all major religions but will also offer a practical new form of prayer based on a modern use of prayer beads—a practice that you can make your own.

During the workshop you'll make your own prayer beads and learn a variety of meditation and prayer practices. Bring \$10.00, cash or check, to cover supplies you'll use in making your own prayer beads. Sign up with Sue Dobbie at [Susandobbie@gmail.com](mailto:Susandobbie@gmail.com) (978-501-6969) or in the front office. Workshop is limited to 15 so sign-up soon.

## Social Action Community

### What First Parish Social Action Tee Shirt Would You Like to Wear?

We can be more visible as a group on Crop Walk, the Boston Gay Pride Parade, the Mother's Day Walk for Peace, and other social action events. See the designs created by First Parishioners of all ages and vote for your preference today and next week in coffee hour. Get a colored circle sticker from the Tee Shirt table and stick it next to your favorite design. All ages can vote. Stick to the honor system, one vote per person.

### Amnesty International Group 15 Meeting Tuesday, March 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Our guest will be Amnesty/USA board member, documentary film producer, and peace and justice activist Terry Rockefeller, who will bring us up-to-date on the board's agenda and that of the international secretariat. Group 15 members are particularly interested in the reasoning behind Amnesty's advocacy for the decriminalization of sex workers. Our ongoing projects include work against solitary confinement, the death penalty, violence against women, and support of our two Azerbaijanian human rights advocates under house arrest. For information, contact Kathy Taylor ([Kly.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:Kly.taylor@gmail.com) or 781-275-0791).

### "Slavery by Another Name" Debrief Thursday, March 17, 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor

On February 28, the Race Conversations group hosted a screening of *Slavery by Another Name* with the Robbins House. The group felt that this screening covered the history of post-emancipation re-enslavement of black Americans, but felt a need to personally debrief the film. They will be hosting a debrief of this film on Thursday, March 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor. If you viewed the film on the 28th and would like to debrief, please join us. If you did not view the film, but you are interested in the topic, you can view the film for free online (<http://www.pbs.org/tpt/slavery-by-another-name/watch/>) before our discussion. R.S.V.P. to Bethany ([BLowe@firstparish.org](mailto:BLowe@firstparish.org), 978-369-9602, x450) if you plan to attend.

### Workshop with Rev. Kathleen McTigue Sunday, March 20, 11:30 a.m.

Rev. Kathleen McTigue, Director of the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice, who preached on January 24, will be returning to lead a social justice workshop. During the workshop, participants will explore ways that can help us say "yes" to the place where their gifts meet the world's need, and "no" to many other areas of need, in order to sustain our commitments and channel our best resources. Contact Bethany Russell-Lowe ([BLowe@firstparish.org](mailto:BLowe@firstparish.org) or 978-369-9602, x450) to sign up. This workshop is free and lunch will be provided for a minimal donation.

### Seeking SAC Board Members

The Social Action Community (SAC) board is seeking new members to join the board in September 2015. The SAC board is a body that facilitates social action activities and helps people interested in planning activities or starting groups understand how to best plan and publicize their activities. This is a new, exciting time for the Social Action Community, as the board is considering a few changes in how we do social action that could increase participation in and visibility of social action activities. If you want to learn more, talk to Bethany Russell-Lowe ([BLowe@firstparish.org](mailto:BLowe@firstparish.org), 978-369-9602, x450) or any member of the SAC board.

## Religious Education News

### This Week, March 13, RE Classes

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

*Children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 begin in the Sanctuary with their families. Following our Children's Message, the children leave the Sanctuary for their classes with their teachers. Parents of children 0-Grade 3 are asked to pick up their children in their classrooms listed below. 4th graders and older will be dismissed to coffee hour.*

10:15-11:15 a.m. – RE Classes

Spirit Play (Kindergarten - 1st Grade) – Lower Level

Little OWL (1st Grade) – Lower Level

2nd Grade – Greeley Room

3rd Grade – Emerson Room

4th and 5th Grade – Brooks Room

Neighboring Activists (6th Grade) – Loft

Neighboring Faiths (7th Grade) – 11:45 a.m.– meet at First Parish for 12:30 p.m. meeting at Islamic Center of Boston, in Wayland, returning to First Parish at 2:15 p.m.

8th Grade OWL – 4:00 p.m. – Emerson Room

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

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4th and 5th Grade – Chapel

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### Volunteers Wanted to Help with Little RE

Little RE / preschool teachers are needed on Sunday mornings from March through June. Adult volunteers work alongside our fabulous paid teen assistants and help care for our littlest First Parish congregants. This is a rewarding and easy way to make a difference in our community. Please contact Dawn Van Patten ([dvanpatten@firstparish.org](mailto:dvanpatten@firstparish.org)) for more information.

### First Parish Parent Circles

What does it mean to be a UU parent? How can we be spiritually resilient in the face of life's challenges? Rev. Amy Freedman will offer three sessions on Sundays following the service: April 3, April 10 and May 1, at 11:30 a.m. Child care will be provided. This will be a chance for parents to connect with one another in a meaningful way and reflect on parenting from a Unitarian Universalist perspective. Please register for all three sessions by emailing Amy: [afreedman@firstparish.org](mailto:afreedman@firstparish.org).

Rev. Howard Dana's email: [hdana@rstparish.org](mailto:hdana@rstparish.org)

Rev. Marion Visel's email: [mvisel@rstparish.org](mailto:mvisel@rstparish.org)

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