

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

March 27, 2016

This Week

Sun., Mar. 27	Easter Sunday Services at 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Mon., Mar. 28	6:00 Reverence for Life Supper and Movie 7:30 Women's Book Group
Tue., Mar. 29	9:30 Women's Book Group
Wed., Mar. 30	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 Junior Choir 5:15 Chalice Choir 5:15 Gospel Singers 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Mar. 31	7:30 Buddhist Group
Sat., Apr. 2	10:00 Prayer Bead Workshop 4:00 Ben Tull's Photography Reception
Sun., Apr. 3	Sunday Service 10:00 a.m. 11:30 Drop-In Small Group Ministry 11:30 SAC Listening Session 11:30 "Waking Up White" Book Group A 11:30 Sunday Forum 5:00 Oriana Consort Concert

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 dianebamclapp@gmail.com.

The April Pastoral Care Lay Minister is Dana Snyder-Grant. Dana can be reached at danasg@newview.org or 978-266-9409 or 978-760-1129 cell.

Sunday Forums

Easter Sunday, March 27—No Forum

Sunday, April 3—Jack Nevison on "How Walden Pond Works."

Last Chance to Donate to the Auction

Time is running out to send in your donation form! Don't delay. If you need an idea, popular items to consider are airline miles or tickets, rides to the airport; Patriots tickets; babysitting, tutoring, or wellness counseling; a spa or dining certificate; or perhaps hosting a summer party/barbecue for kids of all ages, or a beer and food pairing at your home. The Auction is Saturday, April 30. To donate and to learn more, visit www.firstparish.org/auction, see us at coffee hour, or contact Jeanne Williams at courteje@bc.edu. And if you're looking for a fun, easy way to help, join us for a paper-flower making party on Monday, April 11, at 7:00 p.m. in the Emerson Room.

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 the supplies you'll use in making your own prayer beads. Sign up with Sue Dobbie at Susandobbie@gmail.com or 978-501-6969 or in the front office. Workshop is limited to 15 so sign up soon.

Ben Tull's Photography and Live Music by (Your) Kids Saturday, April 2, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Ben Tull (15), son of Jim Tull and Anna Huckabee Tull, will be celebrating the hanging of his photographic work in the Parish Hall on Saturday, April 2, 4:00-6:00 p.m. This is a fully inclusive festive event for all ages, complete with homemade brownies, some background music of Ben's recent studio compositions, and an hour of live music performed by Ben's friends/youth from First Parish. If you're a kid and want to perform, please join in the fun! Contact AnnaHuckabeeTull@comcast.net for a place in the lineup.

Concert by Oriana Consort—Sunday, April 3, at 5:00 p.m.

Cambridge's Oriana Consort (orianaconsort.org) returns to First Parish on Sunday, April 3, at 5:00 p.m. Walter Chapin and Caroline Harvey will direct "Choral Reincarnations: Old Latin Lives Anew," in which the Mass, an antiphon, and a medieval poem reawaken in Ralph Vaughan Williams's *Mass in G Minor* and four choral works by Ola Gjeilo. These are preceded by earlier settings by Palestrina, Duruflé, Byrd and "Anonymous, 14th century." *Boston Musical Intelligencer's* review last December said, "The chorus sang with warmth and unity," mentioning "Oriana's . . . inviting sound" and "the audience's warm reception." A reception in the Parish Hall will follow.

First Tuesdays Meeting—Technology for Communicating: Getting More Out of Your Computer and Smart Phone Tuesday, April 5, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

E-mail is everywhere, but what are some of the other options? Bob Bratzler, who conducts programs in computer technology for the Concord Council on Aging, will discuss other ways to stay in touch using your computer and your smartphone. He will review Skype, FaceTime, 23 Snaps, and smartphone messaging. The presentation will include live demonstrations as well as references to other community opportunities to further your individual skills. Come with your charged-up laptop, cell phone and a healthy curiosity!

WPA Special Feminist Tour of Robbins House

The Women's Parish Association will host a tour of the Robbins House on Wednesday, April 13, at 11:00 a.m., which will include highlights of the life story of Harriet Jacobs, who wrote the first "slave narrative" by a woman, detailing her quest to emancipate herself and her children. After the tour, people will gather at First Parish for a discussion led by tour director Elon Cook. Bring a bag lunch. Desserts and drinks will be provided. Space is limited. Reservations are absolutely required. Contact the office at 978-369-9602 or Dian Pekin at Pekindc@comcast.net by April 6, or sign up at coffee hours today.

Douglas Baker Presents "Musings on Meeting Houses: First Parish in Concord"

Please join us in the Parish Hall on Friday, April 15, at 7:00 p.m. or Sunday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m. for showings of "Musings on Meeting Houses: First Parish in Concord," a video written and presented by Douglas Baker and made possible by donations from members of the congregation last year. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Sue Beck at sbeck345@comcast.net.

First Parish Cooperative Seder Saturday, April 16, 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

The Passover Seder is an ancient celebration of freedom. Our Minister of Religious Education, Rev. Amy Freedman, is leading our service this year. The Parish Hall becomes our family dining

room. At coffee hours starting Sunday, March 20, get tickets and sign up to help. Suggested donation for dinner: \$20 for adults. "free over 80 or under 6," and \$5 between 6 and 12. All profits go to First Parish. Whether you have a Jewish background or never attended a Seder before, you are welcome! Questions: fpseeder@googlegroups.com or Jim Snyder-Grant, 508-572-2985.

Social Action Community

Social Action Community Listening Sessions—Congregational Proposal Feedback

After a congregation-wide evaluation of our current social action last fall and a winter of analyzing that data, the Social Action Community board has drafted a proposal for how we will do social action going forward. This proposal includes a plan to prioritize our social action efforts; hire a new SAC staff person; fund social action; and communicate social action activities. Please come to a listening session on one of the following dates to help us firm up this proposal with your input: April 3 at 11:30 a.m., April 10 at 11:30 a.m., April 12 at 7:00 p.m., April 14 at 10:00 a.m.

SAC Candles During Climate Justice Month

From March 22 (World Water Day) through April 20 (Earth Day), the SAC Candle will be lit by members of our Environmental Leadership Team. If you would like to join the ELT and work on environmental action and climate justice at First Parish, contact Peter Lowitt (peterlowitt@devensec.com).

"Reverence for Life" Supper and Movie Screening Monday, March 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Please join us for supper (chili, homemade bread and dessert) and a screening of the movie "PlantPure Nation." Supper will begin at 6:00 p.m., the movie at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, March 28. Free (but donations welcome!). Hosted by Reverence for Life.

Conversation with Rev. Kathleen McTigue Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.—Emerson Room

Would you or your high schooler be interested in joining a UUCSJ experiential learning trip to Nicaragua or the Mexican border? Join Rev. Kathleen McTigue, Director of the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice, who preached on January 24, to discuss these two alternatives for our trip. The Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice (UUCSJ) offers trips for adults and/or youth to study social and environmental justice issues in Central and North America. The SAC Council is moving forward to sponsor a UUCSJ trip specifically for First Parish adults and/or youth to Nicaragua or the Mexican border in the fall of 2016, or in 2017. Contact Tony Rodriguez (trod.rodriguez@gmail.com or 617-877-9542) or Leslie Fisher (leslifisher@treitman.com) for additional information. This is an informational session only and does not require a commitment to join us on the trip.

Lunafest Film Screenings in the Parish Hall Saturday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.

Lunafest, a film festival of short films by, for and about women. Admission: \$10-15. Proceeds benefit the Breast Cancer Fund and a local nonprofit for women. This event is hosted by the Reproductive Justice Group. At this event, toiletries and feminine hygiene products will be collected for Rosie's Place in Boston. Contact Lora Venesy or Suzie Weaver for more information.

Hope Out Loud Concert—Sunday, April 10, 3:00 p.m.

At the UU Urban Ministry (15 Putnam Avenue, Boston) Sam Martinborough, director of MssngLnks in Boston, will be conducting the UU Urban Ministry's annual Hope Out Loud concert on April 10. Roxbury residents, Roxbury Community College singers, and members of UU congregations across the region will participate in this concert. For more information, contact [Rev. Rebecca Hinds](mailto:Rev.Rebecca.Hinds) (or call at 617-318-6010, x 214) or [Beth Norton](mailto:Beth.Norton) (978-369-9602, x420). Directions at www.uuum.org/directions.

Religious Education News

This Week, March 27, Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, First Parish is offering two services: 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Child care will be available for children up to 4 years old. Older children will worship with their families. There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on the church grounds between the two services.

8:50 a.m. – Little RE (0-4 years) – Lower Level
9:00 a.m. – Easter Service
10:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt, Church Grounds
10:50 a.m. – Little RE (0-4 years) – Lower Level
11:00 a.m. – Easter Service

Next Week, April 3, RE Classes

9:20 a.m. – Neighboring Faiths (7th Grade) – Meet at FP for trip to Union Baptist Church, Cambridge
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-6th graders 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 & 5th Grade – Brooks Room
Neighboring Activists (6th Grade) – Loft
8th Grade OWL – 4:00 p.m. – Emerson Room
Youth Group (9th -12th Grade) – Loft – 7:00 p.m.

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, our Minister of Religious Education, will offer three Parent Circles. 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.

Sundays, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in the Chapel:
April 3 – Nurturing Children's Spiritual Lives
April 10 – Beyond Pink and Blue
May 1 – Parenting in a Diverse World

Register for 1, 2 or 3 sessions: afreedman@firstparish.org Child care will be provided in the Emerson Room. For planning, please let us know names and ages of children requiring childcare.

Could You Volunteer One Sunday?

Little RE / preschool teachers are still needed on Sunday mornings from April 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 for more information.

Please Give Magazines and Calendars to RE!

Our Religious Education program would love magazines, catalogs and greeting cards to use in collages and other art projects. So, as you tackle your spring cleaning, please consider any colorful and family-friendly images that you could donate to our children and youth. Drop them off in the new RE Office (main floor near restrooms) Thanks!

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