

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

April 24, 2016

## This Week

Sun., Apr. 24	<b>Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.</b> 11:30 Sunday Forum 7:00 "Musings on Meeting Houses: First Parish in Concord"
Mon., Apr. 25	7:30 Women's Book Group
Tue., Apr. 26	9:30 Women's Book Group
Wed., Apr. 27	9:30 Buddhist Group 4:30 Junior Choir 5:15 Chalice Choir 5:15 Gospel Singers 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Apr. 28	7:30 Buddhist Group
Sat., Apr. 30	6:00 Auction
Sun., May 1	<b>Sunday Service, 10:00 a.m.</b> 11:30 Sunday Forum

**The Sunday News deadline is Wednesday at noon.**

Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to  
Cassy Bosworth at [cbosworth@firstparish.org](mailto:cbosworth@firstparish.org).

The Sunday News can be read online at [www.firstparish.org](http://www.firstparish.org).

## Parish Notes

### Pastoral Care

"Being There for Each Other through the Changes in Life"

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

### Sunday Forums

April 24—*Parishioners Gib Metcalf and Fred Van Deusen*, "First Parish Finances." Gib and Fred will present information from the First Parish benchmark study to see how our finances compare to those of other churches. They will highlight major findings and answer questions about the study. Host: Woody Vandever

### The Auction Is Almost Here! Online Bidding Has Started!

Last chance to buy tickets! The Auction is this Saturday, April 30 at 6:00. \$40/person. Adults only. Tickets are available at coffee hour or in the church office. Bidding has started for the nearly 100 items offered only online! Exciting items include trips, home-cooked goodies, gardening and handyman services, art, classes, parties. . . You won't believe the outstanding items our First Parish community has donated! **The online auction ends Thursday, April 28 at 10:00 p.m.** While online, take a peek at the incredible items that will be auctioned off at the live event. Note: most donors request that only members of the FP community bid on their item, but feel free to share the website with close friends and family who would like to join you in bidding on a vacation home, workshop, or other unique experience! Go to [www.biddingforgood.com/fpconcord/mayday](http://www.biddingforgood.com/fpconcord/mayday) today!

### It's Not Too Late to Pledge!

The baseball season is just beginning, but here at First Parish, we are in our own homestretch! Our Annual Pledge Campaign ends on Sunday, May 8. While we are grateful for the generosity of

those who have already pledged, we still have far to go. It's easy to pledge! Just click the "Pledge Now" button at [www.firstparish.org](http://www.firstparish.org), or call 978-369-9602. Thank you for your support of First Parish.

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

**Tonight, Sunday, April 24, at 7:00 p.m.**

Please join us in the Parish Hall this evening 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](mailto:sbeck345@comcast.net).

### Ferry Beach Registration—Open until May 1

The annual First Parish Retreat will be held Memorial Day weekend, May 27-30, at the UU Ferry Beach Camp and Conference Center in Saco, Maine. Join First Parish families, couples and singles of all ages for a relaxed weekend of fellowship at the beach! Please see the Ferry Beach table at coffee hour today for more information or to register. Registration is open until May 1 at coffee hours or in the church office (late registrations accepted only on a space available basis). Forms are also available in the church office and online at [www.firstparish.org/forms](http://www.firstparish.org/forms). Questions? Please contact Darien Smith ([darien@firstparish.com](mailto:darien@firstparish.com) or 978-369-1471).

### First Tuesdays Meeting—May 3, 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.

**Adapting to Change While Continuing to Do What You Love**  
Some changes in life are both hard to avoid and hard to accommodate.

What changes in your life are challenging you?

What adjustments do you need to make?

What's keeping you from responding?

What actions can you take right now?

This session will feature facilitated small groups of six to eight people to enhance participation and learning. Come explore others' challenges and find some solutions to your own.

### Jazz Pianist Lazlo Gardony—Saturday, May 14, 7:00 p.m.

The Partner Congregation Committee will present a benefit concert by acclaimed jazz pianist Laszlo Gardony on Saturday, May 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Born in Hungary, he has toured extensively, performed with many leading musical artists and groups, and teaches at Berklee College of Music. The proceeds of this concert will help us to bring Rev. Csaba Todor (the new minister of our partner congregation in Székelykeresztúr, Transylvania) and other members of their congregation to visit us in Concord this fall. There will be a reception in the Parish Hall afterward. Suggested minimum donation is \$25, and tickets can be purchased at coffee hour on Sundays and in the office during the week.

## Social Action Community

**"Concord Steps Up to the Climate Crisis: Town, School and Faith Perspectives"—Friday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.**

All are invited to a panel and community discussion on Friday evening April 29, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at West Concord Union Church. Panelists include Alice Kaufman of the Select Board, Environmental Studies teacher Peter Nichol, senior Lorin DeMuth of CCHS, and Fr. Austin Fleming of Holy Parish, among others. The event is organized by *The Climate Solutions Speaker Series* and cosponsored by First Parish. A reception will follow the program.

**Carl Williams, ACLU Attorney, to Speak at Sunday Forum  
May 1, at 11:30 a.m. in the Sanctuary**

“Are we beginning a new civil rights movement? Black Lives Matter:” Join the Conversation. Today millions are rising up to denounce racism and what many feel is an institutionalized system of white supremacy. Carl Williams, an ACLU attorney, will describe how we have arrived at the current movement in the struggle for racial justice, the Ferguson Rebellion, the #BlackLivesMatter movement, and efforts at police reform. He will also discuss some of the cases that the ACLU is working on to further the struggles for racial justice, and share ways to support black and brown people in their pursuit of racial justice. Join us!

**Jericho Road Roxbury Meet and Greet—Monday, May 2, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the UU Urban Ministry (40 Putnam Ave, Roxbury)**

Do you have a special professional skill you would like to share with a nonprofit? Or perhaps you are a nonprofit that could use some pro bono professional-level help? Come join the UU Urban Ministry for an interactive event to learn more and celebrate the ongoing work of Jericho Road Roxbury! The UU Urban Ministry’s Jericho Road Roxbury program matches the skills of volunteers with the needs of Roxbury-serving nonprofits. All are welcome to this event!—including potential new volunteers interested in donating their professional skills to Roxbury nonprofits, and anybody else curious about Jericho Road Roxbury. For more information, contact Community Engagement Coordinator Aziza Robinson-Goodnight ([argoodnight@uumu.org](mailto:argoodnight@uumu.org), 617-318-6010, x201).

**Chili Dinner and Screening of *Cowspiracy*  
Monday, May 2, at 6:00 p.m.**

Please join us for supper (chili, homemade bread and dessert) and the screening of the movie *Cowspiracy*. Supper will begin at 6 p.m., and the movie starts at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, May 2. Free (but donations welcome). Hosted by Reverence for Life.

**Mother’s Day Walk for Peace, 20th Anniversary  
Sunday Morning, May 8**

Come walk with the thousands from Boston and with parishioners from many UU congregations. The Peace Walk is the major fundraiser that supports the vital work of the Louis D Brown Peace Institute. You can visit the Peace Walk table during coffee hour today to make a donation and/or sign up to participate in the Peace Walk. If you have questions, please talk with Bethany Russell-Lowe or contact Margie King Saphier at [mksaphier@comcast.net](mailto:mksaphier@comcast.net) or 781-424-2179.

**Religious Education News**

**This Week, April 24, RE Workshop (K-6)**

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 the Chapel with their teachers.*

*Parents of children 0-Grade 3 are asked to pick up their children on the Lower level and in Emerson Room. 4th-6th graders will be dismissed to coffee hour.*

10:15-11:15 a.m. – RE Workshop – “*Making Positive Difference*,” (K-6) – Emerson Room

EARTH DAY with C.C. King and Dawn Van Patten

**Next Week, May 1, May Day Celebration (K-4)**

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 the Chapel with their teachers.*

*Parents of children 0-Grade 3 are asked to pick up their children on the Lower level and in Emerson Room classrooms listed below.*

10:15-11:15 a.m. – May Day Celebration (K-4) – Outdoors weather permitting. Join us for a celebration of Spring! Kindergarten- 4th graders participate in a traditional May Pole Dance, make flower wreaths and festive May baskets. 5th graders and up are encouraged to attend the Youth Service in the Sanctuary.

**Youth Program Café**

**Sunday, May 1, 8:45 – 9:45 a.m.**

This gathering will be held before the service during our usual First Parish Café. This will be a time to review and plan youth programming with Rev. Amy Freedman, our Minister of Religious Education, and Rev. Howard Dana. There will be coffee, tea, muffins and sweet treats! As youth and parents of teens who have participated in youth programming, your voice is very important to this discussion. Please plan to attend if you can. Questions? Contact Amy: [afreedman@firstparish.org](mailto:afreedman@firstparish.org).

**Parenting in a Diverse World**

**Sunday, May 1, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Chapel**

Rev. Amy Freedman, our Minister of Religious Education is offering a series of Parent Circles. This is a chance for parents to connect with one another in a meaningful way and reflect on parenting from a Unitarian Universalist perspective. How do we talk about race and racism with our children? When we encounter people who are different, how can we foster understanding? *\*Please register: [afreedman@firstparish.org](mailto:afreedman@firstparish.org)* Child care will be provided in the Emerson Room. For planning, please let us know names and ages of children using child care.

**RE-FRESH Friday Feast**

**May 20, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., Parish Hall**

All First Parish families and RE supporters are invited to a special event! The RE Council is hosting a celebration that will include dinner, child care and World Café-style conversations to help shape our 2016-2017 Religious Education program. We want to build on the offerings you love most and speak to the needs of our children, youth, parents and RE volunteers. What do you want your child(ren) to experience at First Parish? What do you want to experience with your family? How can we make our RE program more fun, engaging and meaningful? *Please save the date!* You will soon receive an Evite.

**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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Call . . .

Domestic Violence Services Help Line: 888-399-6111

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