

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

September 25, 2016

This Week

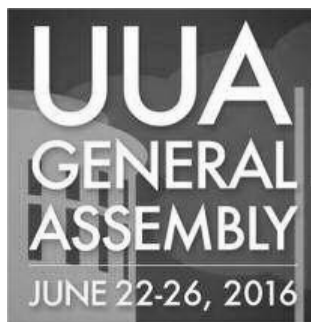
Sun., Sept. 25	9:00 Chalice Choir 9:00 Gospel Choir Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:30 Junior Choir 11:30 Sunday Forum in the Sanctuary 12:15 Contemporary Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal
Mon., Sept. 26	5:00 "Grub's Place" Informational Meeting 7:30 Americans for Economic Fairness Meeting 7:30 Women's Book Group
Tues., Sept. 27	8:00 Finance Committee Meeting 9:30 Women's Book Group 6:30 Tai Chi
Wed., Sept. 28	9:30 Buddhist Group 5:45 The Conchords' Rehearsal 7:45 Adult Choir
Thur., Sept. 29	7:00 Partner Church Committee 7:30 Buddhist Group
Sat., Oct. 1	9:30 Small Group Ministry Facilitator Training
Sun., Oct. 2	9:00 Chalice Choir 9:00 Gospel Choir Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:15 Sunday Morning Discussion Circle 11:30 Junior Choir 11:30 Sunday Forum in the Sanctuary 12:15 Contemporary Vocal Ensemble

The Sunday News deadline is Wednesdays at noon.

Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to Sarah Burns at sburns@firstparish.org.

Sunday Forums

Today, September 25—"Report from GA"—A panel of our First Parish delegates to last June's UUA General Assembly (GA) will speak about their experiences. GA is the annual meeting of the UU Association where UU's from across the country worship, witness, learn, connect, make policy for the UUA through the democratic process, and have fun throughout too! Hear your fellow parishioners share their enthusiasm, impressions, highlights from workshops, and what social justice initiatives and other important issues were discussed and decided. Learn about the upcoming election of our next president of the UUA and how our congregation can participate in the denomination both locally and on a wider scale. Come find out what GA is all about – next year's gathering is in New Orleans!



Traces of the Trade

Thursday, September 29, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Concord Museum, 53 Cambridge Turnpike, Concord, Mass.

In the Emmy-nominated documentary *Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep North*, follow filmmaker Katrina Browne on a remarkable journey to face her family's legacy of New England's slave trade and confront the difficult question of what to do now. The screening will be followed by a dialogue facilitated by Katrina

Browne and Elon Cook, Humanities Consultant at the Robbins House. This program is presented in partnership with the Concord Museum, The Robbins House, and First Parish. Free; \$10 suggested donation. Reserve a space online or call 978-369-9763, x216.

Women's A.M./P.M. Book Group

The Women's A.M./P.M. Book Group begins the year with the novel *My Brilliant Friend*, by Elena Ferrante (Ann Goldstein, Translator). The evening discussion will be Monday, September 26, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.; and the morning on Tuesday, September 27, 9:30 to 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 a discussion—there's no need to sign up. If you would like to be added to the Women's Book Group email list, please contact Darien Smith at darien@smithquest.com.

Student Scholarship Program

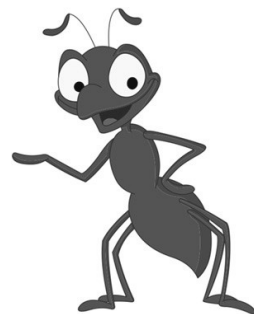
One of the essential elements of our partner relationship is our support of the scholarship program for deserving students at the Berde Mózes Unitarian High School in Székelykeresztúr. Once again it is time to start thinking about donations for the coming school year. The school started on Monday, and we are looking for Scholarship Donors for incoming freshmen. Please visit the Partnership Table at coffee hour, or contact Rodger Mattlage at rmattlage@mac.com.

Contemporary Vocal Ensemble Rehearsals Begin Today Sunday, September 25, 12:15-1:00 p.m., in the Chapel

This might be the ensemble for you if you love gospel, jazz, and folk-rock. Perhaps you long to share of your voice in a music ministry here at First Parish but feel unable to make a weekly commitment to the First Parish Choir. CVE singers commit by the service. We have three to four rehearsals prior to singing at a service. We'll begin preparation for the October 23rd service this Sunday. For more information, contact Gail Carey at gcarey@firstparish.org.

"Grub's Place" Musical Informational Meeting September 25 and October 16, 5:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall

This is not an audition. We need lots more people to participate—both on stage and behind the scenes. This is an event for singles, kids, and the whole family. Lots of ages are still needed to play Ants. If you are interested in participating in any capacity, please come to either meeting. If you can't make either of those times and would still like to be involved, please call or email Francene at francene99@gmail.com or 978-505-0422 (cell).



Social Action

FP Spanish Affinity Group

Atención a todos que quieren gozar de compañerismo y conversación en Español:

Heads up to all who'd like to enjoy company and conversation in Spanish:

La primera reunión del grupo de aficionados al mundo hispano tendrá lugar el Jueves 29 de Septiembre, a las 7:00 p.m. en la casa de Laurie VanLoon, 95 Martha's Point Road, Concord MA 01742.

The first meeting of First Parish's Spanish-speakers' affinity group will be on Thursday, September 29, at 7:00 p.m. at Laurie VanLoon's house, 95 Martha's Point Road, Concord MA 01742.

Favor de traer algo de comer y/o beber para compartir.

Please bring food and/or a beverage to share.

Para más información, manda un correo electrónico a Laurie lvloon@comcast.net e invita a tus amigos hispano-parlantes!

For more information, email Laurie at lvloon@comcast.net or call 978-369-8528, and invite your Spanish-speaking friends!

Get Your Tickets for Holly Near



Renowned folk singer and social activist Holly Near and her backup band will perform a concert at First Parish on Sunday, October 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are \$25 and are available at <http://firstparish.org/hollynear> or in the office during the week. This is sponsored by the Diversity Committee.

Religious Education News

Welcome, New Families!

We are so glad you are here! First Parish in Concord is a vibrant community of all ages. Following the service, please join Amy, our Minister of Religious Education, on the stage of the Parish Hall. She will be there to meet you in person and answer any questions you may have about our RE program or community. There are muffins available on the stage, especially for families. Come make connections with other families, too!

This Week, September 25 –RE Program

9:50 a.m. Little RE (0–4yrs) – Lower Level
10:00 a.m.. Worship Service
UU Explorers, Grade 8 – Chapel

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.

10:15-11:15 a.m. Kindergarten and Grade 1 – Lower Level
Grades 2 and 3 – Ripley Room and Greeley Room
Grade 4 – Brooks Room
Grade 5– Bulkeley Room
Neighboring Activists, Grades 6 and 7 – Emerson Room
4:00-6:00 p.m. Coming of Age Orientation, Grade 9 – Emerson Room
6:00-9:00 p.m. SNUUYFF, Grades 9–12 – Emerson Room

Coming of Age Orientation

Sunday, September 25, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

This will be an opening celebration and an opportunity for 9th graders and their parents to learn the goals and expectations of our COA program. Please bring your favorite potluck appetizer or dessert to share! During this gathering, Rev. Amy Freedman will introduce our new Youth Program Director, Christa Champion and our Coming of Age mentors. *COA youth are encouraged to stay after COA Orientation for at least part of the SNUUYFF activities.

Sunday Night Youth Group Meetings Begin Tonight!

The "working title" that the FPC youth have come up with for our Sunday night meetings is "Sunday Night Unitarian Universalist Youth Fun & Fellowship," which can be shortened with the acronym "SNUUYFF," best pronounced with enthusiasm as "SNUUYFF!" These meetings will generally start with a potluck dinner, move on to youth-led activities that build community, and include planning time for future programming. SNUUYFF runs from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., and will happen once or twice a month. Look for upcoming dates in the RE Announce emails, or youth can email Youth Programs Director Christa Champion, cchampion@firstparish.org, to get added to the "Remind" list. Sunday morning Youth Discussion Circle resumes next Sunday, October 2, 11:15 to 12:30 in the Loft.



**Next Meeting House News deadline:
Tuesday, October 18.**

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