

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

October 2, 2016

This Week

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
Tues., Oct. 4	9:30 WPA Board Meeting 1:30 First Tuesday Group 3:00 First Tuesday Steering Group Meeting 6:30 Tai Chi 7:30 Re Council Meeting
Wed., Oct. 5	9:30 Buddhist Group 9:30 Catnip Ball Workshop 5:45 The Conchords Rehearsal 6:00 Arts Council Meeting 7:00 Conchord Area Humanists 7:45 Adult Choir
Thur., Oct. 6	7:30 By Your Side Singers 7:30 Forum Committee Meeting 7:30 Buddhist Group
Sat., Oct. 8	9:00 Photo Club
Sun., Oct. 9	9:00 Chalice Choir 9:00 Gospel Choir 10:15 RE Workshop Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m. 11:30 Junior Choir 11:30 Sunday Forum in the Sanctuary 12:15 Contemporary Vocal Ensemble 12:15 The Conchords Planning Meeting 7:30 Holly Near Concert

The Sunday News deadline is Wednesday at noon.

Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to

Sarah Burns at sburns@firstparish.org.

The Sunday News can be read online at www.firstparish.org.

Sunday Forums

Today, October 2—"Musings on the Meeting House." Please join us for a showing of *Musings on Meeting Houses: First Parish in Concord*, a video written and narrated by Douglas Baker, and made possible by donations from members of the congregation last year. Produced and presented by Sue Beck, this engaging video gives a general history of the five meeting houses that have served First Parish since 1635. It also recounts many of the traditions, beliefs, and legends associated with the congregations who gathered in them over the past 380 years.

Catnip Balls Workshops

October 5, 9:30 a.m. to Noon

Do you want to help make many cats happy and make items for one of the most popular fundraisers in the history of First parish? Come to one or more of the workshops to assemble catnip balls for our upcoming Holiday Artisans Fair. You don't need to know how to knit for these events. All materials will be provided. Lots of fun guaranteed!



Transylvania Student Scholarship Program

One of the essential elements of our partner relationship is our scholarship program for deserving students at the Berde Mózes Unitarian high school in Székelykeresztúr. Once again we are collecting scholarship donations for the coming school year. Classes have started and we are looking for a few more Scholarship Donors for incoming freshmen. Please visit the Partnership Table at coffee hour, or contact Rodger Mattlage at rmattlage@mac.com.

WPA Luncheon Program

Wednesday, October 19, Social Time at 11:30

And Luncheon Program at Noon

Have you tried to make sense of or predict the outcome of this year's very unusual Presidential Election Campaign? To help you with such tasks, the Women's Parish Association is pleased to bring you Prof. Rick Frese at a luncheon program where he will help attendees determine critical factors of the election and learn of tools to determine its outcome. Cost: \$12. For reservations, contact the office, sign up at coffee hour or contact Dian Pekin at pekindc@gmail.com by October 16.

Drop-In Small Group Ministry Series with Jan Hutslar, Ministerial Intern

Small Groups That Nourish and Connect

Jan Hutslar will facilitate a series of Drop-in Small Group Ministry sessions: Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon; October 19, October 26, November 9, and November 16 in the Brooks Room. Come and explore a topic of meaning as we hear one another's stories and experiences, and get to know a few others better. No need to sign up; just show up! Attend as many or as few of these four sessions as you wish.

Small Group Ministry Steering Committee

Sally Brandon Bemis, Merrill Comeau, Francie Nolde,

Marian Stanley, Rev. Marion Visel

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Worship Sharing Circle

After the service, whenever you can get there, gather in Rev. Dana's study or on the Keresztúr Terrace, weather permitting, to take turns sharing what stood out for you about the service. This simple event is led by parishioners, and always ends by 11:30.

Reverence for Life Vegan Potluck

Tuesday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m.

At the Home of Alec Walker and Caitlin Selle

Come chat with friends and share an extraordinary meal. Bring your favorite dish and a link to the recipe, if you wish. Not vegan? Come anyway and share in the fun! No need to RSVP.

The First Tuesday Group (65+)

Tuesday, October 4, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Moving Spiritually as We Age

These reflections on aging with Dana Snyder-Grant are inspired by Rev. Bruce Marshall's workshop at General Assembly 2016. Dana integrates learning from his talk with her years as a psychotherapist. How has aging allowed you to redefine who you are? What are you letting go of, and what are you holding on to (for better or worse)? What matters resonate with the deepest sense of who you are? Come listen, reflect, question, and share with the First Tuesday Group. Contact Virginia Taylor at virginiarosstaylor@verizon.net for more information.

Social Action



Visit the SAC Table at Coffee Hour

There's a lot going on in social action at First Parish! Come to coffee hour to pick up an October schedule and talk with members of the SAC Board about our progress toward filling the social action position.

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.



Amnesty International, Group 15

Tuesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Greeley Room

We'll be wrapping up final details for our community at our next meeting concerning an evening with Shujaa Graham, exonerated death-row inmate and criminal justice activist. In addition to death-penalty abolition, our other ongoing concerns include Massachusetts prison reform, violence against women, and global human rights. All are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Kathy Taylor, 781-275-0791 or Kly.taylor@gmail.com.

Americans for Economic Fairness

Premieres October 7, 10:00 p.m.

Recommended PBS Documentary

We encourage everyone to watch the upcoming PBS documentary *Dream On with Jeff Fugelsang*, which investigates the perilous state of the American Dream after decades of rising income inequality and declining economic mobility. In an epic road trip, political comedian John Fugelsang retraces the journey of Alexis de Tocqueville, whose study of our young country in 1831 came to define America as a place where anyone of any background could climb the ladder of economic opportunity. Follow our group on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/EconomicFairness> or email fredvandeu@gmail.com for more information.

Concord CROP Walk

Sunday, October 23, 1:30 p.m. Registration and Music by CCHS Pep Band, 2:15 p.m. Step-Off Starting at First Parish

Join us for the 36th Annual Concord CROP Walk for the Hungry. Funds raised go to support ten local food pantries and suppers; and the global disaster relief, refugee assistance, and development projects of Church World Service. Rev. Dana will be walking with the First Parish team. Please plan to sponsor him or walk with our team. You may register to walk or make a donation sponsoring a walker through the CROP website at www.concordcrop.org. Contact Sara Ballard at sara@sb.org with any questions or to volunteer to help.

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, October 2—RE Program

9:50 a.m.	Little RE (0-4yrs) – Lower Level
10:00 a.m.	Worship Service

UU Explorers, Grade 8– Walk the Emerson-Thoreau Amble 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 11:15am. 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 a.m.-11:15 a.m.	Kindergarten & Grade 1– Lower Level Grades 2 & 3– Ripley & Greeley Room Grade 4– Brooks Room Grade 5– Bulkeley Room Neighboring Activists, Grades 6 & 7, in the Emerson Room
11:15 a.m.- 12:30 p.m.	Youth Discussion Circle, Grades 9-12, in the Loft

Upcoming Youth Events

Our Sunday morning Youth Discussion Circle happens after the service today, 11:15 to 12:30 in the Loft. 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 to 9 p.m., and will happen once or twice a month. Look for upcoming dates in the RE Announce emails, or youth can email Christa Champion, our Youth Programs Director at champion@firstparish.org to be added to the "Remind" list.

Next Week, October 9—RE Workshop

Columbus Day Weekend Multiage Program—Emerson Room Following the Children's Message, children in Kindergarten through Grade 8 will be invited to the Emerson Room for a morning of fun and community building. Singer, songwriter, and composer, Anna Huckabee Tull, will join us to share her music and stories. Little RE will also be available on the Lower Level for children who are ages 4 years and younger.

Next Meeting House News deadline:

Tuesday, October 18.
Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to Wendy Wolfberg at wolfberg@post.harvard.edu.



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