

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

October 9, 2016

This Week

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

Mon., Oct. 10

7:30 Holly Near Concert
Offices Closed for Columbus Day

Tues., Oct. 11

2:00 Shawl Ministry
4:00 SAC Board Meeting

Wed., Oct. 12

9:30 Buddhist Group
5:45 The Conchords Rehearsal
7:45 Adult Choir

Thur., Oct. 13

7:00 "Defying the Nazis"

Fri., Oct. 14

7:30 Buddhist Group
7:00 Jhamtse Fundraising Event

Sun., Oct. 16

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
11:30 Nominating Committee
11:30 Mother/Daughter Book Group
12:15 Contemporary Vocal Ensemble
12:15 The Conchords Planning Meeting
4:00 UU Mass. Action Black Lives Matter
5:00 Grub's Place Parish Meeting
6:00 Standing Committee Meeting

Sunday Forums

Today, October 9—"Our Beautiful Church Home" Second in our Shedding Light on Our History series, this Sunday's Forum will cover particular aspects of the architecture of First Parish and its campus. Peter Nobile will review the historic context and meaning behind some of the architectural details on our front porch and around the pulpit; Pat Brinkman will tell some stories about the Wright Tavern and the cottages – Coan, White and Thayer; and Richard Keleher will give us a fascinating virtual tour of the steeple and bell tower.

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 this school year. Classes have started, and we are looking for a few more Scholarship Donors for incoming freshmen whose letters and photos will be available at the Partnership table at coffee hour; or contact Rodger Mattlage at rmattlage@mac.com.

Holiday Artisans Fair—November 5

Don't forget to come to our annual Holiday Artisans Fair! Over 40 outstanding artists and artisans will be selling their latest handmade items. Our WPA Boutique at the fair is looking for donations of handmade items, as well as high-quality, like-new, special regifting general items, as well as jewelry and nice accessories. Please contact Marilyn Lowitt at marilyn.lowitt@verizon.net or 978-793-0267 with questions or to arrange for collection of your donations.

WPA Luncheon Program

Wednesday, October 19

Social Time at 11:30 a.m.; 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 pekincd@gmail.com by October 16.

Save the Date: The Moms' Night Out (MNO) Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange

Friday, December 9, 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

The holidays will be here before you know it! Bake a batch (or two, or three, or four) and come swap cookies and recipes with fellow members of the First Parish community. Celebrate the season, bring a snack or drink to share, and take home some delicious treats. Held in the First Parish Parlor. RSVP to Leah Russell, leahkrussell@gmail.com, 978-266-1216, or Jean Chandler, jeanjeanc2@aol.com. Stay tuned for more details and mark the date on your calendar!



First Parish Moms' Night Out Wine Tasting

Friday, November 4, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

First Parish Moms' Night Out: Come share company and a favorite bottle of wine (or other beverage) with us. We will meet in one of our member's homes; spouses/significant others are invited! For more information and to RSVP, please contact Anne at annee5678@yahoo.com. To join the MNO Listserv, send an email to valvallancourt@gmail.com.



Wright Tavern Open House

Saturday, October 15, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Under the new partnership of First Parish in Concord with the Concord Museum, an open house will be held at the Wright Tavern on Saturday. The Wright Tavern is a treasured National Historic Landmark owned by First Parish. A panel discussion will be held at 2:00 p.m. featuring Museum Curator David Wood, Concord historian Jayne Gordon, and Mel Bernstein, Chair of the American Revolution Round Table of the Minute Man National Historical Park. The open house is to celebrate the historic agreement entered in on June 8, 2016, by First Parish and the Concord Museum.

Defying the Nazis: The Sharp's War

Thursday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Emerson Room

This new film directed by Ken Burns and Artemis Joukowsky tells the story of Waitstill and Martha Sharp, a Unitarian minister and his wife from Wellesley, Massachusetts, who left their children behind in the care of their parish and boldly committed to a life-threatening mission in Europe. Over two dangerous years they helped save scores of imperiled dissidents and refugees fleeing the Nazi occupation across Europe.

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.



Social Action

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.

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.

Water in Plain Sight: Hope For A Thirsty World

Friday, October 14, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Harvey Wheeler Community Center, 1276 Main Street, Concord

Author Judith Schwartz will speak in Concord on her new book, "Water in Plain Sight," which explores how restoring the water cycle can help mitigate climate change. The water cycle impacts biodiversity, food security, peace, and war. Examination of how water moves across the land and through the air reveals opportunities to address many of our challenges. Space Limited; contact biocanconcordarea@gmail.com to RSVP.



The Meeting House Series: A New Framework for Dialogue

Saturday, October 15, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Old Manse, adjacent to The North Bridge

New England Town Hall Meeting

Sunday, October 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

First Parish Sanctuary

These two events are the last of a series by the Trustees of Reservations, promoting learning, dialogue, and healing regarding the legacy of slavery, segregation, and racism via an exploration of history and the arts. Saturday's event, at Sam Durant's installation on the lawn at the Old Manse, will explore how utilizing shared experiences can help develop a framework for engaging in productive discussions about race. Sunday's event at First Parish, in the spirit and traditional venue of a New England town meeting, will provide an opportunity for dialogue on issues of race that we face today. Sunday's event is hosted by our Race Conversations Group; for more information, contact Margie King Saphier at margie.king.saphier@gmail.com or CC King at ccking.interplay@gmail.com.

Religious Education News

This Week, October 9—Multiage RE Program

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15-11:15 a.m. Multiage RE 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 Week, October 16—RE Program

UU Explorers (Grade 8) visit Arlington Street Church, Boston, Massachusetts

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:15-11:15 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

4:00-6:00 p.m. Coming of Age (Grade 9)

Concord Area CROP Walk—All Ages, Join the First Parish Team!

On Sunday, October 23, gathering at 1:30 p.m. with step-off at 2:15 p.m., this is a fun way for families to make a difference together! Please consider joining the First Parish team to walk and raise funds to make sure that people are fed locally and around the world. Funds raised by the Concord area CROP Walk go to Church World Service (CWS) for worldwide emergency relief. In addition, one quarter of funds raised provide contributions to the ten local supper/food pantry programs that we support. For more information or to register, check out Concord Crop Walk.

WANTED: Wooden Chairs

Do you have a wooden chair that you no longer need? We are renovating the RE Office to include a friendly meeting space. The RE staff is looking for 3 chairs (do not need to match) for us to create a fun and comfortable gathering area in our office. If you have a chair that you would be willing to donate (and let us paint), please talk to Amy or email a photo: afreedman@firstparish.org.



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.

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