

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

October 16, 2016

## This Week

Sun., Oct. 16	9:00 Chalice Choir 9:00 Gospel Choir <b>Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.</b> 11:30 Junior Choir 11:30 Sunday Forum in the Sanctuary 11:30 Mother/Daughter Book Group 11:30 Nominating Committee Meeting 12:15 Contemporary Vocal Ensemble 4:00 UUMass Action Black Lives Matter 6:00 Standing Committee Meeting
Tues., Oct. 18	<b>12:00 Newsletter Deadline</b> 6:30 Tai Chi 7:00 Amnesty International Meeting 7:30 Diversity Committee Meeting
Wed., Oct. 19	9:30 Buddhist Group 10:00 Drop-In Small Group Ministry 11:30 WPA Luncheon Program 5:45 The Conchords Rehearsal 7:45 Adult Choir
Thur., Oct. 20	7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 By Your Side Singers
Fri., Oct 21	7:00 Jewish Awareness Affinity Group
Sat., Oct 22	8:30 Preservation Meets Performance 11:00 Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza 5:00 Mother/Daughter Book Group Retreat
Sun., Oct. 23	9:00 Chalice Choir 9:00 Gospel Choir <b>Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.</b> 11:30 Junior Choir 11:30 Sunday Forum in the Sanctuary 1:30 CROP Walk

**Next Meeting House News deadline:**

**This Tuesday, October 18**

**Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to Wendy Wolfberg at [wolfberg@post.harvard.edu](mailto:wolfberg@post.harvard.edu).**

## Sunday Forums

Today, October 16—“Chalices, Flowers, and Banners.” The pulpit holds important elements in our worship. David Ropeik will explore ceramics and creation, from clay to final firing. Ellen Whitney will cover the art of flower arranging—the seasonal beauty that enhances our worship. And finally, Judy Dembsey will discuss banners for special occasions.

## 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. *Many thanks to all those who have signed up to support the incoming freshmen and all who have sent in their donations.* Scholarship committee members will be at the Partnership Table at coffee hour to receive the last few donations and answer questions. Or, contact Rodger Mattlage at [rmattlage@mac.com](mailto:rmattlage@mac.com).

## Holiday Artisans Fair—November 5

Our annual Holiday Artisans Fair is coming up fast! 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](mailto:marilyn.lowitt@verizon.net) or 978-793-0267 for questions and to arrange for collection of your donations.

## The Denominational Affairs Committee

The meeting scheduled for Monday, October 17, has been cancelled.

## “Grub’s Place” Meeting Change

The meeting scheduled for this Sunday, October 16, has been changed to Sunday, November 20. The time will be during RE and coffee hour. Come meet us on the 20th to learn more about joining the cast, chorus, or crew! For questions, please contact our director, Francene Amari-Faulkner, at [Francene99@gmail.com](mailto:Francene99@gmail.com).

## 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 [pekindc@gmail.com](mailto:pekindc@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](mailto:leahkrussell@gmail.com), 978-266-1216, or Jean Chandler, [jeanjeanc2@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:annee5678@yahoo.com). To join the MNO Listserv, send an email to [valvallancourt@gmail.com](mailto:valvallancourt@gmail.com).

## 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.

Contact Rev. Marion Visel at [mvisel@firstparish.org](mailto:mvisel@firstparish.org) or 203-931-5239

## Finding Common Ground Between Preservation and Performance Saturday, October 22, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Emerson Room

Buildings in historic districts are subject to various regulations that often conflict with sustainability aspirations. Is the debate between preservation and performance inevitably a zero-sum game, in which the more you get of one the less you get of the other, or can we find win-win solutions? This first conversation will focus on windows—a key area of contention between the preservation camp and the performance camp—and will feature a panel of experts from the design, engineering, building, and preservation spheres. We will look at the architectural history of windows in New England, the effect of window choice on space heating and cooling, the architectural impact of modifying windows, and durability and embodied energy concerns. Panelists include Jean Carroon of Goody Glancy, Sally Zimmerman of Historic New England, and Mike Duclos of DEAP Energy Group LLC.



### Women's AM/PM Book Group

The October book for the Women's AM/PM Book Group is *The Sixth Extinction: An Unnatural History* by Elizabeth Kolbert. The evening discussion will be Monday, October 24, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. and the morning on Tuesday, October 25, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., both 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](mailto:darien@smithquest.com).

### The First Tuesday Group (65+), First Parish in Concord Tuesday, November 1, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

#### *Volunteering: What and Why*

Five First Parish members will speak about volunteer experiences they have had since retiring—what they did or do, why they chose it, and what satisfactions they have found in it. John Lang: formerly from Analog Devices, volunteering at Household Goods Recycling Ministry; Margie King Saphier: U.U. Minister supporting the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute; Sue Dobbie: former hospice nurse volunteering at the Nature Conservancy; Richard Fortier: engineer and developer of medical devices, now at the Restoration Project; and Anne Gibbs: former psychiatric nurse, now at Jumpstart. Come prepared to share your own experiences in a small group! Contact Virginia Taylor at [virginiarosstaylor@verizon.net](mailto:virginiarosstaylor@verizon.net).

## Social Action

### The Meeting House Series: New England Town Meeting Today, October 16, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

In the spirit and traditional venue of a New England town meeting, parishioners and the general public are invited to our Sanctuary this afternoon to "Join the Conversation" on the issues of race that we face today. For more information, contact Margie King Saphier ([margie.king.saphier@gmail.com](mailto:margie.king.saphier@gmail.com)) or CC King ([ccking.interplay@gmail.com](mailto:ccking.interplay@gmail.com)).

### Meeting of UMass Action's CWG: Black Lives Matter Today, October 16, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

First Parish is hosting this afternoon's meeting of the UMass Action Certified Working Group (CWG), which brings together Black Lives Matter groups from area UU churches. We will share experiences and coordinate action and outreach around racial justice work. For more information, contact Wendy Holt, [wendyh@dmahealth.com](mailto:wendyh@dmahealth.com).

### 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](mailto:Kly.taylor@gmail.com).

### Concord CROP Walk—Sunday, October 23, 1:30 p.m. Registration; Music by CCHS Pep Band, 2:15 p.m.; Step-Off 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](http://www.concordcrop.org). Contact Sara Ballard at [sara@sb.org](mailto:sara@sb.org) with any questions or to volunteer to help.

### Is Civil Disobedience Justified on Climate Change?

#### An Evening with Tim DeChristopher Friday, October 28, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

Renowned climate activist Tim DeChristopher will speak about the role of civil disobedience in the fight against climate change. Tim's courageous personal experience of serving two years in prison for climate civil disobedience is featured in the 2012 documentary, "Bidder 70." A Unitarian Universalist, Tim cofounded the Climate Disobedience Center and is now a student at Harvard Divinity School. This special evening is

enthusiastically recommended by our Environmental Leadership Team, and is organized by the Climate Solutions Speaker Series, a coalition of local organizations including First Parish. For questions, please contact Bob Andrews, [bob.andrews3@verizon.net](mailto:bob.andrews3@verizon.net).

## Religious Education News

### This Week, October 16—RE Program

10:00-11:15 a.m. UU Explorers (Grade 8) – Chapel  
9:50 a.m. Little RE (0-4yrs) – Lower Level  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

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 & 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, Loft  
4:00-6:00 p.m. Coming of Age Workshop with Rev. Howard Dana– Emerson Room

### Next Week, October 23—RE Program

### Concord Area CROP Walk—All ages join the First Parish team!

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: Nonperishable Food for Open Table Kids' Bags

In early November, our Neighboring Activists (Grades 6 & 7) will be assembling Kids' Bags for Open Table. As many of you know, Open Table provides a bag of snacks to each child who comes to dinner in Concord and Maynard (in addition to a bag of groceries for their family). Please help us gather items for the Kids' Bags by bringing the following:

- Juice boxes
- Snack-size boxes of cereal
- Snack-size applesauce, fruit cups, pudding
- Granola bars
- Snack-size bags of cookies, pretzels or crackers
- Boxes of macaroni and cheese

• Cans of Spaghetti-Os, chicken noodle soup or tomato soup (No candy, please!) Donations may be dropped off anytime in the collection box in the coat room. Thanks so much! Preparing Kid's Bags is a fun way for our middle schoolers to help others. Interested in volunteering for 15 minutes on a Sunday morning? We need RE greeters to welcome new families as they arrive in the front foyer on Sunday mornings. From 9:45 to 10:00 a.m., the greeter would help orient new families and show them how to find their RE classrooms. Please take a moment to sign up for one or more Sundays online: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F4EA9AB22A3FF2-15minute](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0F4EA9AB22A3FF2-15minute) Questions? Contact RE Council members Jean Chandler [jeanjeanc2@aol.com](mailto:jeanjeanc2@aol.com) or Caroline Minkin [carolineminkin@gmail.com](mailto:carolineminkin@gmail.com). Thanks!

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