

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

November 13, 2016

This Week

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| Sun., Nov. 13 | 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 Parlor 11:30 Nominating Committee Meeting 11:30 Mother/Daughter Book Group 12:15 Contemporary Vocal Ensemble |
| Mon., Nov. 14 | 6:00 Standing Committee Meeting 7:00 National Charity League Lecture 7:00 Women's Retreat Planning |
| Tues., Nov. 15 | 12:00 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 Tai Chi 7:00 Amnesty International Meeting 7:00 Women's Circle 7:30 Diversity Committee Meeting 7:30 <i>Grub's Place</i> Rehearsal |
| Wed., Nov. 16 | 9:30 Buddhist Group 10:00 Small Group Drop-In Ministry 5:45 The Conchords Rehearsal 7:45 Adult Choir |
| Thur., Nov. 17 | 7:00 Membership Committee Meeting 7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 By Your Side Singers |
| Fri., Nov. 18 | 7:00 Jewish Awareness Affinity Group 7:30 Rise Up Singing 6:30 WPA Friday Night with Friends |
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Sunday Forums

Today, November 13—“Religious Education and the Arts.” Concluding our special series “Shedding Light on Our History”, join Rev. Amy Freedman to explore the role of the arts in Religious Education. Throughout time, the practice of religion with the performing and visual arts have been closely linked, inspiring creativity and self-expression which are essential to our children's programs.

Drop-In Small Group Ministry Series with Jan Hutslar, Ministerial Intern—*Small Groups That Nourish and Connect*

Jan Hutslar will facilitate the last in a series of Drop-In Small Group Ministry sessions this Wednesday, November 16, from 10:00 a.m. to noon 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! Contact Rev. Marion Visel at mvisel@firstparish.org or 203-931-5239.

Potluck Supper Sunday, November 27, for Transylvanian Visitors

The Transylvanian Partner Church members will be visiting Concord from November 25 to December 5. Please help us provide hospitality to our visitors from Székeleykeresztúr by attending an all-church potluck dinner in the Parish Hall on Sunday, November 27, at 6:00 p.m. We will also have a brief reception at church to welcome them when they arrive on Friday

evening, November 25, at 8:30 p.m.; all are welcome. There are other opportunities to engage with them, please visit the table at coffee hour for more information or to sign up for an activity.

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

The Women's A.M./P.M. Book Group will read and discuss one book for November and December, and the selection is *The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion*, by Fannie Flagg. The evening discussion will be Monday, December 5, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.; and the morning one on Tuesday, December 6, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., both are in the Brooks Room. 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.

The Children's Holiday Craft Workshop Saturday, December 3, 2016, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

The First Parish Elves are busy at work to make sure this holiday season is magical, with *many new crafts!* Here are ways to have fun at the Children's Holiday Craft Workshop:

- Be a child and make up to 16 different crafts, including woodworking, printed bags, soap, and candlesticks for your family, teachers, or friends.
 - Be a “Crafty Elf” (adults and teens) and help at one of the craft stations from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.
 - Be a “Clean-Up Elf” (adults and teens) and help clean up from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.
 - Volunteer to prep some things ahead of time, like the FP (secret recipe) gingerbread cookie dough, wood projects, etc.
- Cost is \$15/child, \$45/family. Snacks and drinks provided. No need for children to sign up in advance. To volunteer, sign up at coffee hour or contact Patty Popov by email PPopov@wesleyan.edu or phone 978-369-1990.

Your Planning Elves,

Marilyn Lowitt, Jan Goddard-Taylor, Dave Elwood, Patty Popov, Jeannie Williams and Kristin Moore

First Parish Moms' Night Out Annual Holiday Cookie Exchange Friday, December 9, from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m.

Come swap cookies and recipes with fellow members of the FP community. Please bring a dozen or more cookies (the amount you wish to exchange), a label listing the ingredients, and a snack or drink to share. Celebrate the season, enjoy a fire in the fireplace, and take home some delicious treats! Held in the First Parish Parlor. We hope you will join us! Kindly RSVP to Leah Russell at leahkrussell@gmail.com or 978-266-1216, or Jean Chandler at jeanjeanc2@aol.com.

Quilt and Art Print Raffle Tickets

At today's coffee hour, the WPA will be selling raffle tickets for a spectacular quilt and a lovely art print of Leonard Weber's Townscape of Concord.

Next Meeting House News deadline:
This Tuesday, November 15
Please keep article length to 100
words and submit to
Wendy Wolfberg at
wolfberg@post.harvard.edu.



Food Collection during Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 20, 10:00 a.m., in the Sanctuary

Please make a donation to our Thanksgiving food collection. All ages will be invited to bring forward donations of non-perishable food during the service. Our gifts will help nourish our Open Table guests. Open Table offers weekly community supper programs and food pantries in Concord and Maynard/Sudbury to more than 300 guests. Please select items that are always in demand or needed in the Food Pantry list below.

High-Demand Foods:

Cereal
Spaghetti sauce
Strawberry jam, grape jelly, and peanut butter
Canned chicken, tuna, and other meats
Chunky soups, stews, and chili
Canned vegetables, fruit, and beans
Pasta, rice, and grains

Always Needed:

Cooking oil
Coffee (including instant)
Tea
Baking supplies or mixes
100 percent fruit juice
Condiments (ketchup, mayonnaise, salad dressings)
Nuts and raisins

Social Action

Further Information about UUCSJ and RAICES

The UU College of Social Justice organizes adult and teen immersion trips related to pressing social justice concerns, where learning, witnessing, and spiritual practice are combined. In addition, UUCSJ facilitates connections with RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services), a San Antonio non-profit that offers support to asylum seekers and other immigrants. Through the UUCSJ, individuals are grouped to volunteer with RAICES in Texas detention centers for women and children. Lawyers and Spanish - speakers are always needed. (RAICES is also developing connections with volunteers in the Boston area.) If you are interested in volunteering, or in hearing more firsthand, contact Laurie Van Loon or Tony Rodriguez, or go to the UUCSJ website.

Black Lives Matter Items for Sale

Black Lives Matter signs (\$10.00) and buttons (50¢ each, 3 for \$1.00) are for sale at the Social Action table every Sunday during coffee hour.

Nonprofit Leadership—One Session Remains

We are thrilled to offer members of First Parish the opportunity to learn how to better serve their nonprofits. Jericho Road will be hosting a series of educational sessions for members this fall and winter. Each session has a focused topic, with a goal-setting component as well. The curriculum builds on the previous week's learnings and experiences, which can be applied as necessary, based on an individual's background and skill set. Alternatively, attendees can choose to attend the sessions on a one-off basis. The sessions will be held at First Parish on Saturdays, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Please contact Dan Bush, dbush@jerichoroadproject.org, to register.

Strategic Revenue Generation, on December 3

The final session looks at a variety of ways nonprofits can raise funds, some of the common benefits and risks associated with each method, and a focus on the best method of all. Participants then apply their storytelling skills to make a pitch to a prospective donor.

Religious Education News

This Week, November 13—RE Program

10:00 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 and Greeley Rooms

Grade 4– Brooks Room

Grade 5– Bulkeley Room

Grades 6 & 7– Emerson Room

11:15 a.m.—Youth Discussion Circle—Loft

(Or Mount Monadnock, check the bulletin board!)

A Youth Discussion Circle will take place on Sunday morning no matter what, either on the mountaintop, or at 11:15 a.m. in the Loft. Youth Programs Director: Christa Champion, cchampion@firstparish.org.

Next Sunday: Celebrating Thanksgiving A Service for All Ages

All ages will join together for worship. Please bring a donation for Open Table. Little RE will be available for 0–4 year olds.

Interested in Volunteering 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 10:15 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 Questions? Contact RE Council members Jean Chandler at jeanjeanc2@aol.com or Caroline Minkin at carolineminkin@gmail.com.



The Sunday News deadline is Wednesday at noon.

Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to

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