

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

November 20, 2016

This Week

Sun., Nov. 20

9:00 Chalice Choir

9:00 Gospel Choir

Intergenerational Service at 10:00 a.m.

11:30 Junior Choir

11:30 Sunday Forum in the Sanctuary

11:30 Mother/Daughter Book Group

12:15 Contemporary Vocal Ensemble

7:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal

7:30 *Grub's Place* Rehearsal

9:30 Buddhist Group

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6:00 All-Congregational Potluck with the Partner Church Committee

Sunday Forums

Today, November 20—“Heat your Home with Freezing Outside Air.” If you are a homeowner without access to natural gas, come learn if a heat pump (or two) might be right for your home. This interactive session will provide an overview of heat pumps for home heating/cooling, water heating, and even clothes drying. We'll discuss the pros and cons, incentives available, and suggest a few questions that you should ask installation contractors. Bob, Brad, and Gordon include a mechanical engineer with 25 years of experience in home heating/cooling technologies, a physicist, and a former chair of the Concord Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee (CSEC).

Quilt and Art Print Raffle Tickets

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

Bake Sale Today

Come to the 8th Grade bake sale today at coffee hour! We're raising money for the International Institute of New England. The IINE provides settlement support for refugees and asylum seekers in Boston and Lowell. Please help us support their important work. Cash and checks are welcome!

New Rides Coordinator and Need for Drivers

One of the important programs that Pastoral Care provides is Rides. Suzanne Hogan, who has been our Rides Coordinator for years has stepped down from this. We sincerely thank her for her service! Pat Brinkman is our new Rides Coordinator. We find that we need more drivers who can be contacted when someone needs a ride to an appointment or to a First Parish service or event. Rides are arranged for by sending an email to a group of members who have volunteered to be contacted as potential Ride Providers. If there is a match, the Rides Coordinator connects the Ride Provider with the Ride Requestor. If you need a ride or are interested in volunteering, please contact Rides Coordinator Pat Brinkman at pabrinkman@comcast.net or 781-259-9639.



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.

Communicating with Loves Ones about Veganism Friday, December 2; 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Please join the Reverence for Life committee for an evening with Dr. Casey Taft, Professor of Psychiatry at Boston University's School of Medicine, when he will speak about "Communicating with Loved Ones about Veganism." An internationally recognized researcher in the areas of trauma and the family, he has won prestigious awards from the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies, the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Dr. Taft has consulted with the United Nations on preventing violence and abuse globally. He sees the prevention of violence toward animals as a natural extension of this work. Cohosted with Vegan Metro West Network.

The Children's Holiday Craft Workshop Saturday, December 3, 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 First Parish (secret recipe) gingerbread cookie dough, wood projects, etc. The cost is \$15/child, \$45/family. Snacks and drinks are 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 First Parish 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.

Holiday Concert and Tea—December 10

The Women's Parish Association warmly invites everyone to its annual Holiday Concert and Tea, which will take place on Saturday afternoon, December 10. The Winiker Brothers Trio will bring holiday cheer to attendees beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by a traditional tea in the Parish Hall. There is no charge for this event, but attendees are asked to bring plates of sweets to share, if they wish. Contact the office or Dian Pekin at pekindc@comcast.net by December 6 for reservations.

Guest at Your Table Box

To Be Returned to First Parish by Sunday, December 18

Over the holiday season, we invite a "Guest At Your Table," a traditional fundraising practice for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. UUSC advances human rights and social justice around the world. Please return your box on Sunday, December 18, so our 5th graders, who are learning about UUSC can count your contribution. Otherwise, please write a check for the amount payable to UUSC. For more information, visit uusoc.org Questions? Email Amy: afreedman@firstparish.org.

Social Action

UU General Assembly Resolution

Please come to the SAC table at coffee hour today to talk to Dana Snyder-Grant and read the resolution adopted in June supporting the rights of Native Americans. Learn more about the stories and lives of the indigenous people of this continent.

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. Each session had a focused topic, with a goal-setting component as well. The curriculum has built on the previous week's learnings and experiences, which can be applied as necessary, based on an individual's background and skill set. This sessions will be held at First Parish on Saturday, 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.

Next Meeting House News deadline:

Tuesday, December 13

To save extra work, please send your final submissions (with images, if possible) as email attachments. Keep article length to 100 words, and send to the Editor,

**Wendy Wolfberg, at
wolfberg@post.harvard.edu.**

Rev. Howard Dana's email: hdana@firstparish.org

Rev. Marion Visel's email: mvisel@firstparish.org

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Religious Education News

This Week, November 20

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

10:00 a.m.—Worship Service – Celebrating Thanksgiving—
a service for all ages

11:00 a.m.—Bake Sale (Grade 8) – Parish Hall

4:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m.—Coming of Age (Grade 9) – Emerson Room

Next Sunday, November 27—RE Workshop

Following the Children's Message, all ages will gather in the Emerson Room for a multiage program led by Rev. Amy Freedman and Dawn Van Patten. We will be welcoming guests from our Partner Church in Székelykeresztúr, Transylvania, Romania. Our Intern Minister, Jan Hutslar, and Rodger Matlodge will join us to show us pictures and objects, and share stories from their recent visits to Transylvania. We will also make special gifts for our guests.

8th Grade OWL Parent Orientation

Sunday, December 4, 4:00-6:30 p.m., in the Emerson Room

The comprehensive sexuality program, "Our Whole Lives," will be offered to First Parish 8th graders beginning in January. The goals of the program are to help young people learn about safe sexual relationships in the context of Unitarian Universalist principles, to help them make responsible decisions, and to increase their understanding and respect for themselves and others. In order for your child to be enrolled in OWL, both parents are required to attend a Parent Orientation. Please let Amy know ASAP if you plan to enroll your 8th Grader in this important program:

afreedman@firstparish.org.



Reminder:

The First Parish offices will be closed November 24 and 25 in observation of Thanksgiving weekend.

