

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

## April 2, 2017

### This Week

Sun., Apr. 2	9:00	Chalice Choir Rehearsal
	9:00	Gospel Choir Rehearsal
		<b>Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.</b>
	11:30	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	11:30	Sunday Forum in the Sanctuary
	11:30	Mother/Daughter Book Group
	12:15	Contemporary Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal
Mon., Apr. 3	5:00	“Be the Change” Small Group Ministry
	1:00	Caregivers Support Group
	7:00	Immigration Justice Task Force
Tues., Apr. 4	7:30	“What Moves Us”
	1:30	First Tuesday Group
	6:30	T'ai Chi
	7:30	Environmental Leadership Team Meeting
Wed., Apr. 5	9:30	Buddhist Group
	6:15	<i>Grub's Place</i> Refresher Rehearsal
	7:45	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu., Apr. 6	7:30	By Your Side Singers
	7:30	Buddhist Group
Fri., Apr. 7	7:30	<i>Grub's Place</i> Performance
Sat., Apr. 8	8:30	Healthy Board Development
	9:30	Photo Club
Sun., Apr. 9	7:30	<i>Grub's Place</i> Performance
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	6:00	Standing Committee Meeting

### Parish Notes

#### Sunday Forum in the Sanctuary—Immigration Justice Task Force Presents “The Invisible Crisis: The Female Face of Forced Migration”

Join the Immigration Justice Task Force and Centro Presente to watch and discuss a short documentary telling the story of women migrants fleeing violence and social instability in their home countries. Victims of systemic human rights abuses in their countries of origin, they come to the United States in an effort to survive and to save the lives of their children. Yet upon arrival to this “nation of immigrants” they again see their human rights abused by a system that fails to recognize their plight and their humanity. Until now their stories have been invisible. Meet one of these courageous women. You can contact Laurie VanLoon at [lvloon@comcast.net](mailto:lvloon@comcast.net) or Tony Rodriguez at [rod.rodriguez@gmail.com](mailto:rod.rodriguez@gmail.com).

#### “What Moves Us”

##### Monday, April 3, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., in the Brooks Room

Join in the last session of our adult religious education program *What Moves Us*. We will explore the theology of Hosea Ballou, and reflect and share our own theological explorations and how they align (or not) with Hosea Ballou's. Led by ministerial intern Jan Hutslar. All are welcome.

#### New Caregiver Support Group

Providing care for a family member in need is an age-old act of love and loyalty. You may care for an aging parent (while also caring for your own children), a disabled spouse, or a young or adult child with a physical, mental, or addiction issue. Whether you provide direct care or oversee care at a distance, with support, you can be a good caregiver without sacrificing yourself in the process. The group will determine a future meeting schedule on Monday, April 3, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Brooks Room. Facilitated by Marion Visel, Minister for Pastoral Care, and Diane Clapp, Pastoral Care Lay Minister. If you are unable to attend this meeting but are interested, contact Marion Visel at [mvisel@firstparish.org](mailto:mvisel@firstparish.org) or 203-931-5239.

#### “Moving On, But Where? An Overview of Housing Options for Seniors” Tuesday, April 4, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

The First Tuesday Group (65+) will meet April 4, from 1:30-3:00 p.m., to learn about housing options for seniors. Members Linda Benua, Mary Clarke, and Nancy McJennett will present a summary of their research on housing choices in and near Concord. Their presentation will describe a housing continuum that ranges from an *independent aging in place* to a *fully assisted living facility*. They will detail the many distinct steps between these extremes and describe some innovative arrangements that combine several steps on this housing continuum. Special attention will be paid to the financial arrangements for different choices. Come explore today's many housing

options. While our heading says “65+,” please come if you are interested, whatever your age.

#### Healthy Board Development

##### Saturday, April 8, 8:30 a.m.

Meet your mission by helping a nonprofit meet theirs. Are you a strategic thinker? A skilled facilitator? Interested in sharing your board experience with another nonprofit? This is for you! Fpcu Social Action Committee and the Jericho Road Project have teamed up to provide this free orientation series over the next month. Bring a friend to the last remaining meeting on April 8—Healthy Board Facilitation Skills. See the flyer in the lower level for details or contact Daniel Bush at [Dbush@jerichoroadproject.org](mailto:Dbush@jerichoroadproject.org).

#### Reclaim Our Democracy

##### Monday, April 10, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall

We will view a very important and informative 24-minute video “What the One Percent Don't Want You to Know,” an interview with Paul Krugman by Bill Moyers that highlights and simplifies Thomas Piketty's work on concentration of wealth and inequality. Our various small teams have made good progress on our new website, planning events, messaging, and research that we will show and discuss. Finally we will brainstorm ideas for getting our message out to the broadest possible audience—that corporations, Super PACS, and billionaires have too much influence on our government, and we need to fix it. All are welcome. Please come even if you have not been to one of our previous meetings.

#### General Assembly 2017—“Resist and Rejoice”

General Assembly is the Unitarian Universalist annual meeting where business is accomplished, workshops are held, and UU's from all over the world gather together to worship, learn, take action on important social justice issues, and this year, to vote on the denomination's next president. “G.A. Resist and Rejoice” is in New Orleans, Louisiana, from June 21-25, and registration and housing reservations are now open. First Parish sends delegates each year. If you are interested in attending or being a delegate, please contact Lillian Anderson at [Lillianand@comcast.net](mailto:Lillianand@comcast.net).

#### New England Regional UU Assembly

The New England Regional UU Assembly will be held in Woburn, Massachusetts, April 21-22. Friday evening, April 21, is an opportunity to see and hear the candidates for president of the UUA (election to be held in June at General Assembly). The Candidates Forum is free of charge, but you must preregister by April 10. Saturday sessions include worship, singing, and workshops with outstanding UU leaders, preregistration and fee required. For more information, see [new-england.eventbrite.com](http://new-england.eventbrite.com) or contact Darien Smith at [darien@smithquest.com](mailto:darien@smithquest.com).

#### Panel Discussion on Women's Health Access Issues

Hold the date of Friday, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. for a special panel discussion on women's health and access to it. We will focus on what's at stake and what we can do about it. This timely and informative program and discussion is co-sponsored by AWE (Advocates for Women's Empowerment, formerly Reproductive Justice) and the WPA (Women's Parish Association). There is no charge. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door. Stay tuned for further details and contact Lora Venesy with any questions at [venesy@comcast.net](mailto:venesy@comcast.net).

#### Ferry Beach Retreat

##### Memorial Day Weekend: May 26 to 29

##### Registration: April 9 to April 23

Registration begins next Sunday, April 9, for the annual Ferry Beach Retreat. Join families, couples, and singles from our own congregation and First Parish in Lexington for this annual relaxed and fun weekend on the beach at the UU Ferry Beach Camp and Conference Center in Saco, Maine. Information and registration packets will be available and completed forms can be turned in at the Ferry Beach table at coffee hours, from April 9 to April 23 and in the church office during those two weeks. The Registration Packet can also be downloaded from [www.firstparish.org/forms](http://www.firstparish.org/forms). For questions or to inquire about scholarship assistance, contact Darien Smith ([darien@smithquest.com](mailto:darien@smithquest.com)).

#### Would You Like to March in the Patriots' Day Parade?

The Patriots' Day Parade is on Monday, April 17, and our First Parish group Reclaim Our Democracy will be marching this year. We welcome other groups or individuals that are aligned with our mission to march with us. “We are an inclusive, collaborative, multi-partisan movement whose goal is to limit

the influence of money on elections and politicians and to reclaim our democratic rights as citizens to have a government that truly represents and supports the needs and desires of all people.” If you are interested in participating or want more information, please contact Lillian Anderson [lillianand@comcast.net](mailto:lillianand@comcast.net).

### Passover Seder

#### Saturday, April 22, 5:00 p.m., Parish Hall

The Passover Seder is an ancient celebration of freedom. Rev. Amy Freedman, our Minister of Religious Education is leading our service. This Cooperative Seder is a fun and meaningful ritual for all ages to eat, tell the Passover story, and reflect on our lives together. Get tickets and sign up to help at coffee hour on Sundays, April 2, 9, or 16. Suggested donation for dinner: \$20 for adults, free over 80 or under 7, and \$10 between 7 and 12. For more information, email Del Friedman at [gstodelfriedman@gmail.com](mailto:gstodelfriedman@gmail.com), or call Dana Snyder-Grant at 978-760-1129.

### The Oriana Consort

#### Sunday, April 23, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., at First Parish in Concord

The Oriana Consort returns to First Parish to present “Endings and Beginnings: Choral Music as Remembrance,” with music from 16th, 17th, and 20th centuries. Works concerning end of life are Claudio Monteverdi’s “Lagrima d’amante” (“Tears of a lover”), selections from Herbert Howells’ “Requiem,” and Thomas Tomkins’ “When David Heard.” Beginnings are celebrated in Gerald Finzi’s “My Spirit Sang All Day” (love), Clément Janequin’s “Le Chant des Oiseaux” (Spring), and the largest work, Aaron Copland’s “In The Beginning” (Genesis). A reception will follow. Tickets are available at <http://www.orianaconsort.org>.

### Women’s A.M./P.M. Book Group

For April, the Women’s A.M./P.M. Book Group is reading *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves*, by Karen Joy Fowler. The morning discussion will be Tuesday, April 25, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m.; and the evening discussion will be Monday, May 1, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., both in the Brooks Room. (Note that the evening group is meeting a week later than usual due to Concord Town Meeting on April 24.) 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).

### Peace Campaign Alert

#### Tuesday, May 2, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Filmmaker Jenny Phillips screens her new documentary, *Beyond the Wall*, with discussion to follow. Her work lays out the desperate situation of the flood of prisoners returning to our communities without guidance and support for transition to society. Set largely in Lowell and Lawrence, where once thriving textile mills have been replaced by poverty, crime, and drug addiction, the film bears witness to personal stories of reentry, relapse, recovery, and redemption. Filmmakers put a human face on the social, economic, and emotional barriers encountered by former prisoners who are among our most discriminated-against citizens. Contact Pat Simon at [psimon4peace@gmail.com](mailto:psimon4peace@gmail.com) or 781-373-1410.

### WPA Craft and Flea Market

Have you started your spring cleaning yet? Remember that the Women’s Parish Association will be holding its Craft and Flea Market on Saturday, June 3, and will be collecting items to sell at its table. So start collecting high quality items to donate such as jewelry, household items, gift items, children’s items, collectibles, antiques, etc. You may also want to rent a table yourself to sell your treasures. To rent a table or to arrange for donations of high quality gift items to the WPA table, contact Dian Pekin at [pekindc@comcast.net](mailto:pekindc@comcast.net).

### Social Action

#### “Black Lives Matter” Signs Available

“Black Lives Matter” signs for will be sold at coffee hour today until they are sold out. They are \$10 each, or three for \$20.

### Help Fill Our 2 Local Buses to Climate March in D.C.—Saturday, April 29

We have 70 seats to fill on our two Concord buses to the Climate March in Washington, D.C. Help us spread the word and hop on board! Friends and neighbors welcome—open to all. Cost is \$110, youth seats available for \$30 on request. Sign up at coffee hour and grab a flyer, or send an email to Kate Crosby at [kfcrosby@gmail.com](mailto:kfcrosby@gmail.com) or Berni Jenkins at [bernijenkins2@gmail.com](mailto:bernijenkins2@gmail.com). Jobs, justice, and climate are the focus of the march, led by a big bold coalition of 300 labor, racial justice, and environmental groups—information is available at [www.peoplesclimate.org](http://www.peoplesclimate.org).

### Immigration Justice Task Force (IJTF)

#### Monday, April 3, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Emerson Room

This will be the second meeting of our First Parish Immigration Justice Task Force. Come and join us to share information, connect with other concerned parishioners, and brainstorm action steps related to supporting immigrants, refugees, and asylum seekers in the time of President Trump. If you can’t make the meeting, but are interested in staying informed about our group or the issues, consider being added to our IJTF Google group. You can contact Laurie Van Loon at [ivanloon@comcast.net](mailto:ivanloon@comcast.net) or Tony Rodriguez at [trod.rodriguez@gmail.com](mailto:trod.rodriguez@gmail.com)

### Mother’s Day Walk for Peace

Sunday, May 14, is the 21st Anniversary of the Mother’s Day Walk for Peace. Come walk with families from Boston as well as First Parish families and with many other UU congregations. The Peace Walk is the major fundraiser that supports the vital work of the Louis D Brown Peace Institute. On Sunday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, and May 7, you can visit the Peace Walk table during coffee hour to make a donation and/or sign up to participate in the Peace Walk. If you have questions, email Margie King Saphier at [margie.king.saphier@gmail.com](mailto:margie.king.saphier@gmail.com) or call 781-424-2179.

### Religious Education News

#### This Week, Sunday, April 2

9:15 a.m. – Neighboring Faiths visit Union Baptist Church, Return ~1:30 p.m.

9:45 a.m. – Little RE (0-4yrs)– Lower Level

10:00-11:15 a.m.

Little OWL– Lower Level

Middle OWL– Wright Tavern

Neighboring Activists (Grade 6)– Emerson Room

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

*Little OWL, Middle OWL and Neighboring Activists start in their classrooms. Children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 begin in the Sanctuary with their families. Following our Children’s Message, the children leave the Sanctuary for their classrooms 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. – Religious Education Classes

Kindergarten & Grade 1– Lower Level

Grade 2– Greeley Room

Grade 3– Ripley Room

Grade 4 & 5– Chapel

#### Next Week, Sunday, April 9: Religious Education Classes

##### Eggs & Bunnies

#### Sunday, April 9, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Next week during our regular RE time, Kindergarten, Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 will have a special program. *Families are asked to bring one dozen hard-boiled eggs (if you can)! Everyone will be able to take four eggs home. We will decorate eggs for our First Parish Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday, April 16, at 10:00 a.m. We will have a rainbow of colors and other supplies ready for you to join in the fun. Also, Kimberly Brainerd is bringing in her bunnies Milo and Dilly to join our festivities.*

### Glass Jars Needed for Easter Egg Dyeing

Do you have any small glass jars that you could donate? We will be dyeing Easter eggs on Sunday, April 9th during RE classes. Please bring your donations to the coatroom by April 4. Thanks!

### Help Wanted—Little RE

Can you help? Little RE cares for our youngest children (babies through preschoolers) during Sunday services. Showing up as an adult volunteer is one of the easiest and most rewarding ways to give back to our community. We have amazing teen assistants, four scheduled each Sunday, that run the program. The commitment is from 9:45 a.m. to 11:20 a.m.. Signing up is easy though Sign Up Genius. Select the dates that you would like to volunteer online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4faaac29a5fe3-little>. Please contact Dawn if you have any questions at [dvanpatten@firstparish.org](mailto:dvanpatten@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](mailto:sburns@firstparish.org).

#### Next monthly Meeting House News deadline is Tuesday, April 18.

Keep article length to 100 words and send to the Editor, Wendy Wolfberg, [wolfberg@post.harvard.edu](mailto:wolfberg@post.harvard.edu). It is recommended committees schedule a week for committee review so the final submission is ready by deadline. The May 2017 edition will be published on April 26.