

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

June 18, 2017

This Week

Sun., June 18	Sunday Worship—Flower Communion at 10:00 a.m. 11:00 WPA Coffee Hour at the Herb Garden
Tue., June 20	6:00 Women's Circle Potluck 7:00 Amnesty International
Wed., June 21	UUA General Assembly Begins 9:30 Buddhist Group
Thu., June 22	7:30 AWE Summer Book Group 7:30 Buddhist Group
Fri., June 23	7:30 Rise Up Singing
Sun., June 25	Sunday Worship in the Parish Hall at 10:00 a.m.

Parish Notes

Herb Garden Coffee Hour Party—Today at 11:00 a.m.

The Women's Parish Association will hold its popular Coffee Hour Herb Garden Party right after today's worship service. Among all the lovely and fragrant herbs, we'll honor and thank Jan Hutslar for her outstanding service to First Parish during her ministerial internship with us; we'll celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the Deborah Webster Greeley Garden itself and, of course, we'll celebrate Father's Day! Join your fellow parishioners to enjoy herb- flavored sweets and savories as you nourish your soul in one of the most beautiful gardens in Concord. See you in the garden!

Service of the Living Tradition from General Assembly in New Orleans, LA

Sunday, June 25, 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall

Join us as we stream "Service of the Living Tradition from General Assembly in New Orleans, LA" at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 25, with cold drinks to follow. The service will be held in the Parish hall, with Rev. Marion Visel leading.

Summer Office Hours

June 20 through September 1

The Church Office is open Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (noon) throughout the Summer. First Parish is closed on Mondays. The Summer hours will begin Tuesday, June 20, and continue through Friday, September 1. The regular office hours, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., will resume on Tuesday, September 5.

Celebrate the Thoreau Bicentennial—Events at First Parish

Celebrating the Life, Works, and Legacy of Henry David Thoreau

Wednesday, July 12, to Sunday, July 16.

Registration and fees available at www.thoreausociety.org.

Keynote Address by Terry Tempest Williams.

Bicentennial Worship Service—Rev. Howard Dana preaching
Sunday, July 16, 10:00 a.m.

Thoreau as Spiritual Guide

6 Mondays beginning September 18 (not October 9), 7:30-9:00 p.m., in the Chapel

Rev. Marion Visel facilitates conversations based on *Walden*. Limit: 15. Preregister by emailing mvisel@firstparish.org.
Gallery Talk and Tour, Thoreau Institute Library, Lincoln
Thursday, September 21, 11:00 a.m.

Limited to 20 people. Carpooling suggested, due to limited parking. Preregister by emailing Dianne Weiss at diannemcweiss@comcast.net.

Two Events cosponsored by the Transcendentalism Council and Women's Parish Association

"Her Finer Instincts:" The Women in Thoreau's Life

Friday, October 20, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Sandra Petrulionis, Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University, Altoona. Cosponsored by the Transcendentalism Council and Women's Parish Association. Contact Dian Pekin at pekindc@comcast.net or call the office at 978-360-9602.

\$5.00 at the door.

"A Visit from Henry Thoreau:" A Dramatic Performance by Kevin Radaker

Saturday, October 21, 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary.

Reception to follow. Sponsored by the Transcendentalism Council, the Concord Museum, and The Thoreau Society.

Adults, \$10; students \$5. Reserve online or by phone through the Concord Museum at <http://www.concordmuseum.org/concord-museum-adult-and-family-programs.php> or call 978-369-9763, ext. 216.

First Parish Homecoming Picnic

Sunday, September 10, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

All ages. All First Parish. Bring your whole family. Visit with your friends, catch up on the summer news, and meet other First Parish folk. Enjoy the music, labyrinth, and a family activity. This is an evening for everyone. Potluck Dessert. Please bring: a finger food dessert to share; your own picnic, food and beverage; lawn chairs and blankets. The party will be on the lawns of First Parish weather permitting; in the Parish Hall in case of rain. No admission charge. Mark your calendar now.

Social Action

"Black Lives Matter" Signs Available

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

Volunteer at Rosie's Place Today, June 18

Would you like to cook and serve dinner at Rosie's Place in Boston on Sunday, June 18 (3:00-5:30 p.m.)? We are looking for 15 volunteers (adults and teens 12 or older) to participate. Rosie's Place is a sanctuary for poor and homeless women that serves 3 meals a day, 365 days a year. Sponsored by the Advocates for Women's Empowerment and funded by a SAC grant. Contact Suzie Weaver at skatesuzie@aol.com or 978-369-5352.

Amnesty International, Group 15

Tuesday, June 20, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Greeley Room

Before summer break, in addition to writing letters supporting individuals imprisoned for peaceful human rights activities,

we'll have updates on Massachusetts prison reform, death penalty abolition, and the prevention of violence against women worldwide. We'll continue to focus on strategies to free two young Azerbaijanian student activists arrested in May 1916 on trumped up charges of heroin possession. All are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Kathy Taylor at Kly.taylor@gmail.com or 781-718-7640.

AWE's Summer Book Group—Save the Dates

Start reading and join the Advocates for Women's Empowerment to discuss books on topics relevant to women. Join us for any or all of these dates: three Thursdays, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., *June 22, at First Parish*, with "We Should All Be Feminists," by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie; *July 13, location TBD*, with "Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity," by Katherine Boo; and *August 10, location TBD*, with "Americanah," by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie . Contact Jennifer Izzo at jbizzo@hotmail.com.

Religious Education News

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