

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

October 7, 2018

This Week

Sun. Oct 7	9:00 Chalice Choir
	9:00 Gospel Choir
	10:00 Sunday Service
	11:30 Junior Choir
	11:30 Sunday Forum, Emerson Room
	12:00 Concord Progressive Activists
	12:15 Contemporary Vocal Ensemble
Mon. Oct 8	7:00 Women's Goddess Covenant Circle
Tue. Oct 9	2:00 Shawl Ministry
	7:00 Standing Committee Meeting
Wed. Oct 10	9:30 Buddhist Group
	6:00 SAC Giving Meeting
	7:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu. Oct 11	7:30 Buddhist Group
Fri. Oct 12	12:30 T'ai Chi
	7:00 Articulating Your UU Faith
Sat. Oct 13	9:00 Photo Club
Sun. Oct 14	9:00 Chalice Choir
	9:00 Gospel Choir
	10:00 Sunday Service
	11:30 Junior Choir
	11:30 Sunday Forum, Sanctuary
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Parish Notes

Sunday Forum

Today, October 7, 11:30 a.m., Emerson Room

"Discussion on the Future of the Forum." The Forum Committee needs volunteers to be part of the Forum team. If you are interested in the continued existence of the Forum, come share your thoughts and hear about what's happening.

Concord-Székelykeresztúr Student Scholarship Program

Please consider sponsoring a student in Transylvania. The program provides essential support, making it possible for Hungarian minority students from rural villages to cover the costs of room and board in the dormitory at the Unitarian high school in Székelykeresztúr. Donors from First Parish in Concord give \$400 to a sponsored student each year, all of which goes to the student. This is a big help to the students, their families, and also to the school! Individuals, families, and groups can share sponsorship of one student. This year, there will be 8 to 12 incoming students in need of sponsorship. If you or your First Parish group would like to learn more about this program, please contact Kathy Spang at katalinspang@yahoo.com.

Women's Spiritual Exploration Learning Circle

Monday, October 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Brooks Room

All women interested in our ongoing woman-centered, nature-oriented spiritual exploration circle are invited to a drop-in learning circle, hosted by the Women's Goddess Covenant Circle. Questions? Contact Bozena Smith at bozenasmith@mindspring.com or 978-270-1906.

"Senior Cohousing—A Community Approach to Aging in Place"

Sunday Forum, October 14, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary

This is a unique opportunity to learn about this innovative Danish housing model that started in the 1960s and operates on the understanding that community is the best insurance for living a fun and fulfilling third act, and for getting the nurturing care we need as we age. Cohousing can now be found in most states in the United States, including nearby in Acton. Learn more from the Cohousing Association of the United States at www.cohousing.org. The first senior cohousing community in New England is now being formed. The founders of Middlesex Senior Cohousing, Victoria Thatcher and Mayhew Seavey, will present a slideshow and video about senior cohousing, with time afterward for discussion. If you would like more information about this or other Sunday Forums, please contact either Pat Brinkman at pabrinkman@comcast.net, or Alan Whitney at awhitney@alum.mit.edu.

Catnip Ball Workshop

Wednesday, October 17, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Brooks Room

Do you want to help make many cats happy and make items for one of the most popular fundraisers in the history of First Parish? Attend the workshop Wednesday, October 17, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., to assemble catnip balls for the Holiday Artisans Fair WPA Boutique. You don't have to knit. Simple stuffing and sewing is all that's necessary. Bring knitted covers if you have made them or leave them labeled in the office prior to the workshops. This will be one of the most fun gatherings you will ever attend! Stay as long as you can. Questions? Contact Irmi Doane at igdoane@gmail.com.

Articulating Your UU Faith

with Revs. Howard Dana and Amy Freedman

Fridays: October 19; November 9, 16; 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Have you ever found yourself stumped when trying to talk about Unitarian Universalism? Join us for a class that will explore what Unitarian Universalism is, what it means to you as an individual, and how to talk about it with others. This class is especially designed for people who are newer to the First Parish community. Child care available upon request. Register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/nl9Ge5ZmvTxrBTot1>. Please email Amy with any questions at afreedman@firstparish.org.



November 2018 Meeting House News Deadline

Tuesday, October 16, 12:00 Noon

Keep the article length to 100 words and send to the Editor, Wendy Wolfberg, wolfberg@post.harvard.edu.

The November 2018 edition will be published October 24.

Social Action

Share the Plate

Share the Plate is now part of our worship and Social Action giving. Be part of this new Social Action. In addition to Share the Plate, we work with the SAC Board to determine which partner organizations we want to support financially. Join us at the next SAC Giving meeting on Wednesday, October 10, at 6:00 p.m., in the Greeley Room. We meet monthly and welcome you to join us. Questions? Ask Ted Bayne, John Lowe, Liz Rust, or Sue St. Croix.

Advocates for Women's Empowerment (AWE)

Book Group Reading List

Dates and locations to be announced soon, but start reading! AWE's 2018-2019 Book Group reading list is out! November: *Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company That Addicted America* by Beth Macy; January: *Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi; March: *Not That Bad: Dispatches from Rape Culture*, edited by Roxanne Gay; May: *Good and Mad: The Revolutionary Power of Women's Anger* by Rebecca Traister; Summer: *Map of Salt and Stars* by Jennifer Zeynab Joukhadar. The aim of the book group is to broaden our awareness, hone our empathy, nourish our spiritual selves, and spark action. Visit our Facebook page to learn about other AWE events: <https://www.facebook.com/concordwomen/>.

Amnesty International, Group 15

Tuesday, October 16, 7:00 p.m., Greeley Room

Amnesty International/USA's senior director of organizing and activism, Cynthia Gabriel Walsh, will bring the group up-to-date on national plans and priorities for the coming year. Ongoing activities include sending letters to support individuals whose dire situations require urgent action, efforts to end the death penalty, and the release of two Azerbaijani students imprisoned for peaceful protests. All are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Nancy Lyons, njlyons22@gmail.com or 978-505-1936.

"How Best to Rescue Our Representative Democracy"

Tuesday, October 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Rick Hubbard, a retired Vermont attorney, former economic consultant, and author of *The Democracy Amendments*, will lead the event. We'll discuss why large numbers of Americans feel we have major, well-documented problems with the structure and financing of our political system that result in improper representation of broad citizen interests by Congress. You'll each be loaned an iClicker device to record and present collective audience responses about the following and more: What current practices prevent proper representation? How serious is the threat? What is the best strategy for reform? What must effective reforms include? There will be refreshments! Questions? Contact Fred Van Deusen at fredvandeusen@gmail.com. Sponsored by First Parish's Reclaim Our Democracy group.

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

Today, October 7: Multiage Workshop, Emerson Room

Children Kindergarten through 7th grade are invited to the Emerson Room to create care packages for First Parish Youth who are away at college or who have embarked on other adventures. Please join us in writing letters, making pictures, and filling boxes with treats for our faraway family.

High School Youth Group

Sunday, October 7, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., Wright Tavern

All High School teens are invited to Youth Group this Sunday with Madzie Burnham and David Ropeik. We will play a Trivia Game led by Felix. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Questions? Please email Madzie at mfburnham@comcast.net.

This Sunday, October 7:

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

10:15-11:15 a.m. – Multiage Workshop, Kindergarten-Grade 7, Emerson Room

Children in Kindergarten through Grade 7 begin in the Sanctuary with their families. Following our Children's Message, the children leave the Sanctuary with their teachers for their classrooms. All RE sessions are held until 11:15 a.m. Parents of children 0-Grade 3 are asked to pick up their children in their classrooms. Older children and youth will be dismissed to coffee hour.

6:00-8:00 p.m. – High School Youth Group, Wright Tavern

Next Sunday, October 14: Religious Exploration

CROP Hunger Walk

Sunday, October 21, 1:30 p.m., First Parish in Concord

Plan to walk as a family to end hunger locally and globally! Nine local food pantries and community suppers are supported by the Annual Concord Mass. Area CROP Walk for the Hungry. The 7-kilometer route starts and ends on the front steps of First Parish in Concord. The Walk has two loops: the first loop goes through the historic National Park, taking you across the North Bridge, while the second loop takes walkers up into the beautiful Nashawtuc Hill area. You are welcome to do one loop or both. Invite people to sponsor you or support our First Parish team at <https://tinyurl.com/y88bmn7s>.



The Sunday News deadline is Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to

Sarah Burns, sburns@firstparish.org.

The Sunday News can be read online at www.firstparish.org.