

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

December 16, 2018

This Week

Sun. Dec 16	9:00 Chalice Choir 9:00 Gospel Choir 10:00 Sunday Service 11:30 Junior Choir
Mon. Dec 17	7:30 Environmental Leadership Team
Tues. Dec 18	7:00 Amnesty International Meeting 7:00 SAC Board Meeting
Wed. Dec 19	9:15 Cancer Support Group 9:30 Buddhist Group 7:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu. Dec 20	7:00 Membership Committee Meeting 7:30 Buddhist Group 7:30 By Your Side Singers
Fri. Dec 21	7:30 Rise Up Caroling
Sun. Dec 23	9:00 Chalice Choir 9:00 Gospel Choir 10:00 Sunday Service 11:30 Junior Choir

Parish Notes

December's Share the Plate Recipient: The International Rescue Committee

The International Rescue Committee responds to the world's worst humanitarian crises, helping to restore health, safety, education, economic well-being, and power to people devastated by conflict and disaster. Founded in 1933 at the call of Albert Einstein, the IRC is at work in over 40 countries and 28 offices across the United States helping people to survive, reclaim control of their future, and strengthen their communities. They have won top marks by charity watchdog groups for efficiency and effectiveness. Learn more at www.rescue.org.

Winter Solstice Special Coffee Hour

Sunday, December 23, 11:00 a.m., in the Parish Hall

There will be a special coffee hour on Sunday, December 23, to mark the Winter Solstice, including special food, music, and crafts for children! Join the festivities as we celebrate the return of the sun! Hosted by the Women's Goddess Covenant Circle.

Sunday Bouillon Volunteers Are Needed

We might begin making bouillon in early January again if we have enough volunteers. Remember how delicious the bouillon was on a cold winter Sunday? Can you help one Sunday a month by buying, preparing, serving, and/or cleaning up? Kel Keleher will be there most Sundays to help clean up. You could team up with a friend—one does the buying and preparation, both serve (and

schmooze with parishioners enjoying the bouillon), and the other cleans up; or any other way you'd like. Please contact Kel Keleher at kel@rkeleher.com or 978-944-2734 if you are interested.

Women's Retreats

Registration December 2 to January 6

The theme for this year's Women's Retreats is "Our Voices, Our Peace, Our Power." Registration begins at coffee hour today and continues on December 9, 16, and January 6. Forms are also available during the week in the church office and online at firstparish.org/forms. All women of First Parish are welcome to attend one of the Away weekends at Senexet House (January 11-13 and January 25-27) or the At-Home retreat at First Parish (February 8 and 9). Details at coffee hour or contact registrar Darien Smith at darien@smithquest.com.

Margaret Fuller and #Metoo

Tuesday, January 29, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

In the Emerson Room

Sponsored by the Transcendentalism Council

Margaret Fuller [1810 -1850] fought for women's equality and facilitated "conversations," encouraging women to develop their intellect. In 1845, she published *Woman in the Nineteenth Century*, a feminist classic. Men and women are invited to join Mary-Wren vanderWilden as she facilitates "conversations" about Fuller and feminism today. We will discuss a short excerpt from Fuller's writings. To register, visit the First Parish office Tuesday to Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or call 978-369-9602. Preregistration and prepayment of a \$10 fee is required. Reading will be emailed. Contact Shelley_Hawks@msn.com.

Social Action

Amnesty International, Group 15

Tuesday, December 18, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

In the Greeley Room

December is our annual "Write For Rights" meeting. This year, along with tens of thousands of people around the globe, we'll be writing in support of selected women activists suffering human rights abuses in their home countries. You can become a part of this, the biggest human rights event in the world, by stopping by our table during coffee hour on January 6. Hope to see you there. For more information, contact Nancy Lyons at njlyons22@gmail.com or 978-369-6109.

AWE Friday Feminist Film

Friday, January 4, 7:00 p.m.

We'll show *Made in Dagenham*. Based on a true story, the film explores the movement that caused a significant

law reform. Female workers walk out of the Ford Dagenham factory in protest against sexual discrimination, demanding equal pay, and causing a lot of public attention around the world. The strike is successful and leads to the Equal Pay Act of 1970. Contact Lou Toussaint at mloutoussaint@gmail.com.

Goods for Jamaica

Have items you don't need? They are needed in the rural community of Carawina: clothing, tools, toiletries, dictionaries, canned foods, and more. Don't have anything? Funds are also needed for transport. We'll pack barrels in early January, and Jennifer Burgess will take them to Jamaica. Drop off items at church on Sunday or at CC King's home. Learn more at jamaicad49@gmail.com. Sponsored by RJAG and SAC.

Religious Exploration

This Sunday, December 16: Religious Exploration

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

10:00 a.m. – UU Explorers, Grade 8– Parlor

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 sessions 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 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 – Lower Level

Grade 3– Ripley and Greeley Rooms – Upper Level

Grades 4 & 5 – Wright Tavern

Neighboring Activists, Grade 6 – Emerson Room

11:15 a.m. UU Explorers BAKE SALE – Parlor

11:30 a.m. – 8th Grade OWL Parent Orientation Make-up Session – Emerson Room

11:45 a.m. – Neighboring Faiths, Grade 7, meet in the Parlor, visit Islamic Center of Boston in Wayland, Mass., and return to First Parish around 2:15 p.m.

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

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.

February 2019 Meeting House News Deadline

Tuesday, January 15, 12:00 Noon

Keep the article length to 100 words and send to the Editor,

Wendy Wolfberg, wolfberg@post.harvard.edu.

The February 2019 edition will be published January 23.

Next Sunday, December 23: Holiday Tea Party, Multiage Program

Bake Sale at Coffee Hour

The 8th grade bake sale will be at coffee hour! Goodies for here or to go. Come help our UU Explorers group support the Southern Poverty Law Center. Cash or checks are welcome.

Youth Group Yankee Swap

All High School teens are invited to a Yankee Swap this evening, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Wright Tavern! Please bring a wrapped gift with a maximum spending amount of \$10. That does not mean you need to spend \$10! It just means we aren't doing super crazy extravagant. As always, you are welcome to bring a friend to Youth Group. Hope to see you soon! If you have any questions, contact Madzie Burnham, Lead Youth Group Advisor, at 617-877-9858.

Holiday Tea Party

Sunday, December 23, 10:15 to 11:00 a.m.

Children are invited to a Holiday Tea Party during regular RE time. Children who play an instrument are welcome to bring it to accompany the singing of "Jingle Bells" and/or "Deck the Hall." Amy Freedman and Dawn Van Patten will share their favorite holiday stories. There will also be crafts to enjoy. Tea and cookies will be served. For families with allergies, the cookies will be nut-free.

Neighboring Activists Bucket Brigade

The Bucket Brigade is a long-standing collaboration between First Parish and the Concord Council on Aging. Youth decorate buckets, fill them with sand/salt, and then deliver them to the doorsteps of seniors for their use throughout the winter. This morning following the Choir Anthem and Children's Message, they will fill and deliver the buckets to local seniors who requested them. Parents, if you have not turned in a Permission Form, please follow your child to meet the Neighboring Activist leaders. Thanks!



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