

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

December 23, 2018

This Week

Sun. Dec 23	9:00	Chalice Choir
	9:00	Gospel Choir
	10:00	Sunday Service
	11:30	Junior Choir
Mon. Dec 23	3:00	Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
	5:00	Family Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
	7:00	Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
	9:00	Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
		First Parish Closed on Christmas Day
Tues. Dec 25		
Wed. Dec 26	9:30	Buddhist Group
Thu. Dec 27	7:30	Buddhist Group
Sun. Dec 30	10:00	Sunday Service

Social Action

Amnesty International, Group 15 Sunday, January 6, at Coffee Hour

If you'd like to join the biggest human rights event in the world, Amnesty International's annual "Write for Rights" campaign, then stop by our table during coffee hour on January 6. We'll have information about women whose peaceful activism has led to harsh attacks on their basic human rights, as well as letters to officials and cards of support to the women themselves, all ready for your signatures. Hope to see you there.

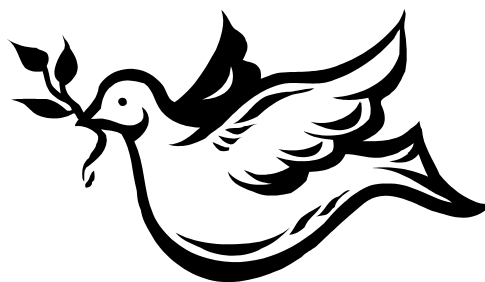
AWE Friday Feminist Film Friday, January 4, 7:00 p.m.

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.

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.



Parish Notes

Winter Solstice Special Coffee Hour

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

There will be a special coffee hour today, 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.

Reminder:

The First Parish offices will be closed
Tuesday, December 25, and Tuesday, January 1,
in observation of Christmas and New Year's Day.

Religious Exploration

This Sunday, December 23: Religious Exploration

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Children in Kindergarten through Grade 8 begin in the Sanctuary with their families. All RE sessions are held until 11:15 a.m. Parents of children 0-Grade 3 are asked to pick up their children. Older children and youth will be dismissed to coffee hour.

10:15 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Holiday Tea Party, Multiage Program, Emerson Room

Next Sunday, December 30: All Ages Service, No RE or Little RE

Laurel Gray, Ministerial Intern: "What We Cast Off and What We Carry"

Music: Pamela Schweppe and Tamasin Foote – Sopranos

Holiday Tea Party

Sunday, December 23, 10:15-11:00 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.

Christmas Caroling

Sunday, December 23, 1:00 p.m.

Come help bring holiday cheer to our parishioners and others who can't get out this season. Singers of all ages welcome! We will meet in the Parlor on Sunday, December 23, at 1:00 p.m. and then carpool to area nursing facilities to sing. Afterward, we'll head back to First Parish to enjoy cookies and hot chocolate together. Feel free to wear festive attire and bring cookies to share. Questions? Contact Lora Venesy: 617-922-1733 (cell). Drop-ins are welcome!

Come Join an RE Team!

**Sunday, January 6, 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.,
Emerson Room**

This year we have working groups focusing on certain areas of our Religious Education program. These teams meet at First Parish in the fall, winter, and spring with a shared meal and child care. The teams also meet at other mutually agreeable times and/or communicate online to work together on their areas of focus. We have openings on the following teams: Social Action Team, Teacher Resource Team, and Welcome Team. Our Youth Team is full! If you'd like to join a team or learn more, please contact our Minister of Religious Education, Amy: afreedman@firstparish.org

Three Kings Day with Santuario Luterano

Sunday, January 6, 5:00 p.m., Waltham

Join Zach Roe and members of First Parish as we celebrate with Santuario Luterano in Waltham. Día de los Tres Reyes celebrates the arrival of the three kings from the biblical story of the nativity. All ages are welcome to enjoy homemade Puerto Rican food, decorating of boxes, the passing out of gifts and sweets, and an appearance from the Three Kings! Santuario Luterano is a Spanish-speaking Lutheran congregation led by Zach's husband, Rev. Ángel Marrero. Space is limited, so please reserve a spot on the "First Parish in Concord—Social Action Community" page on Facebook (facebook.com/fpcsac) or by emailing Zach Roe: zroe@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,
at wolfberg@post.harvard.edu.

The February 2019 edition will be published
on January 23.

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

Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to
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The Sunday News can be read online at
www.firstparish.org.

Rev. Howard Dana is on Sabbatical until March.

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