

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

September 15, 2019

This Week

Sun. Sept 15	9:00	Chalice Choir Rehearsal
	9:00	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal
	10:00	Sunday Service
	11:30	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	6:00	Community Dinner
Tues. Sept 17	10:00	Flower Committee Meeting
	7:00	Amnesty International Meeting
	7:00	SAC Board Meeting
Wed. Sept 18	8:00	Trustees' Meeting
	9:30	Buddhist Group
	7:45	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu. Sept 19	7:00	Membership Committee Meeting
	7:30	Buddhist Group
	7:30	By Your Side Singers
Fri. Sept 20	1:00	"Nature" Program
	7:00	Jewish Awareness Affinity Group
Sun. Sept 22	9:00	Chalice Choir Rehearsal
	9:00	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal
	10:00	Sunday Service
	11:30	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	7:00	Aardvark Jazz Ellington Concert

Parish Notes

A Special Collection for Hurricane Relief

Today we take up a special collection to help those impacted in the Bahamas by Hurricane Dorian. The destruction left in Hurricane Dorian's wake this week is unlike anything the Bahamas has ever seen. The most powerful storm ever to hit the Caribbean nation left many places in total ruin, with costs to rebuild estimated at hundreds of millions or even billions of dollars. Financial support is urgently needed to help the country begin recovery. This Sunday's collection plate will be donated in total to help those impacted in the Bahamas. First Parish will donate through our UU partner, the UUSC (www.uusc.org), who will focus especially on the Haitian migrant community on Abaco Island and other groups most likely to fall through the cracks of traditional rescue and relief efforts.

Thank You for a Wonderful Homecoming Picnic

A beautiful evening, a fabulous jazz band, joyous balloon hats, delicious desserts, good friends, and new acquaintances of all ages. Thank you to all who made the Homecoming Picnic such a success.

Worship Sharing Circle

A lay-led opportunity to extend the experience of worship with some shared reflection. Come on by any Sunday, in the Senior Minister's office, or outside on the terrace if weather allows. Each meeting starts after the end of service and finishes by 11:30 a.m. Come join fellow parishioners to listen and be heard.

Third Sunday Suppers—Begins September 15

Please join us every third Sunday of the church year (6:00 to 7:30 p.m.) for a casual community meal in the Parish Hall. The menu will include pasta (regular and gluten-free), a choice of vegan red sauce, meatballs, and pesto, salad, and garlic bread. Feel free to bring a beverage of your choosing, and/or a dessert to share, if you wish (no pressure to bring anything). Suggested donation is \$5 per person, with a maximum of \$20 per family. All ages are welcome. It helps your cooks know how much food to provide if you RSVP here <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/>

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Nature: Returning to Concord

Friday, September 20, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall
TigerLion Arts, a Minnesota-based theater company, is bringing their outdoor walking play, "Nature," to Concord, following a well-received and critically acclaimed visit in 2017. Tyson Forbes, co-founder and leader of TigerLion Arts, will join us at First Parish to talk about the creative process involved in the development of this beautiful production. Forbes, a direct descendant of Ralph Waldo Emerson, will also speak to the significance of bringing this show to Concord, the birthplace of so many of the key tenets of Transcendentalism. A Q&A will follow the program. Free and open to the public. Presented by the Transcendentalism Council of First Parish in Concord, the Old Manse, and TigerLion Arts.

A Duke Ellington Celebration

Sunday, September 22, 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary
Boston's critically acclaimed Aardvark Jazz Orchestra (Mark Harvey, music director) opens its 47th season with a concert honoring Duke Ellington (1899-1974) in his 120th birthday year. The concert will celebrate themes important for Ellington—joy, justice, and love. Selections will range from hits like "Satin Doll," and "I'm Beginning to See the Light," to joyful music from Ellington's Sacred Concerts. Featuring the First Parish Choir and presented in cooperation with Robbins House. Advance tickets are \$20.00 at ellington.brownpapertickets.com. Price at door: \$25.00.

Welcome to the Women's A.M./P.M. Book Group!

The Women's A.M./P.M. Book Group begins the year with the acclaimed novel "Where the Crawdads Sing," by Delia Owens. The evening discussion will be Monday, September 23, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., and the morning discussion on Tuesday, September 24, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Both sessions will be held in the Brooks Room. 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.

Women's Parish Association Luncheon Program

On Wednesday, September 25, at 11:30 a.m., share a delicious meal with old and new friends. Catch up on the news and enjoy a celebration of First Parish's women's groups and a highlighting of their exciting plans for the coming year. During the WPA's Annual Meeting, the annual report will be distributed with a brief review of last and next year's interesting programs and events, followed by an election of next year's officers. Luncheon cost: \$12.00. Contact the office at 978-369-9602 or Dian Pekin at pekindc@comcast.net by September 21 for reservations.

First Tuesday Group

"Building Connections: World Café with Liz"

On Tuesday, October 1, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m., at The First Tuesday Group, our new Minister for Pastoral Care, Liz Weber, will discuss how building connections has been a part of her life's journey. Liz will lead a dialog on how building connections can play an active role in the First Tuesday Group, First Parish in Concord, and in the wider world. Come ready to share what's on your mind and in your heart, and leave with stronger connections! (While our focus is seniors, please come if you are interested, whatever your age.)

Social Action

Boston Climate Strike Friday, September 20

Anyone interested in attending the Boston Climate Strike on Friday, September 20, is encouraged to check in with the Environmental Team today at coffee hour. We will set a meeting place and time to meet at Boston City Hall Plaza this Friday. The speeches and events kick off at 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., followed by a march to the statehouse.

AWE Monthly Meeting

Saturday, September 21, 8:00 a.m., First Parish

Join the Advocates for Women's Empowerment to discuss ideas and formulate plans for how we can advocate for women this year. We meet on the third Saturday of the month and our meetings and events are open to women, men, and people of all gender identities and expressions. Contact: Lora Venesy (venesy@comcast.net).

Stand up against Immigration INJUSTICE!

Your support and presence are needed. Please join us at one of these important events:

Jericho Walk, Tuesday, September 17, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Meet at ICE Office, 1000 District Ave in Burlington, Mass.

South Bay Detention Vigils, Sunday, September 29. All Vigils begin at 2:00 p.m. and meet at Suffolk County House of Corrections, 20 Bradston St. Boston. For more information contact Tony Rodriguez, trod.rodriguez@gmail.com.

Sing & Drum with Soyinka Rahim, Artist, Activist and Musician

Join us for the all-ages event, "I Let My Light Shine," on Friday, October 4, with a dessert potluck at 6:30 p.m. and celebration at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall. Learn uplifting songs that explore themes of racial transformation and equity. Hopeful and heart-filled, Soyinka's music and leadership will inspire healing, strength, and joy. Invite young ones & elders. If you could bring a dessert or lend a hand, contact CC King at ccking.interplay@gmail.com. Sponsored by RE and RJAG. Learn about Soyinka at www.bibolove.us. Changing the Race Dance follows on Saturday, October 5, at First Parish in Milton. Workshops from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

IJTF Meeting

The next Immigration Justice Taskforce meeting will be on Monday, October 7, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Brooks Room; subsequent meetings will be on the first Monday of each month, same time and place. For further information, please contact Tony Rodriguez at trod.rodriguez@gmail.com.

Religious Exploration

Register Children and Teens for Fall Program

Our Fall Religious Exploration program begins this Sunday, September 15. Please register children and teens on our website: firstparish.org. Our cooperative program depends upon parents, grandparents and First Parish members volunteering. You can sign up online or contact Amy at afreedman@firstparish.org or Dawn at dvanpatten@firstparish.org to explore the possibilities. Thanks!

This Week, September 15: Religious Exploration Begins!

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

UU Explorers, Grade 8– Chapel

Neighboring Faiths, Grade 7– Brooks Room

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 the classrooms listed below. Older children and youth will be dismissed to coffee hour.

Kindergarten and Grades 1– Lower Level

Grade 2– Greeley Room

Grade 3– Ripley Room

Grades 4 & 5– Wright Tavern

Grade 6– Emerson Room

11:15-11:45 a.m., Neighboring Faiths Parent Orientation– Brooks Room

4:00 p.m. – Coming of Age Orientation, Grade 9 and Parents– Emerson Room

Next Week, September 22: Religious Exploration

Coming of Age Fall Retreat, September 21-22, Camp Takodah, Richmond, NH

Neighboring Faiths Parent Orientation

Sunday, September 16, 11:15 to 11:45 a.m., Brooks Room

The Neighboring Faiths teachers look forward to seeing your child at 10:00 a.m. and to meeting parents at 11:15 a.m. this Sunday! The 7th graders start in the Brooks Room instead of attending the first part of the service. Please send at least one parent per family to the Orientation. The kids can go to coffee hour during the meeting. Parents will meet our NF team, receive a schedule, learn more about this program, and fill out a permission form for our visits to houses of worship throughout the church year.

Coming of Age Orientation

Sunday, September 15, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., Emerson Room

Coming of Age is a transformative experience co-led by Kristin Moore and Gib Metcalf. This Orientation is for CoA participants and their parents. Please bring a potluck appetizer or dessert to share. We will prepare for our Fall Retreat to Camp Takodah in Richmond, NH next weekend. It will be a fun, informative, and friendly start to this year's program.

Youth Group News

Sunday, September 15, Supper at 6:00 p.m.

Youth Group, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

High School teens are invited to the 3rd Sunday Supper in the Parish Hall this Sunday for a casual community meal of pasta, salad, and garlic bread. If your family wants to join you, suggested donation is \$5 per person, with a maximum of \$20 per family. Youth Group eats FREE! It helps the cooks know how much food to provide, so please RSVP if you can at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfApPZWRGWctO7V3zFZwKy3UK25w81u30vQC_XmqpcVw5M4Jw/viewform?usp=pp_url. Then we will meet in the Wright Tavern from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. for community building and to plan a project to decorate the Sunroom. Questions or ideas? Contact Lead Youth Advisor, Madzie Burnham, at 617-877-9858 (cell) or mfburnham@comcast.net.



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

Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to

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