

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

September 29, 2019

This Week

Sun. Sept 29	9:00	Chalice Choir Rehearsal
	9:00	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal
	10:00	Sunday Service
	11:30	Junior Choir Rehearsal
Tues. Oct 1	1:30	First Tuesday Group
Wed. Oct 2	9:30	Buddhist Group
	6:30	Concord Area Humanists
	7:45	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu. Oct 3	7:30	Buddhist Group
	7:30	By Your Side Singers
Fri. Oct 4	6:30	"I Let My Light Shine"
	7:00	AWE Film: "Tracks"
Sat. Oct 5	10:00	WPA Board Meeting
	7:00	IJTF Film: "The Last Dream"
Sun. Oct 6	9:00	Chalice Choir Rehearsal
	9:00	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal
	10:00	Sunday Service
	11:30	Junior Choir Rehearsal

September's Share-the-Plate:

Vadrózsák Youth Folk Dance Group Visit

Our Partner Congregation Committee is bringing the Vadrózsák youth folk dance group and musicians from Székelykeresztúr, Transylvania (Romania), to tour New England this fall, performing and teaching Hungarian folk dances, accompanied by several delegates from our partner congregation—24 travelers in all. We'll provide airfare, lodging, meals, transportation, and cover all expenses while they're here. This wonderful cultural and partnership exchange is an expensive undertaking, and we're raising funds from various sources to cover the costs of our hospitality. Share-the-Plate is one of these. Please stop by the PCC table at coffee hour for more information.

Parish Notes

Worship Sharing Circle

A lay-led opportunity to extend the experience of worship with some shared reflection. Come by any Sunday, in the Senior Minister's office, or outside on the terrace if the 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.

First Tuesday Group

Building Connections: World Café with Liz

Tuesday, October 1, 1:30-3:00 p.m., Parish Hall

At the first First Tuesday Group gathering, 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, and 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).

Concord Area Humanists.

On Wednesday, October 2, parishioner Richard Forman will start our CAH Fall program, speaking on "Town Ecology" in our Parish Hall, beginning earlier at 6:30 p.m., following requests.

Richard is described by Wikipedia as having been called the "father" of landscape ecology for his work linking ecological science with spatial patterns describing how people and nature interweave on land. He has authored a number of books on the topic, served as Vice President of the Ecological Society of America from 1982-1983, and was elected a fellow in 2012. For more information, contact Pat Everett at pne@aol.com.

Catnip Ball Workshops

Have fun making catnip balls for the Holiday Artisans Fair WPA Boutique. These popular items are some of the best fundraisers in the history of the fair! No experience is necessary. Workshops will take place on Thursday, October 10 and Wednesday, October 23, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. For further information, contact Irmi Doane and igdoane@gmail.com.

Higher Ambition: How Great Leaders Create Economic and Social Value

Despite capitalism creating dramatic economic world-wide growth, trust in business has declined precipitously due to many unintended consequences. One cause is the emergence of shareholder value creation as the only purpose of corporations. Many CEOs are pursuing "higher ambition," adopting a multi-stakeholder perspective, leading their companies in a way that builds trust and commitment with employees, customers, business partners and society. Michael Beer, Prof. Emeritus, Harvard Business School, will report on how many such CEOs are organizing, managing and leading differently. Presented by the WPA, October 19, 7:00 p.m., First Parish. For reservations, contact the office at 978-369-9602 or pekindc@comcast.net.

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.

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Rev. Liz Weber's email: lweber@firstparish.org

Church office: 978-369-9602

Visit our website: www.firstparish.org.

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.

Social Action

Sing & Drum with Soyinka Rahim, Artist, Activist, Musician Friday, October 4, 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Join us for an all-ages event, "I Let My Light Shine," with a dessert potluck at 6:30 p.m. and a celebration at 7:00 p.m. 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 and elders. If you can bring a dessert or lend a hand, please 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.

AWE Free First Friday Feminist Film Series Friday, October 4, 7:00 p.m., Chapel

AWE (Advocates for Women's Empowerment) kicks off the 2019-2020 First Friday Film Series with the movie, "Tracks." This is the remarkable true story of Robyn Davidson (Lily Pearl/Mia Wasikowska), a young woman who leaves her life in the city to make a solo trek through almost 2,000 miles of sprawling Australian desert. Accompanied by only her dog and four unpredictable camels, she sets off on a life-changing journey of self-discovery. Along the way, she meets National Geographic photographer Rick Smolan (Adam Driver) who begins to photograph her voyage. Contact Lou Toussaint, mloutoussaint@gmail.com, for more information.

Stand Up for Immigration Justice Today! Join the South Bay Detention Vigil

Today, September 29, 2:00 pm, 20 Bradston Street, Boston

The Vigil meets at Suffolk County House of Corrections, 20 Bradston St. Boston, Mass. Your support and presence are needed. For more information or to carpool contact Tony Rodriguez, trod.rodriguez@gmail.com.

The IJTF Invites You to Watch "The Last Dream" Saturday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall

"The Last Dream" is a documentary created by Boston-area children of adults with Temporary Protective Status. Originally a play, these 10-16 year-olds performed for members of Congress to stop the scheduled end of TPS for their parents this December. What is it like to live with the uncertainty and fear that comes with having a TPS Mom or Dad? Join these young actor activists and the Immigration Justice Taskforce for conversation following the movie. Suitable for people ten years and older. Refreshments will be served at this free event.

Immigration Justice Taskforce Meeting Monday, October 7, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Brooks Room

The next Immigration Justice Taskforce meeting will be on Monday, October 7. There is much to discuss, so please join us. 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.

Hold the Date!

Sunday, October 13, 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., at First Parish

Join an Interfaith Vigil for children detained by heartless and damaging practices at the southern border. All are welcome. The Immigration Justice Taskforce will provide additional information shortly.

Religious Exploration

This Week, September 29: Religious Exploration
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 classroom 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.

Kindergarten and Grades 1– Lower Level

Grade 2– Greeley Room

Grade 3– Ripley Room

Grades 4 & 5– Wright Tavern

Grade 6– Emerson Room

2:00 p.m. High School Youth Group, Apple Picking at Honey Pot Hill

Next Week, October 6: Religious Exploration

Welcome Families!

Every Sunday, the stage is set up for children and families to connect. There are muffins available on the stage especially for families. Parents and kids are welcome to stop by during coffee hour for coloring pages, mazes, and friendly conversation. Our website has descriptions of our program for children and youth, including schedules for each age group: <http://firstparish.org/wp/learning/re/>. If you have questions, please contact Dawn Van Patten, Assistant Director of Religious Education, at dvanpatten@firstparish.org, or Rev. Amy Freedman, Minister of Religious Education, at afreedman@firstparish.org.

Youth Group Apple Picking Today!

High School teens are invited to go to Honey Pot Hill Orchards in Stow this Sunday afternoon. Please bring your own money for apples and other treats. Permission is required to attend without a parent. We will meet at First Parish at 2:00 p.m. Questions? Contact Lead Youth Advisor, Madzie Burnham, at 617-877-9858 (cell) or mfburnham@comcast.net.

