

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

November 3, 2019

This Week

Sun. Nov 3	9:00	Chalice Choir Rehearsal
	9:00	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal
	10:00	Sunday Service
	11:30	Junior Choir Rehearsal
Mon. Nov 4	7:00	IJTF Meeting
	7:30	Environmental Leadership Team Meeting
Tues. Nov 5	8:00	Finance Committee Meeting
	1:30	First Tuesday Group
	6:00	Open Door Service
Wed. Nov 6	9:30	Buddhist Group
	6:30	Concord Area Humanists
	7:45	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu. Nov 7	7:30	Buddhist Group
	7:30	By Your Side Singers
Sat. Nov 9	9:30	Photography Club
Sun. Nov 10	9:00	Chalice Choir Rehearsal
	9:00	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal
	10:00	Sunday Service
	11:30	Junior Choir Rehearsal

foods and supplements. Do our nutritional needs change as we age? What do we really need to stay healthy? Come hear answers to these and other questions from Nurse Grace. (While our focus is seniors, please come if you are interested, whatever your age.)

The Open Door: Evening Contemporary Worship Every First Tuesday of the Month, Starting November 5, 6:00 p.m., Chapel

Come gather with us for vibrant evening worship and real connection! Please join us the first Tuesday evening of each month, starting November 5, 6:00-7:00 p.m., in the Chapel. Services will be led by Gail Carey, Assistant Director of Music Ministry, and Rev. Liz Weber, Minister for Pastoral Care. Musicians from the Contemporary Vocal Ensemble will help lead congregational singing. First Parish leaders will share reflections on their call to social justice work. Learn what inspires us forward together in kindness. Come as you are.

Parish Notes

November's Share the Plate: Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN)

BIJAN, also known as Beyond, is a network of faith communities and activist groups working together with those who are detained and facing deportation, to reduce the escalating harm and racism of our immigration system. We provide support in court and at ICE check-ins, clergy visits, legal referrals, help paying bonds and legal fees, housing, and rides to legal and medical appointments and for families visiting loved ones in detention. Help free our neighbors from immigration prison. For more information, go to beyondbondboston.org or contact IJTF at trod.rodriquez@gmail.com.

Concord Area Humanists: Dr. Nancy Murray Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 p.m., Parish Hall

On Wednesday, November 6, Dr. Nancy Murray will present "The Gaza I Knew" in the Parish Hall, 6:30 p.m. From the 1987 Intifada to the Great March of Return in 2018, Gaza Strip has dominated resistance to the Israeli occupation. "I would like Gaza to sink into the sea," said Israeli Defense Minister Yitzhak Rabin, "but that won't happen and a solution must be found." It hasn't. Gaza Strip has been largely sealed off for 12 years. The UN says it will soon be unlivable. Nancy first visited the West Bank and Gaza Strip in 1988, and has long been a 'peace with justice' activist. Her BA is from Harvard and PhD from Oxford. For more information, contact Pat Everett at pne@aol.com.

Thanks for Another Great Fair!

The Women's Parish Association extends heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this year's Holiday Artisans Fair another great success. Your support will help the WPA fund important facilities projects, offer interesting programs, and support many charities. Items remaining from yesterday's fair will be on sale during today's coffee hour where you will be sure to find wonderful treasures at great prices!

"Natural Foods and Supplements as We Age"

Tuesday, November 5, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

The First Tuesday Group will host Registered Nurse Grace Pintabona, who will update the group on "natural"

First Parish Men's Retreat

"Creating the Life You Want"

Saturday, November 16, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Chapel

First Parish men, here's an opportunity to assess where you are in your life's journey. We will explore five areas: your time, financial well being, relationships, health, and identity. There will be time for reflection, discussion, and planning next steps. Tom Wilson will join Rev. Howard Dana and Jeff Clanon in facilitating. Please sign up in the front office. Lunch provided.

Do you know where your water bottle is?

There are currently six water bottles in First Parish's Lost-and-Found (in the front office). Front desk volunteers suggest labeling your water bottle with your name and phone number so you can be called if you lose it here.

Coming of Sage

At some point in our lives, often in our mid-60s or -70s, many of us cease to define ourselves by our *doing* and increasingly identify our better selves with our fundamental *being*. Rev. Dr. Jim Sherblom and Tom Wilson will help guide a small group of First Parish elders into Coming of Sage, meeting at 7:00 p.m., Monday, December 16, and then every Monday evening in January and February 2020, culminating in a Sunday morning Coming of Sage worship service on February 23, 2020. Please contact the office, jimsherblom@gmail.com, or twilson@wilsongroup.com to reserve a place in the class.

Social Action

Environmental Team Survey Results and Meeting

The Environmental Team at First Parish invites you to stop by our table at Coffee Hour to view and discuss the results of our interactive survey of what parishioners are doing at home, work, and church to combat the climate crisis. Also, our next meeting will be Monday, November 4, at 7:30 p.m., in the Greeley Room.

Discussion with Attorney Heather Yountz

Monday, November 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Brooks Room

Join a discussion with Attorney Heather Yountz at the Immigration Justice Task Force's monthly meeting. Attorney Yountz will speak about her experiences as an immigration lawyer here and on the border. All are welcome.



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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.

Religious Exploration

Today, Sunday, November 3: All Souls Sunday, Worship Service for all ages

9:45 a.m. – Little RE (0-4yrs) – Brooks Room
Parents and guardians are welcome to bring little ones to the Brooks Room 15 minutes before the service starts. Little RE will return to the Lower Level next Sunday.

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., RE Orientation for Winter Term – Emerson Room

4:00-6:00 p.m. – Coming of Age – Emerson Room

5:00 p.m. – Youth Group – First Church in Belmont

All Souls Sunday, Worship Service for All Ages

During our All Souls service, we will create an Altar of Remembrance. All ages are welcome to bring a small photo (or copy of a photo) of loved ones who have died. If you do not have a photo, you may write names on a slip of paper found in the order of service.

Next Sunday, November 10: Religious Exploration

Youth Group Carpooling to First Church in Belmont

Sunday, November 3, 5:00 p.m.

Our High School Youth Group will meet at 5:00 p.m. to carpool to First Church in Belmont. Our teens will enjoy a pizza dinner with the Belmont UU Youth Group and our Transylvanian guests. Following dinner, at 7:30 p.m., there will be a music and dance performance by Vadrózsák Hungarian Youth Folk Dance Group and Lelkes Band, followed by some simple dance instruction. Questions? Contact Madzie Burnham, Lead Youth Advisor, 617-877-9858 (cell).

8th Grade OWL Parent Orientation

Sunday, November 17, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Emerson Room

“Our Whole Lives” (OWL) will be offered to 8th graders at First Parish in Concord beginning in January 2020. The goals of the program are to help young people learn about safe sexual relationships in the context of UU principles, to help them make responsible decisions, and to increase their understanding of and respect for themselves and others. One parent/guardian must attend the Orientation and all parents/guardians must sign an OWL Permission Form. Sign-up link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b4faaac29a5fe3-parent>.

