

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

December 1, 2019

## This Week

Sun. Dec 1	9:00	Chalice Choir Rehearsal
	9:00	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal
	10:00	Sunday Service and Ordination of Hannah Gallo
	11:30	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	11:30	Environmental Team Meeting
Mon. Dec 2	3:00	Margaret Fuller and the Female Divine
	4:00	Adult Drum Fusion Circle
	6:00	RJAG Meeting
	7:00	IJTF Meeting
	7:30	Women's Book Group
Tues. Dec 3	8:00	Finance Committee Meeting
	9:30	Women's Book Group
	1:30	First Tuesday Group
Wed. Dec 4	6:00	Open Door Service
	7:30	Committee Chairs Breakfast
	9:30	Buddhist Group
Thu. Dec 5	6:00	Concord Area Humanists
	7:45	Adult Choir Rehearsal
	7:30	Buddhist Group
	7:30	By Your Side Singers
Fri. Dec 6	7:00	AWE First Friday Film
Sat. Dec 7	1:30	Children's Craft Fair Workshop
Sun. Dec 8	9:00	Chalice Choir Rehearsal
	9:00	Gospel Ensemble Rehearsal
	10:00	Sunday Service
	11:30	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	3:00	WPA Holiday Concert and Tea

## Parish Notes

### Today's Share the Plate

At the request of Hannah Gallo, the non-pledge offering today will be split between the UUA Living Tradition Fund and DRUUMM. The UUA Living Tradition Fund provides need-based scholarships for theological students who have completed a full year of theological education, new minister assistance to reduce the burden of high educational debt and repayment, and emergency assistance grants to seminarians, ministers, religious professionals, other congregational staff, retired ministers, and their loved ones. DRUUMM is a UU People of Color Ministry and anti-racist collective that brings lay and religious professionals together to overcome racism through resistance and transform Unitarian Universalism through our multicultural experiences.

### Adult Drum Fusion Circle

**Today, December 1, 5:00 to 6:30 p.m., in the Chapel**

An adult drum fusion circle will begin on Sunday, December 1, at 5:00 p.m., and will be held monthly. No experience is necessary, beginners and experienced drummers are welcomed. A variety of drums and smaller handheld percussion instruments will be provided. If you have a drum, please bring it along. Our circle will help you to discover your inner rhythm at your own pace. We will drum for one hour followed by a half hour sound bath to slow things down. The intention for this gathering is to have fun listening to each other while we collaborate to create some great sounding rhythms together. For additional information or questions contact Daniel Shea 781-439-8891. Sponsored by Music Ministry.

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

Come gather with us for vibrant evening worship and real connection! Please join us the first Tuesday of each month, 6:00 to 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. Save the dates of Tuesdays, December 3, January 7, February 4, March, April 7 and May 5.

### Committee Chairs Breakfast

**Wednesday, December 4, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.**

All committees at First Parish are invited to a breakfast meeting on Wednesday, December 4. This meeting will be an opportunity for committees and groups to share what they are up to in a group setting, and to provide opportunities for collaboration and exchange of ideas. Each chair or representative will briefly (2 minutes each) describe current or future committee activities. Coffee and light breakfast will be available. If your chair is not available or there isn't one, a representative is welcome. Rev. Dana will be in attendance. Sponsored and facilitated by the Standing Committee. RSVP to [daveelwood@hotmail.com](mailto:daveelwood@hotmail.com).

### Concord Area Humanists

Dr. Michael Mallary Presents: "It's Getting Hotter and We are Causing It"

Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m. (Please Note New Start Time)  
Dr. Micael Mallary will discuss the science and politics of how we get here and where we are going. Suggestions for how we can mitigate a likely climatic disaster in this century and beyond will be presented. Dry regions will get much drier, as predicted in the simulation above. His PhD from Caltech is in High Energy Physics. He researched this as a professor at Northeastern University until 1978, and then went into industry. He has 165 patents and 37 more publications. All your magnetic disk drives utilize some of these inventions. His 2004 book, "Our Improbable Universe," traces the evolution of raw energy of the Big Bang into our collectivity of mind. Please send any questions to [pne@aol.com](mailto:pne@aol.com).

### 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? I 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. Kel can be of help cleaning up on many Sundays. Please contact Kel Keleher at [kel@rkeleher.com](mailto:kel@rkeleher.com) or 978-944-2734 if you are interested.

## Social Action

### Environmental Team Meeting Today

The Environmental Team is meeting this morning after the service at 11:30 a.m. We will be discussing the upcoming Climate Strikes, our work with other UU Congregations in the region, and early planning for the big event slated for April 22, 2020, the 50th anniversary of Earth Day. All are invited.

**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](mailto:sburns@firstparish.org).

The Sunday News can be read online at [www.firstparish.org](http://www.firstparish.org).

## **Racial Justice Action Group**

**Monday, December 2, Potluck 6:00 p.m.; Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

We will meet on December 2 for a potluck, followed by a business meeting. We welcome all who are interested in joining us for a part or all of the evening. This month's potluck will focus on discussion of the second episode in the New York Times's 1619 series that reframes our history to center considerations of race. Here are the links:

<https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/slavery-capitalism.html>

<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/30/podcasts/1619-slavery-cotton-capitalism.html>

We are a warm and welcoming group with a serious commitment to deepening our understanding of racism within ourselves, our congregation, and our community, and finding ways to take action. Please join us.

## **IJTF Meeting**

**Monday, December 2, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Brooks Room**

Did you know that NO refugees were resettled in the United States during the entire month of October? And that the quota for next year will be 18,000 down from over 200,000 during the 1980s? If you are outraged, interested in learning more, or compelled to do something please mark your calendars for the next Immigration Justice Taskforce meeting, Monday, December 2, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the Brooks Room. Regular meetings are held the first Monday of each month. You are needed, you are welcomed!

## **AWE Free First Friday Feminist Film Series**

**Friday, December 6, 7:00 p.m., in the Chapel**

AWE (Advocates for Women's Empowerment) will be featuring Calendar Girls, a comedy about the power of women to support a cause. Calendar Girls is based on the true story of a group of middle-aged Yorkshire women who produced a nude calendar to raise money for Leukemia Research under the auspices of the Women's Institutes in April 1999 after the cancer death of one of their members' husband. The film stars an ensemble cast including Helen Mirren and other well-known British actresses in key supporting roles. Contact Lou Toussaint ([mloutoussaint@gmail.com](mailto:mloutoussaint@gmail.com)).

## **Save the Date for a Huddle**

A "huddle" is a dedicated time to join with others from FP and beyond to write to legislators and neighbors about the critical, time-sensitive issues you believe in. The Immigration Justice Taskforce is sponsoring this event with Concord Indivisible on Sunday, December 15, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., in West Concord. It will be fun and festive! Details to follow. For questions, contact [reginacorraoconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:reginacorraoconsulting@gmail.com).

## **IJTF Recommendation**

What do U.S. asylum officers believe about the work they do, when it includes sending desperate migrants back to Mexico? For first-hand accounts, listen to NPR's "This American Life" podcast, episode 688, from November 15, 2019, "The Out Crowd, Act One, Goodbye Stranger." Members of IJTF found it an informative, emotional and powerful piece.

## **Amnesty International, Group 15**

**Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Greeley Room**

This evening we'll combine our holiday gathering with Amnesty International's annual Write For Rights campaign. Along with tens of thousands of people around the globe, we'll be writing in support of ten activists who are suffering human rights abuses in their home countries. All are welcome to join us. For more information, contact Nancy Lyons, [njlyons22@gmail.com](mailto:njlyons22@gmail.com), or 978-505-1936.

## **Are You Interested in a Deeper Understanding of Race?**

Beloved Conversations is a small group ministry approach following a structured curriculum to explore your own experience and beliefs about race, as well as the ways that our congregation centers the white experience. The Racial Justice Action Group is organizing another round of Beloved Conversations to start in February or early March. We continue to seek additional participants. Please send us an email if you think you might be interested. We look forward to answering your questions about this program and its impact. Sue St.Croix, [sue@suestcroix.com](mailto:sue@suestcroix.com); Ted Bayne, [tedbayne@comcast.net](mailto:tedbayne@comcast.net); Beth Norton, [elizabethhnorton@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethhnorton@gmail.com); Jim Synder-Grant, [jim.snyder.grant@gmail.com](mailto:jim.snyder.grant@gmail.com); or Cindy Soule, [cindysoule@gmail.com](mailto:cindysoule@gmail.com).

## **Thank You from IJTF**

The Immigration Justice Taskforce would like to thank all of you who contributed to the November Share the Plate for the Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network to help pay bond and legal fees to detained immigrants. Your generosity is so helpful and necessary and we are grateful.

## **Religious Exploration**

**Next Sunday, December 1:** Multiage Program

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

10:00 a.m.- 11:15 a.m. – Kids Yoga (Kindergarten- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade) – Emerson Room

**Next Sunday, December 8:** Religious Exploration

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

9:50 a.m. – Neighboring Faiths – Meet in the Parlor, Visit Fo Guang Buddhist Temple in Cambridge, Return to FPC~ 12:30 p.m.

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

UU Explorers, Grade 8– Chapel

*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.*

Spirit Play, Kindergarten and Grades 1– Lower Level

Celebrating Our 6 Sources, Grade 2– Greeley Room

Celebrating Our 6 Sources, Grade 3– Ripley Room

Bibleodeon, Grades 4 & 5– Wright Tavern

Neighboring Activists, Grade 6– Emerson Room

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

6:00-8:00 p.m. Youth Group– Wright Tavern

## **Kids Yoga**

**Sunday, December 1, 10:00 to 11:15 a.m., Emerson Room**

Kindergarten through 6th graders are invited to join Jaime Andrews for yoga in the Emerson Room during the service time. Jaime is a certified Kidding Around Yoga instructor. This unique class incorporates singing, jogging, dancing, games and so much more to improve strength, flexibility, and coordination. Children will learn how to focus and center themselves with various breathing and visualization techniques. They will also learn self-respect and respect for others with the practice of fun and challenging poses, partner and group poses, lots of yoga games, breathing and basic anatomy.