

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

April 1, 2018

This Week

Sun. Apr. 1	9:00 Easter Service
	11:00 Easter Service
Mon. Apr. 2	1:30 Caregiver Support Group
	1:30 Photography as Meditation
Tue. Apr. 3	11:30 First Tuesday Group
	5:00 Transylvania Pilgrimage Potluck
	6:30 T'ai Chi
	7:00 Annual Campaign Meeting
Wed. Apr. 4	8:00 Trustees' Meeting
	9:30 Buddhist Group
	7:00 Concord Area Humanists
	7:45 Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thur. Apr. 5	7:30 By Your Side Singers
	7:30 Buddhist Group
Sat. Apr. 7	5:00 Passover Seder
Sun. Apr. 8	9:00 Chalice Choir
	9:00 Gospel Choir
	10:00 Sunday Service
	11:30 Junior Choir
	11:30 Nominating Committee
	11:30 Pastoral Care Tea
	12:15 Contemporary Vocal Ensemble
	5:00 Guest Speaker Tawakkul Karman
	6:15 Standing Committee Meeting

Parish Notes

Results for 7.5% Social Action

Interested in the results of our Year for Reflection and Visioning? All the results will be shared at congregational discussions in April. But the question on our 7.5% social action allocation are available now at http://firstparish.org/wp/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/7.5_surveyresults_web.pdf. (Link on homepage of the First Parish website) The full congregation will vote at Annual Meeting on whether to reaffirm, revise, or revoke the current policy.

Share the Beauty of Spring

Deliver an Easter plant to a First Parish member or two. Pick up plants today, April 1, after the 11:00 a.m. service. Bring good cheer to a parish member and perhaps meet someone for the first time. Meet Caitlin Selle at the front of the Sanctuary on today, immediately after the service (approximately noon).

"Play It Again, Sam—Music Around the World"

First Tuesday Group (senior focus, but all are welcome) will gather around Jerry Hurley on the piano in the Parish Hall on April 3, 1:30-3:00 p.m., and sing songs celebrating foreign countries and cities ("Lady of Spain," "Waltzing Matilda," "I Love Paris," etc.). At each stop on our journey, Anne Fortier will lead a quick exercise where participants can share (in a very few words) a personal experience from that stop on our round-the-world tour. There may well be time for your favorite song to be included, so come prepared to hum a few bars for the piano player!

Wednesday, April 4: Bryan Hamlin, "Darwin as a person"

Hamlin commenced university in 1959—centennial year of the publication of Charles Darwin's *Origin of Species*. Aware of this he studied early lifeforms, majoring in microbiology. What was

Darwin like as a person? We will look at his family life, friendships, his health struggles. What did he believe, and how does his scientific work stand the test of time? We will also discuss Darwin's links with the United States, including the Boston area.

First Parish Cooperative Passover Seder

Saturday, April 7, Parish Hall, 5:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Our Passover Seder is a fun and meaningful ritual for all ages. Rev. Amy Freedman is leading our Seder with Dana Snyder-Grant and Zach Roe. Our gathering will include a retelling of the Passover story and a potluck dinner. Whether you have a Jewish background or never attended a Seder before, you are welcome. Each person is asked to choose a job (setup or serving or clean-up) and to bring one or two items. Sign up online: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e45aaaa2baafa7-passover1> or on our website: firstparish.org. Contact Dana Snyder-Grant at 978-760-1129 or dana.snydergrant@gmail.com.

Shall we adopt a Climate Justice Mission Statement?

Sunday Forum, April 8, 11:30 a.m.

As a community of faith that values the inherent worth and dignity of all people, and seeks to create and defend a world in which all people may lead full and productive lives, we recognize that we have an inherent right to a livable climate, and that right trumps laws legitimizing the continued extraction and consumption of fossil fuels. The Climate Justice Mission Statement empowers us to act in accordance with this resolution.

Program by Shelley Hawks Now at WPA May Luncheon

Rescheduled to May 16 at 11:30 a.m.: The special program of the Women's Parish Association at which fellow parishioner, Prof. Shelley Hawks will give an illustrated presentation about her latest book, *The Art of Resistance, Painting by Candlelight in Mao's China*. Her findings present a compelling picture of what dedicated resisters against oppression can accomplish. For reservations, contact the office at 978-369-9602, sign up at coffee hour, or email Dian Pekin at pekindc@comcast.net by May 13. Note: You must RSVP again even if you reserved for the postponed March luncheon.

Social Action

Toiletry and Feminine Hygiene Collection Drive for Women

Starting today, we are collecting unopened full- and travel-size shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, deodorant, lotion, lip balm, combs/brushes, and hygiene items (pads, tampons) for Rosie's Place and Open Table. Please bring only items on the list (no makeup, razors, mouthwash, etc.). Leave items in the marked box in the coatroom, or bring them to LunaFest on April 6 at Concord Academy. Sponsored by the Advocates for Women's Empowerment. Contact Suzie Weaver at skatesuzie@aol.com or 978-369-5352.

LunaFest Is Coming Again!

Friday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. at Concord Academy

Join us at LunaFest—a fundraising film festival by, for, and about women—to benefit reproductive health access. The evening will include refreshments for purchase and a 50/50 raffle. Online ticket sales will begin soon, and tickets can also be purchased at the door (\$15 for general seating). Hosted by Advocates for

Women's Empowerment, along with Concord Academy's student groups—Women of Color Alliance and Women's Org. Contact Lora Venesy at venesy@comcast.net.

**Tawakkol Karman—2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate
Sunday, April 8, 5:00-6:30 p.m.**

The First Parish in Concord Social Action Community, in conjunction with the Greeley Peace Scholar Program, presents Tawakkol Karman. Karman (this year's Greeley Peace Scholar) was the first Arab woman and the second Muslim woman to win the Nobel Peace Prize. She was also the youngest. She is a women's rights activist and does peace building work in the struggle for human rights in Yemen. She is the cofounder of Women Journalists Without Chains. The topic will be "My Experience in the Revolution and Making Change." This event is free and open to the public.

Come March in the Patriots' Day Parade, Monday, April 16

The First Parish Reclaim Our Democracy group and its supporters will be marching in this year's Patriots' Day Parade in Concord. We will be gathering on April 16 at 8:30 a.m., on Stow Street near the Hunt Gym. Please join us and help support our cause! If you are interested in participating, please email Fred Van Deusen at fredvandeusen@gmail.com.

AWE Monthly Meeting

Saturday Morning, April 21, 8:00 a.m., at First Parish

Are you burning to do something positive to impact women's lives? If so, please come on April 17 to the next meeting of the Advocates for Women's Empowerment! We'll discuss upcoming events and want to hear *your* ideas about actions and initiatives to advocate for women. All are welcome to our meetings and events (men, women, people of all gender identities and expressions). Our meetings are the third Saturday of the month. Contact Lora Venesy at venesy@comcast.net with questions or to join our mailing list.

Volunteer at Rosie's Place

We are looking for volunteers (age 12+) to join us to cook and serve dinner at Rosie's Place on Sunday, April 22. We'll carpool from church at 1:30 p.m. and return by 6:30 p.m. Rosie's Place is a sanctuary for poor and homeless women in Boston and serves 3 meals a day, 365 days a year. Past volunteers have found this a meaningful way to do direct social action work. Sponsored by the Advocates for Women's Empowerment (AWE). Please contact Suzie Weaver ASAP at skatesuzie@aol.com to sign up.

AWE Book Group

Tuesday, May 8, 7:00 p.m., at First Parish

For our next meeting, the Advocates for Women's Empowerment book club is trying something different. We will be reading articles on the topic of Women's Bodies. Join us for a lively discussion! We have provided links to ten articles grouped in three subject areas—reproduction, body image, and sport. Please read at least one article on each subject. The article links and a copy (for photocopying) can be found in the First Parish Office, on the AWE Facebook page at www.facebook.com/concordwomen, or by contacting Jen Izzo at jbizzo@hotmail.com.

May 2018 Meeting House News Deadline

Tuesday, April 17, 12:00 Noon

Keep the article length to 100 words and send to the Editor, Wendy Wolfberg, wolfberg@post.harvard.edu. The May 2018 edition will be published April 25.

Religious Exploration

Easter Egg Hunt

Today, April 1, 10:00 a.m.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children at 10:00 a.m. on the Church Green. All are welcome.

Heart Gallery in Parish Hall

The Heart Gallery is a portrait exhibit presented by the Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange (MARE). Our Neighboring Activists (First Parish 6th graders) are seeking to raise awareness about adoption from foster care and connecting families to adoption. Please check out the exhibit on the Parish Hall stage to find out more about how you could make a difference. Also check out www.mareinc.org.

Youth Service Learning Trip to City Reach

Friday and Saturday, April 27 to 28

If you are a teen in grades 9 to 12, join us for a learning service trip to City Reach in Boston. City Reach is an organization that supports those that are experiencing homelessness in Boston. Cost is \$70. Spots are filling fast, so please be in touch soon if this is something you are interested in doing. Contact Youth Coordinator, Rev. Jo VonRue, at jvonrue@firstparish.org.

Mother's Day Walk for Peace

Sunday, May 13

All ages are invited to join the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute's Mother's Day Walk for Peace! A free bus from First Parish in Concord will leave at 8:30 a.m. to take walkers to Boston and return by 1:30 p.m. This is a three-mile walk. All walkers are asked to register and contribute at least \$10. Come visit the Peace Walk table during coffee hour starting on Sunday, April 8, to donate and/or sign up for the Peace Walk. If you have questions, contact Margie at margie.king.saphier@gmail.com or 781-424-2179.

This Sunday, April 1: Happy Easter!

8:50 a.m. – Little RE (0-4yrs) – Lower Level

9:00 a.m. – Easter Service for All Ages

10:00 a.m. – Easter Egg Hunt, Meet on the Terrace

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11:00 a.m. – Easter Service for All Ages

Next Sunday, April 8: Religious Exploration

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

10:00 a.m. – Neighboring Faiths (Grade 7) – Brooks Room

10:00 – 11:15 a.m. – Middle OWL (Grade 5) – Wright Tavern

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

10:15-11:15 a.m. – Religious Exploration

Kindergarten & Grade 1– Lower Level

Grade 2– Emerson Room

Grade 3– Bulkeley Room

Grade 4– Ripley Room

Neighboring Activists (Grade 6)– Chapel

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. – OWL (Grade 8), Session 9– Emerson Room

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. – Coming of Age with mentors– Ripley and

Greeley Rooms

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Coming of Age– Chapel

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

Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to

Sarah Burns at sburns@firstparish.org.

The Sunday News can be read online at www.firstparish.org.