

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

April 8, 2018

## This Week

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
	11:30	Sunday Forum
	12:15	Contemporary Vocal Ensemble
	5:00	Guest Speaker Tawakkul Karman
	6:15	Standing Committee Meeting
Mon. Apr 9	1:30	Caregiver Support Group
	1:30	Photography As Meditation
	7:00	Immigration Justice Task Force
Tue. Apr 10	2:00	Shawl Ministry
	6:30	T'ai Chi
	7:00	"Emerson Believes"
Wed. Apr 11	9:30	Buddhist Group
	7:45	Adult Choir
Thur. Apr 12	7:00	Race Conversations Group
	7:30	Buddhist Group
Fri. Apr 13	12:30	T'ai Chi
Sat. Apr 14	9:30	Photo Club Meeting
Sun. Apr 15	9:00	Chalice Choir
	9:00	Gospel Choir
	10:00	Sunday Service
	11:30	Junior Choir

major works, including "Nature," "Self-Reliance," "Spiritual Laws," "Circles," "The Transcendentalist," "The Over-Soul," and the Divinity School Address. Limited to 20 participants. Fee: \$10. Preregistration is required. Contact Dianne Weiss at [diannemcweiss@comcast.net](mailto:diannemcweiss@comcast.net), or sign up in the First Parish office. Sponsored by the Transcendentalism Council of First Parish in Concord.

## Transcendentalist Talking and Walking

What is transcendentalism and how does it fit into modern life? Are you a transcendentalist? Come learn about transcendentalism from our own Concord transcendentalist, Rev. Dr. Jim Sherblom, author of *Spiritual Audacity: Six Disciplines of Human Flourishing*. Sunday, April 15, 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the new Walden Pond Visitor Center, 915 Walden Street, Concord, MA. Following Jim's talk, join him for a transcendental walk in the wildness of Walden Pond.

## Mother-Son Cooking Class

Teach your son some basic cooking skills and enjoy a meal together. Join our mother-son cooking class on April 22 and 29 from 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the church kitchen. On April 22, we will make spaghetti and meatballs and brownies, all from scratch. On April 29, the menu is chicken, risotto, broccoli, and banana cream pie. Classes are taught by Olympia Wheeler, mother of three boys and first generation Greek-American with cooking in her blood. Cost: \$30 for one class, \$50 for both. Limit: 12 boys in third grade or higher. RSVP to Leah Russell at [leahkrussell@gmail.com](mailto:leahkrussell@gmail.com).

## Parish Notes

This month's Share the Plate recipient is the Climate Disobedience Center (CDC), headed by UUA minister Tim DiCristopher. The CDC is instrumental in training and organizing people to protest additional investments in fossil fuel infrastructure, committing future generations to the use of non-renewable energy resources. The actions we take today to combat the immediacy of climate change are necessary.

## Shall We Adopt a Climate Justice Mission Statement? Sunday Forum—Today, in the Sanctuary, 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.

## Collecting New Socks!

In conjunction with their trip to City Reach at the end of the month, the Youth Group is collecting *new* socks and backpacks to donate to the program. Please bring *new* (men's) socks you have purchased and put them in the box in the coatroom. Please do not bring used socks. We will be accepting donations up until April 26. For more information, contact Youth Coordinator, Rev. Jo VonRue at [jvonrue@firstparish.org](mailto:jvonrue@firstparish.org).

## "Emerson Believes" Lecture

On Tuesday, April 10, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., Emerson scholar Wendell Refior will present a brief lecture on Ralph Waldo Emerson's beliefs, influences, and thought. A seminar will follow, with participants invited to discuss selections from Emerson's

## Flea Market Update

Now's the time to donate to this important fundraiser, organized by the Women's Parish Association. It will be held on Saturday, April 28, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact Melita Teichert at [mmtconcord1@gmail.com](mailto:mmtconcord1@gmail.com) to arrange for donations of household goods, collectibles, antiques, jewelry, etc. Contact Marilyn Lowitt at [marilyn.lowitt@verizon.net](mailto:marilyn.lowitt@verizon.net) or 978-793-0267 if you need items picked up. Contact the office at 978-369-9602 or Dian Pekin at [pekindc@comcast.net](mailto:pekindc@comcast.net) to rent a table. Rental fee is \$35. Tables are almost gone, so rent one now! Bring family and friends to socialize, have snacks and lunch, and shop for bargains!

## Ferry Beach Retreat—Friday, May 25 to 28 Registration; April 8 to 29

Join families, couples, and singles from our own congregation and First Parish in Lexington for this relaxed weekend on the beach at the UU Ferry Beach Camp and Conference Center in Saco, Maine, over Memorial Day Weekend. Registrations will be taken during coffee hours starting this Sunday through April 29, and in the church office during business hours. As of April 8, the Registration Packet will be available at [www.firstparish.org/forms](http://www.firstparish.org/forms). For questions or to inquire about scholarship assistance, contact Darien Smith at [darien@smithquest.com](mailto:darien@smithquest.com). Also, to check out the campus plus summer camps and conferences for all ages at Ferry Beach, see [www.ferrybeach.org](http://www.ferrybeach.org).

## Mother's Day Walk for Peace Sunday, May 13, 8:30 a.m.

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 today to donate and/or sign up for the

Peace Walk. If you have questions, contact Margie at [margie.king.saphier@gmail.com](mailto:margie.king.saphier@gmail.com) or 781-424-2179.

**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](mailto:pekindc@comcast.net) by May 13. Note: You must RSVP again even if you reserved for the postponed March luncheon.

## Social Action

**Tawakkol Karman—2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Today, 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 [fredvandeu@gmail.com](mailto:fredvandeu@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](mailto:venesy@comcast.net) with questions or to join our mailing list.

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/concordwomen), or by contacting Jen Izzo at [jbizzo@hotmail.com](mailto:jbizzo@hotmail.com).

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

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

**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](mailto:wolfberg@post.harvard.edu).

The May 2018 edition will be published April 25.

## Religious Exploration

**This 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

**Next Sunday, April 15: Multiage Program**

9:50 a.m. – Little RE (0-4yrs) – Lower Level  
10:00 a.m. – Worship Service  
10:15-11:00 a.m. – Multiage Program (Kindergarten- Grade 7) – Emerson Room  
6:00-7:30 p.m. – Youth Group (High School teens) – Loft

**Take Trip Around the World, Led by Heather Packard Sunday, April 15, 10:15-11:00 a.m., Emerson Room**

Come take a trip around the world with us and find out where immigrants are from in our neighboring communities. Following the Children's Message, children in Kindergarten through 7th graders will gather in the Emerson Room to learn about diversity and immigration right here at home! This program explores the values of the inherent worth and dignity of every person, and justice, equity, and compassion in human relations. Come and write letters, or draw pictures, of encouragement for a family whose mother who has sought sanctuary in a neighboring church while working on obtaining asylum.

## Fun with Tangrams

**Led by Heather Koerber Nunes and Jake Nunes**

**Sunday, April 22, 10:15-11:00 a.m., Emerson Room**

Have you ever had a playful competition with a friend that turned out to be more than you bargained for? We will read a story from China, "Grandfather Tang's Story," by Ann Tompert and Robert Parker, in which a pair of young magical foxes find themselves in just such a situation. The story is told using Tangrams, an ancient Chinese puzzle made of geometric shapes that can be arranged and rearranged into an almost infinite variety of pictures. After the story, we will cut out our own Tangram sets and try making some of the animals and people from the story.

## 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; and to find out more about how you could make a difference, check out [www.mareinc.org](http://www.mareinc.org).

## Upcoming Youth Group Dates!

Our First Parish in Concord Youth Group will be meet on Sundays April 15 and May 20 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Loft. High School teens are invited to come join us for some pizza, games, and community. There is an upcoming Youth Con scheduled for May 11 to 12 in Belmont. Please contact our Youth Coordinator, Jo VonRue, for more information at [jvonrue@firstparish.org](mailto:jvonrue@firstparish.org).