

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

April 22, 2018

## This Week

Sun. Apr 22	9:00	Chalice Choir
	9:00	Gospel Choir
	10:00	Sunday Service
	11:30	Junior Choir
	11:30	Sunday Forum in the Sanctuary
	4:00	Mother/Son Cooking Class
Mon. Apr 23	1:30	Photography as Meditation
	7:30	Women's Book Group
Tue. Apr 24	9:30	Women's Book Group
	7:00	"Emerson Believes"
	7:00	Annual Pledge Campaign Meeting
Wed. Apr 25	9:30	Buddhist Group
	7:45	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu. Apr 26	7:00	Standing Committee Presentation
	7:30	Buddhist Group
Fri. Apr 27	7:30	Rise Up Singing
Sat. Apr 28	9:00	WPA Flea Market
Sun. Apr 29	9:00	Chalice Choir
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## Parish Notes

April's Share-the-Plate recipient is the Climate Disobedience Center. New fracked gas infrastructure has an estimated lifetime of 40 years. The CDC trains and educates citizens who want to take action around climate change. Give generously, and if you are making out a check, please make your tax-deductible contribution out to "Social Good with Climate Disobedience Center" written on the memo line.

### Sunday Forum in the Sanctuary—Finding Help for Addiction Today, April 22, 11:30 a.m.

What are the resources available in our area? What do you want to know? What is suboxone? Fentanyl? What is an appropriate treatment? Come to this Forum and ask your questions in a safe place. Lou Fackert is the Director of Training at Baycove, an organization in Boston that provides effective, compassionate care to over 20,000 individuals. She developed Bay Cove's current training model, comprised of over 60 courses taught in diverse learning environments. For more information or questions or to join the Forum Committee, contact a cochair, Pat Brinkman at [pabrinkman@comcast.net](mailto:pabrinkman@comcast.net) or Alan Whitney at [awhitney@alum.mit.edu](mailto:awhitney@alum.mit.edu).

### 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"

Tuesday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.

Emerson scholar Wendell Refior will give a brief lecture on the beliefs, influences, and thought of Ralph Waldo Emerson. A seminar will follow, where participants can discuss selections from Emerson's works, including "Nature," "Self-Reliance," "Spiritual Laws," "Circles," "The Transcendentalist," "The Over-Soul," and

the Divinity School Address. Limited to 20. Preregistration with \$10 fee required. Contact Dianne Weiss at [diannemcweiss@comcast.net](mailto:diannemcweiss@comcast.net), or sign up in the church office.

### Concord's Earth Day—Saturday April 28

Join First Parish friends for the Giant Puppet Parade at 10:30 a.m., from Emerson Umbrella through town, to the River Ceremony at 11:30 a.m. at the Old North Bridge and Festival at Noon at the Old Manse. There will be fun, food, drumming, puppets, and music! Contact CC King at [cking.interplay@gmail.com](mailto:cking.interplay@gmail.com). Sponsored by the Environmental Leadership Team.

### 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, vintage items, jewelry, etc. Donated items should be delivered to the Rev. Peter Bulkeley Room, which is behind the stage, on Thursday, April 25, from noon to 5:00 p.m. and on April 26 from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m. Bring family and friends to socialize, have lunch, and shop for bargains at this fun event!

### Next Steps in the Year for Reflection and Visioning

Please join representatives of the Standing Committee for a review and discussion of preliminary results from the massive data collected this year through listening sessions, surveys, and the retreat. There are two meeting options; Thursday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. or Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. You can attend either one. Your thoughts and input on interpreting the data are essential because analysis of the data will be used to set goals for the Senior Minister, staff, and Standing Committee for the next five years.

### 7.5%?: Standing Committee Conversation Sunday, April 29, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary

Throughout this year, the Standing Committee has gathered information and opinions from the congregation about our 20-year-old policy that reserves 7.5% of pledge revenue for social action purposes. This process has resulted in the Standing Committee crafting a new policy on spending to present for a vote at annual meeting on June 10. Please come to the sanctuary on Sunday, April 29, at 11:30 a.m. to hear about our process and discuss our current proposal.

### Roy Speckhardt Event

Wednesday, May 2, 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall

Roy Speckhardt, Executive Director of the American Humanist Association, will draw from his latest book, *Creating Change Through Humanism*. Roy will discuss how the modern humanist movement has been at the forefront of such social issues as civil rights, women's rights, religion-free science, LGBTQ equality, and environmental preservation. He will argue for the need to be open about being "good without god" and combating the antihumanist prejudice of the Religious Right. Sponsored by the FP Humanist Council. Contact Pat Everett at [pne@aol.com](mailto:pne@aol.com) with any questions.

### Oriana Consort at First Parish, Reception Following Sunday, May 6, 5:00 p.m.

In this concert, Oriana presents beautiful but infrequently-performed choral works by several lesser-known composers. 16th-century Swiss composer Ludwig Senfl gives us a sacred motet and a lively mimetic piece that sounds like bells in a cathedral tower. The first half ends with three small-ensemble choruses by Boston's own Amy

Beach. The program ends with Gerald Finzi's sensitive choral settings of seven poems of Robert Bridges (later England's Poet Laureate).

### **Tour the Historic Fourth Meetinghouse Wednesday, May 9, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Senior Minister Rev. Howard N. Dana will show the group around the church grounds and building, explaining various aspects of the congregation's nearly 400-year history. Come learn about the Puritan founders, the church's role in the American Revolution, and its famous Transcendentalist members. The tour will take roughly 90 minutes, with plenty of opportunities to sit down and ask questions. Thanks to Freedom's Way National Heritage Area Hidden Treasures program, for grant support. Free and open to the public. RSVP: 978-369-9602. Meet in the vestibule.

### **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. We will walk three miles from Madison Park High School to City Hall. Register online for "First Parish Concord" team at <https://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org>. All walkers are asked to register and contribute at least \$10 per walker. Come visit the Peace Walk table during coffee hour to sign up for the bus to the Peace Walk or contact Margie King Saphier 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 Wednesday, May 16, at 11:30 a.m., the Women's Parish Association will present fellow parishioner Prof. Shelley Hawks as she gives 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.

### **Ferry Beach Retreat—Friday, May 25, to Monday, May 28 Registration Through April 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 through April 29, and in the church office during business hours. The Registration Packet is 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).

## **Social Action**

### **Lowell Garden Cleanup with Jericho Road**

Join us on two spring mornings to help prepare Franklin Court Community Garden for the planting season. This family-friendly event supports an important green space in the heart of the highly diverse Acre neighborhood. The dates are Saturday, April 28, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 12, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. This is part of the broader 31st Annual Acre Cleanup. Bring your rakes, shovels, and gloves—carpenters and landscape experts doubly welcome! Coffee and pastries provided by Lowell Alliance, a community advocacy organization and the garden's manager. To sign up and learn about location and parking, contact Katharine

Roberts at [katharine@goodstory.works](mailto:katharine@goodstory.works) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/jerichoroadproj/>.

### **AWE Free First Friday Feminist Film Series Friday, May 4, 4:00 p.m., in the Chapel**

Join us to watch "Whale Rider," Only males are allowed to ascend to chieftom in a Maori tribe in New Zealand. This ancient custom is upset when the child selected to be the next chief dies at birth. However, his twin sister survives. At age twelve, she enlists the help of her grandmother and the training of her uncle to claim her birthright. But to break with convention, she'll have to do the impossible: win over her ultra-traditional grandfather. Contact Lou Toussaint at [mloutoussaint@gmail.com](mailto:mloutoussaint@gmail.com).

## **Religious Exploration**

### **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 in to 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.

### **Are You a Teenager Who Likes Working with Young Children?**

First Parish welcomes youth who will be in grades 9-12 next year to join the Teen Assistant Program. Assisting during the morning services is a wonderful way to stay engaged in the First Parish community while providing valuable and much-needed support for the classrooms with our youngest children. Teen Assistants work Sunday mornings from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and earn \$12 per hour. Please email Dawn Van Patten at [dvanpatten@firstparish.org](mailto:dvanpatten@firstparish.org) with any questions or for information on how to apply to work in the program next year.

### **This Sunday, April 22: Multiage Program**

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

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

10:15-11:00 a.m. – Multiage Program (Kindergarten- Grade 7) – Emerson Room

### **Next Sunday, April 29: 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 - 5:30 p.m. – OWL (Grade 8), Session 10 – Emerson Room

5:30 - 6:00 p.m. – OWL Closing Celebration with Parents – Parish Hall

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. – Coming of Age with mentors – Emerson Room

**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).

**June 2018 Meeting House News Deadline (Final Edition until September)  
Tuesday, May 15, 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 May 23.