

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

October 21, 2018

## This Week

Sun. Oct 21	9:00	Chalice Choir
	9:00	Gospel Choir
	10:00	Sunday Service
	11:30	Junior Choir
	11:30	Sunday Forum, Sanctuary
	12:00	Concord Progressive Activists
	12:15	Contemporary Vocal Ensemble
	1:30	CROP Walk
Tue. Oct 23	7:00	"How to Best Rescue Our Democracy"
	7:00	Racial Justice Action Group
Wed. Oct 24	9:15	Cancer Support Group
	9:30	Buddhist Group
	7:45	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thu. Oct 25	7:30	Buddhist Group
Fri. Oct 26	7:30	Rise Up Singing
Sat. Oct 27	6:00	Church Auction
Sun. Oct 28	9:00	Chalice Choir
	9:00	Gospel Choir
	10:00	Sunday Service
	11:30	Junior Choir
	11:30	Transcendentalism Council Meeting
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### October's Share the Plate Recipient: Mil Milagros

October's Share the Plate recipient is Mil Milagros—A Thousand Miracles. This organization partners with more than 800 indigenous Mayan mothers and teachers to serve more than 1,300 children each year in early childhood development, nutrition, health and hygiene, and education programs. Rates of chronic child malnutrition and stunting have decreased 50 percent in these communities. An average of 97 percent of the children supported by Mil Milagros complete the sixth grade. Please consider giving generously to October's Share the Plate Program to help Mil Milagros expand its reach. There are more than 50 schools and 10,000 children on the waiting list.

## Parish Notes

### Sunday Forum: Jericho Road and Budget Buddies Today, October 21, 11:30 a.m.

Award-winning nonprofit Budget Buddies will share the impact of their work promoting women's financial literacy on Sunday, October 21, 11:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Hosted by the Jericho Road Project, Budget Buddies' staff will share program stories and how their "coach and buddy" process works to empower women financially. Jericho Road is currently involved in marketing and database projects with Budget Buddies and will talk about their pro bono work with nonprofits since 2003, along with opportunities for interested First Parish members. We hope you will join us!

### Planning Meeting for Transcendentalism Council Sunday, October 28, 11:30-1:00 p.m., Brooks Room

Come help plan this year's "Living Our History" programs about church history and Concord authors, Thoreau and

Emerson among others. For information, contact Shelley Hawks at [Shelley\\_Hawks@msn.com](mailto:Shelley_Hawks@msn.com) or Dianne Weiss at [diannemcweiss@comcast.net](mailto:diannemcweiss@comcast.net). All are welcome.

### Drop-Off Dates for Fair Donations

Your donations to the WPA Fair Boutique can be dropped off either on Wednesday, October 31, or Thursday, November 1. Please bring them to the Bulkeley Room behind the stage on these dates. The WPA is looking for handmade items as well as high-quality, like-new items, such as jewelry, artwork, home goods, holiday decorating items, etc. Please contact Melita Teichert at [mmtconcord1@gmail.com](mailto:mmtconcord1@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Heartfelt thanks for your donations!

### An Important Date

#### Saturday, November 3, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

It's almost time to come to our annual Holiday Artisans Fair! Treat yourself and your family and friends to a day of great browsing, shopping, and socializing in the café. Entrance fee: \$3.00 for adults, \$1.00 for children. There is no charge for children under 6 years of age. See you at the fair!

### Bring a Photo to the All Souls Service

#### Sunday, November 4, 10:00 a.m.

During our All Souls service, we will create a Communal Altar of Remembrance. Bring a small photo (or copy of a photo) of loved ones who have died. There will be an opportunity for you to place them on our Communal Altar. For those who don't have a photo, there will a slip of paper in the order of service on which you can write their names to place on the altar.

### Concord Area Humanists

#### "Saving Massachusetts Forests for Climate, Nature, and People"

#### Wednesday, November 7, 7:00 p.m., Parish Hall

Forests are vital in storing carbon to fight climate change: providing critical habitat for native plants and wildlife; preserving historic and sacred sites; and offering opportunities for nature-based recreation. Yet almost all of our forests are currently open to resource extraction. We must protect our forests. Michael Kellett is cofounder and executive director of "RESTORE: The North Woods," a Massachusetts-based conservation organization. Having over 30 years of experience working to create national parks and wilderness, save forests, and protect wildlife, he will review our challenges and strategies for solving them. Questions? Email Pamela Dritt, [pamela@dritt.net](mailto:pamela@dritt.net); and Franklin Davis, [franklin.davis@gmail.com](mailto:franklin.davis@gmail.com).

### December 2018 Meeting House News Deadline

#### Tuesday, November 13, 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 December 2018 edition will be published November 21.

## Social Action

### “How Best to Rescue Our Representative Democracy”

**Tuesday, October 23, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Parish Hall**

Rick Hubbard, a retired Vermont attorney, former economic consultant, and author of *The Democracy Amendments*, will discuss why large numbers of Americans feel we have major problems with the structure and financing of our political system that results in improper representation of broad citizen interests by Congress. You'll each be loaned an iClicker device to record and present collective audience responses about the following and more: What current practices prevent proper representation? How serious is the threat? What is the best strategy for reform? What must effective reforms include? There will be refreshments! Questions? Contact Fred Van Deusen at [fredvandeu@gmail.com](mailto:fredvandeu@gmail.com). Sponsored by First Parish's Reclaim Our Democracy group.

### Racial Justice Action Group

**Tuesday, October 23, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.**

Join us as we plan events to further educate ourselves and the congregation, and find ways to promote racial justice in the community and state. All are welcome.

### 50th Anniversary Gala

**Saturday, October 27, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

Concord Prison Outreach will celebrate 50 years of prison volunteering at Trinity Episcopal Church, 81 Elm Street, Concord on Saturday, October 27. Yes, you can attend the Gala and Auction—start at the Gala, and leave a bit early for the First Parish Auction. The Gala will have substantial hors d'oeuvres, dessert, and wine, plus keynote speaker Louie Diaz. “Business casual,” “Auction attire,” or however you feel comfortable. For details and to buy tickets, visit [ConcordPrisonOutreach.org](http://ConcordPrisonOutreach.org). Questions? Contact Don Miller at [donaldbmiller@comcast.net](mailto:donaldbmiller@comcast.net) or 978-610-6298.

### “Protecting Transgender Rights: Yes on 3 Campaign”

**Sunday Forum, October 28, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary**

The Diversity Committee will host speakers from LexPride to address the following: LGBTQIA+: What does it all mean? The impact of ballot question 3 on civil rights, and one young man's journey. Valerie Overton, cochair of LexPride and lifelong civil rights activist, helps lead the local #YesOn3 campaign to ensure that transgender people are treated equally under the law. Daniel Overton, cochair of Lexington High School's GSA, speaks about LGBTQIA+ issues in high school health classes, teacher trainings, and public meetings. He is an ordinary person who finds himself in the extraordinary position of having to defend his right to exist in public places.

### “Dark Money,” Free Film Screening and Discussion

**Tuesday, October 30, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**

Produced and directed by Kimberly Reed, “Dark Money” is a political thriller that examines one of the greatest present threats to American democracy: the influence of untraceable corporate money on our elections and elected officials. Jeff Clements, President of American Promise, and the major force behind Massachusetts Ballot Question #2, which would help address these dark money issues, will introduce the film and lead a discussion about the ballot question. This event is sponsored by Reclaim Our Democracy in collaboration with POV, the award-winning independent nonfiction film series

on PBS, [www.pbs.org/pov/](http://www.pbs.org/pov/). Refreshments! Questions? Contact Fred Van Deusen at [fredvandeu@gmail.com](mailto:fredvandeu@gmail.com).

### AWE Free First Friday Feminist Film Series

**Friday, November 2, 7:00 p.m., Chapel**

We'll show *The Hunting Game*, a documentary that focuses on the epidemic of sexual assaults at U.S. colleges. This often-harrowing documentary combines the recollections of victims with disturbing statistics demonstrating the depth of the problem, while officials continue to downplay the issue. Contact: Lou Toussaint ([mloutoussaint@gmail.com](mailto:mloutoussaint@gmail.com)).

## Religious Exploration

**This Week, October 21: Religious Exploration**

9:45 a.m. – UU Explorers, Grade 8 – Meet in the Chapel. Visit First Parish in Weston, Mass. Return to First Parish about 12:45 p.m.

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

10:00 a.m. – Neighboring Faiths, Grade 7– Meet in the Parlor. Visit Sri Lakshmi Hindu Temple in Ashland, Mass. Return to First Parish about 12:30 p.m.

*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 classrooms 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.*

10:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2– Lower Level

Grade 3– Ripley and Greeley Rooms– Upper Level

Grades 4 & 5– Wright Tavern

Neighboring Activists, Grade 6– Emerson Room

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. – Coming of Age Mentor

Orientation– Emerson Room

12:00 p.m. – High School Youth Group meet in the Parish Hall to walk in CROP Walk together.

1:30 p.m. – CROP Walk for the Hungry Kick-Off– First Parish front steps

**Next Week, October 28: Religious Exploration**

### High School Youth Group, Today

**Sunday, October 21, 12:00 p.m., Parish Hall**

This Sunday we will either be baking cookies or making sandwiches before the Concord CROP Walk Against Hunger, which we will all do together. Meet at noon, the CROP Walk starts at 1:30 p.m. Reminder: It is a fundraiser, so if you are able to find some sponsors to donate toward your walk, that would be awesome! Here is a link in case you're interested in more info: <https://tinyurl.com/y88bmn7s>. Questions? Please email Madzie at [mfburnham@comcast.net](mailto:mfburnham@comcast.net).

**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).