

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

November 18, 2018

This Week

Sun. Nov 18	9:00 Chalice Choir
	9:00 Gospel Choir
	10:00 Sunday Service
	11:30 Junior Choir
	11:30 Racial Justice Action Group
	7:00 The Immigrant Experience Concert
Tues. Nov 20	7:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal
Wed. Nov 21	8:00 Trustees' Meeting
	9:30 Buddhist Group
	12:00 Offices Closing at Noon
Thu. Nov 22	Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
Fri. Nov 23	Office Closed for Thanksgiving Weekend
Sun. Nov 25	9:00 Chalice Choir
	9:00 Gospel Choir
	10:00 Sunday Service
	11:30 Junior Choir

Parish Notes

November's Share the Plate Recipient: Camino Verde
Camino Verde (Green Road) reclaims and protects threatened rainforest in the Peruvian Amazon by planting native trees—over 30,000 (400 species) so far—a concrete answer to climate change. Camino Verde also works with farmers to regenerate forests, and with indigenous communities to distill essential oils as sustainable products—a model others can emulate. CV also partners with a private corporation to plant 100 acres and manage 400 wild rain forest acres. Its Peruvian staff of 10 includes 4 women (2 university-educated). Founded and directed by a First Parishioner, it was seed-funded by a SAC grant. To learn more, go to www.CaminoVerde.org.

The Children's Holiday Craft Workshop **Saturday, December 1, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.**

Join the fun at the Children's Holiday Craft Workshop! First Parish children are invited to create beautiful handmade gifts for the holidays, with the help of a merry band of elves. Cost is \$15/child; \$45/family max. To volunteer, contact elf@firstparish.org or Kristin Moore, Kimberly Brainerd, or Jeanne Williams.

"A Congregational Conversation: Financing Our Future, and Expanding our Horizons" **Sunday, December 2, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary**

The Legacy Giving Committee is hosting a panel discussion on our Legacy Giving Program. Three First Parish members who've made legacy gifts will share how and why they gave to the Legacy Investment Fund (First Parish's "endowment"). We hope to, over time, meaningfully increase the LIF so that it can finance more of First Parish's annual operations, sustain our properties, provide a safety net, and expand our reach. Hear about alternative ways of making this commitment, and

how you can generate current income, make a gift now and see it at work, and more. Questions? Contact Tom Wilson, Chair, Legacy Giving Committee at twilson@wilsongroup.com or 617 281-1198.

Come to Cook

The Caring Connection provides delicious meals for parishioners during times of transition. It is time to fill the freezer again. We are going to cook on Friday, December 7, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the First Parish kitchen. If you are willing to help, please RSVP to Judy Dembsey at judydembsey@gmail.com or 978-263-3272. Email preferred.

Welcoming a Guest at Your Table **Return by Sunday, December 16**

Over the holiday season, we invite a "Guest At Your Table," a traditional fundraising practice for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee. UUSC's grassroots partners make a big difference in their communities, and so does your participation in GAYT. This year's program theme is "Justice Across Borders." Boxes will be distributed today and will be available in the front office after that. Please return your box on Sunday, December 16, so our UU Tweens class (Grades 4 & 5) can count your contribution. Otherwise, please write a check for the amount payable to UUSC. For more information, visit uus.org. Questions? Email Rev. Amy Freedman at afreedman@firstparish.org.

Spiritual Audacity: Six Disciplines of Human Flourishing **Mondays, January 14 to February 25, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** **(No Class February 18), in the Chapel**

Jim Sherblom will lead a six-session program based on his new book, exploring these spiritual disciplines: resilience, ego surrender, gratitude, generosity, the unknowable nature of divine mystery, and spiritual awakening. We will be doing and discussing exercises for self-realization from the book. The class is limited in size, so preregister by emailing Jim Sherblom at jimsherblom@gmail.com or by signing up in the front office.

Social Action

Make a Roxbury Connection

Join members of our Racial Justice Action Group and UU's from other congregations at 2:00 p.m. on the Sunday afternoon after Thanksgiving to visit and shop at the Black Market in Dudley Square. Black Market is the most diverse Pop-Up Market in New England, with local vendors offering a stunning variety of clothes, jewelry, art, and artisanal holiday gifts. Founders Chris and Kai Grant will welcome us and share their goals. Contact wendyh@dmahealth.com for additional details and for the options of organizing some carpools.

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

Please keep article length to 100 words and submit to Sarah Burns, sburns@firstparish.org.

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

AWE Free First Friday Feminist Film Series

Friday, December 7, 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. There will be an opportunity for informal discussion following the film. Contact Lou Toussaint at mloutoussaint@gmail.com.

A Concert for Immigrant Justice

A Concert for Immigrant Justice will take place at First Parish on Sunday evening, November 18, at 7:00 p.m., in the Sanctuary. Cosponsored by the Music Ministry and the Immigration Justice Task Force of First Parish, this event will feature the cantata *The Immigrant Experience*, by area composer John Kramer, as well as songs for soprano and piano. A coalition of singers from several UU churches will be directed by the composer. A suggested donation of \$20 will be collected for Boston Immigrant Justice Accompaniment Network. For information, contact Tony Rodriguez at trod.rodriguez@gmail.com. A reception will follow.

AWE Book Group Discussion

Wednesday, November 28, 7:00 p.m.

Our November book is *Dopesick: Dealers, Doctors and the Drug Company That Addicted America* by Beth Macy. Come to discuss this important issue whether or not you have finished the book. Feel free to invite interested friends. We'll meet at the home of Merrill Comeau (14 Pleasant Street, West Concord). Please RSVP to Merrill if you think you will attend: 14thebeesknees@gmail.com.

Religious Exploration

December 2018 Meeting House News Deadline
Tuesday, December 11, 12:00 Noon

Keep the article length to 100 words and send to the Editor,
Wendy Wolfberg, wolfberg@post.harvard.edu.
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