

THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

February 3, 2019

This Week

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| Sun. Feb 3 | 9:00 | Chalice Choir |
| | 9:00 | Gospel Ensemble |
| | 10:00 | Sunday Service |
| | 11:30 | Junior Choir |
| | 11:30 | “Write Here! Write Now!” |
| | 11:30 | IJTF Forum |
| | 12:15 | Contemporary Vocal Ensemble |
| Mon. Feb 4 | 1:30 | Caregiver Support Group |
| | 7:00 | Immigration Justice Task Force |
| Tues. Feb 5 | 1:30 | First Tuesday Group |
| Wed. Feb 6 | 9:30 | Buddhist Group |
| | 7:00 | Concord Area Humanists |
| | 7:45 | Adult Choir Rehearsal |
| Thu. Feb 7 | 7:30 | Buddhist Group |
| | 7:30 | By Your Side Singers |
| Sat. Feb 9 | 9:30 | Photography Club |
| | 6:30 | Silent Movie Night |
| Sun. Feb 10 | 9:00 | Chalice Choir |
| | 9:00 | Gospel Ensemble |
| | 10:00 | Sunday Service |
| | 11:30 | Junior Choir |
| | 11:30 | “Say Their Name” |

important and time-limited task this year. For questions or to join the team, please contact Irl Smith at opticsmith@mindspring.com.

Art Exhibit by Kathy Spang

You are invited to view the exhibit of Kathy (Katalin) Spang’s paintings in oil and watercolor displayed in the stairwell and the stage of First Parish. Kathy is a graduate of School of Art, The Cooper Union in New York City, and she taught Fine Arts in public elementary schools for 31 years. Retirement has given her time to do what she loves—paint the landscape. If you are interested in buying one of the pieces on exhibit, please contact Kathy at 781-273-0032 or katalinspang@yahoo.com. Kathy’s website is katalinspang.com.

First Tuesday Group: “Legal Documents in Later Life” Tuesday, February 5, 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Our workshop will be led by Margaret Hoag of the law firm of Eckel, Morgan & O’Connor, LLC. Margaret specializes in the needs of senior clients. What are your later life questions? What about your will? What about your health proxy? How do you talk to family members about these issues? What else should be on your list? Margaret will discuss addressing these questions for yourself and with your family. Come hear which of these important concerns should be on your check list of later life transitions. (While our focus is seniors, please come if you are interested, whatever your years.)

Concord Area Humanists

Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m., in the Parish Hall
“Paying for Pollution” incisively examines the very real cost of climate change and the challenges in reducing future damages from higher temperatures and more extreme weather. Gilbert Metcalf argues that a convergence of social, economic, and political forces provide an opening for a carbon tax solution appealing to politicians across the spectrum. Metcalf is John DiBiaggio Professor of Citizenship and Public Service and Professor of Economics at Tufts University. From 2011 to 2012, he served as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environment and Energy at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. Questions? Email Pat Everett at pne@aol.com.

Join the Ghosts of Wright Tavern for an Enchanted Evening

Friday, March 1, 6:30 p.m., Sunroom, Wright Tavern

A few tickets remain for the Colonial Dinner at Wright Tavern! Enjoy an authentic four-course meal and colonial beverages in the Sunroom at the Wright Tavern. The meal will be followed by tales of the Tavern’s resident ghosts, based on Holly Cratsley’s 25 years of working there. This will be one of the first times a full meal has been served in the Tavern since the 1800’s. Tickets are \$100 each. Proceeds benefit First Parish. RSVP to Holly Cratsley at holly@nasharch.com.

February’s Share-the-Plate Recipient

The South Sudanese Enrichment for Families, a nonprofit in Lincoln, serves the South Sudanese in Massachusetts. We have over 50 volunteers and welcome more! SSEF offers scholarships to a sleepaway camp, a preschool scholarship program, and a Saturday Bridges Program—an educational program for the whole family. We have volunteers who do everything from helping families with forms, becoming a friend of the family, or working alongside the once-refugees in our Saturday Program. Rachel Ater, a South Sudanese woman, will be at coffee hour. Please come by and learn about SSEF and meet Rachel. SSEFBoston.org.

Donations for Share-the-Plate will be collected at Sunday services each month. Fifty percent of every non-pledge dollar will be given to the monthly Share-the-Plate organization, and fifty percent will go to supporting the work of First Parish. To make a separate donation to this month’s organization, please contact them directly.

Parish Notes

Stewards Needed: Join the Annual Pledge Campaign Team!

The Annual Pledge Campaign is coming in March and we’ll need a large team of stewards that month to help contact parishioners who haven’t pledged on Celebration Sunday, March 3. Most contacts are made by email, and our Steward Captains are pros at helping stewards with information and suggestions for writing their messages! We have a great system to keep stewards informed of progress during the campaign and to record their feedback. Please consider taking a turn at this

Save the Date: March 9—The Victorian Era

You deserve a fun break from all your hard work trying to save the world! Don't miss this WPA program by Prof. Karen Antonowicz who will discuss Victorian culture, customs, and fashions. Whether or not you're following Season Three of WGBH's *Victoria*, this event will provide an enjoyable exploration of a fascinating era. Feel free to dress in period fashion. All are warmly welcome. Invite family and friends for a great night out! Refreshments will include Victorian desserts and beverages. Charge: \$10. For reservations, sign up at coffee hour, contact the office, or email Dian Pekin at pekindc@comcast.net.

Social Action

IJTF Forum: Our Trip to the US/Mexico Border with Borderlinks

Today, February 3, 11:30 a.m., Emerson Room

Last November, several FPUU members traveled to Tucson to understand and experience the migration journey first-hand. During this Forum discussion, they will tell us about the people they met and share what they learned and during this extraordinary and unsettling trip. For more information, contact Laurie Van Loon at lvloon@comcast.net.

“Write Here! Write Now!”

Tell Your U.S. Representatives What's on Your Mind!

Today, February 3, 11:00 a.m., in the Parish Hall at Coffee Hour

Sponsored by Reclaim Our Democracy

Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ) has a monthly letter writing program to members of Congress. We will collect your letters and send them to the UUSJ office in Washington, D.C. Then, on February 12, they will hand deliver your letters directly to the offices of the appropriate Representatives. A new Congress provides hope for a “fresh start” with new opportunities to advocate for our UU values and promote bipartisan forward movement for social justice. At coffee hour we will provide all you need—paper, pen, and a sample letter format—and you will provide your own personal handwritten message. Questions? Contact Fred Van Deusen at fredvandeusen@gmail.com.

Immigration Justice Task Force Monthly Meeting Monday, February 4, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Brooks Room

We are the group that provides Sanctuary volunteers, silent Jericho Walks of prayer and solidarity at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office in Burlington, vigils at the South Bay Detention Center in Boston, and much more. Please join us on the first Monday of each month. Your thoughts, questions, and presence are welcome! For more information, email Abby Buhle at abuhle68@gmail.com.

AWE Monthly Meeting

Saturday, February 16, 8:00 a.m.

New Location: West Concord

Join us for our monthly business/planning meeting where we'll discuss the status of upcoming events and volunteer opportunities at those events. Ideas for new initiatives may bubble up as well! If you are thinking about a specific initiative to advocate for women, please come so we can explore making it happen. Our meetings are on the third Saturday of each month and are open to women, men, and people of all gender

identities and expressions. New location: Art Gym, 152 Commonwealth Avenue, West Concord (above Nashoba Brook Bakery). Contact: Lora Venesy (venesy@comcast.net).

Religious Exploration

Today, Sunday, February 3

8:50 a.m. – Neighboring Faiths meet in the Parlor to go to the Framingham Society of Friends Quaker Meeting; return around 12:00 noon

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

10:00 a.m. – Worship Service

Children in Kindergarten through Grade 6 begin in the Sanctuary with their families. Following our Children's Message, the children leave the Sanctuary for the Emerson Room 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 the classrooms listed below. Older children and youth will be dismissed to coffee hour.

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Kindergarten, Grades 1 and 2 – Lower Level

Grade 3 – Ripley and Greeley Rooms, Upper Level

UU Tweens, Grades 4 and 5 – Wright Tavern

Neighboring Activists, Grade 6 – Emerson Room

3:00-5:00 p.m. – 8th Grade OWL: Session 4, “Gender Roles, Identity, and Orientation” – Emerson Room

4:00-6:00 p.m. – Coming of Age (Grade 9) with mentors:

Mask Making – Parish Hall

4:00-6:00 p.m. – High School Youth Group making pizza – Kitchen

KINDNESS—All Ages Service

Sunday, February 10, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary

Join us for a service celebrating kindness! Our children will help lead this service with Rev. Amy Freedman and Dawn Van Patten. Next Sunday, February 3, during Religious Exploration time, each age group will prepare to lead the service. We will reflect on what kindness is and how we can bring more kindness into the world.

Come Celebrate the Lunar New Year!

Sunday, February 24, 10:00-11:00 a.m., Sanctuary and Parish Hall

We are delighted to welcome back Wah Lum Kung Fu and Sifu Evan Hughes to First Parish. As a way of blessing our Meeting House and welcoming the Year of the Pig, they will offer a Lion Dance in our service. Following the dance, children and youth are invited to a Kung Fu lesson in the Parish Hall. This is an energizing experience for all ages!

Sunday News deadline is Wednesday 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.

March 2019 Meeting House News Deadline

Tuesday, February 19, 12:00 noon

Keep article length to 100 words and send to the Editor,

Wendy Wolfberg, at wolfberg@post.harvard.edu.

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