

# THE SUNDAY NEWS

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

## February 2, 2020

### This Week

Sun. Feb 2	9:00	Chalice Choir Rehearsal
	9:00	Gospel Choir Rehearsal
	10:00	Sunday Service
	11:30	Junior Choir Rehearsal
	12:00	Contemporary Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal
Mon. Feb 3	7:00	IJTF Meeting
	7:30	Nominating Committee
Tues. Feb 4	8:00	Finance Committee Meeting
	1:30	First Tuesday Group
	6:00	Open Door Service
Wed. Feb 5	9:30	Buddhist Group
	6:00	Concord Area Humanists
	7:45	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thur. Feb 6	7:30	Buddhist Group
	7:30	By Your Side Singers
Fri. Feb 7	7:00	AWE Movie Night
Sat. Feb 8	9:30	Photo Club
Sun. Feb 9	9:00	Chalice Choir Rehearsal
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### Parish Notes

#### February's Share the Plate: Sanctuary Boston

Sanctuary Boston is a community of vibrant worship and real connection, grounded in Unitarian Universalism and open to seekers of all kinds. Sanctuary was formed by young adults looking to combine the progressive theology of UUism with worship alive in music and ritual. They are one of the largest UU ministries that caters to the needs of young adults through informal worship, small groups ministry, and other programs. Sanctuary Boston is an experiment in contemporary worship, a spiritual home for young seekers, and a model of innovative ministries amplifying the message of UUism. Visit [sanctuaryboston.org](http://sanctuaryboston.org).

#### A Visit from Rev. Ferenc Mikó

Rev. Ferenc Mikó, former Assistant Minister at our partner congregation in Székelykorszár, Transylvania, has been visiting Concord for several days. He is attending the worship service today, and would be very happy to greet friends and other parishioners at coffee hour after the service; please look for him there.

#### First Tuesday Group: "Winter Stories" Tuesday, February 4, 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.

The First Tuesday Group (65+) will meet for a session of shared winter stories, each centering on a photo or personal object that you bring. Meeting in small groups with our items, we will share the story behind the object. We look forward to tales of ice and snow, cold winter days, hot chocolate, and warm fires in the fireplace. Groups will report back to the larger gathering and individuals will have an opportunity, if they to share their story with everyone. Bring a photo or a memento! (While our focus is seniors, please come if you are interested, whatever your years).



#### The Open Door Evening Contemporary Worship Tuesday, February 4, 6:00 p.m., in the Chapel

Come gather with us for vibrant evening worship and real connection the first Tuesday of each month from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Services are led by Gail Carey, Assistant Director of Music Ministry, and Rev. Liz Weber, Minister for Pastoral Care. Musicians from the Contemporary Vocal Ensemble help lead congregational singing. First Parish leaders share reflections on their call to social justice work. This month's speaker is Tom Wilson. Learn what inspires us forward together in kindness. Come as you are.

#### Concord Area Humanists Present: "Darwin's Apostles" by Professor Abby Hafer Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m.

When the discovery of evolution by natural selection was announced, neither of the scientists who discovered it were present at the announcement! Who did the hatchet work for evolution? Why, Darwin's apostles, of course! Charles Darwin was a recluse in later life. He wrote earth-shattering books but preferred to have others defend them. Fortunately, scientists like Thomas Huxley, Joseph Hooker, Asa Gray, John Draper, and evolution's co-discoverer, Alfred Russel Wallace, were all willing to go to bat on evolution's behalf. They were colorful, distinguished, and tenacious. Come find out more about them.

#### Looking Back at New England

Over the past forty years of living in New England, Doug Baker has completed a few paintings of mostly landscapes and seascapes. A small selection of those paintings will be displayed in a retrospective exhibit at First Parish in Concord, Massachusetts. The paintings will be available for your viewing in the Sue Altshuler Galleries (on the stage and the stairway leading up to the Sanctuary) from Sunday, February 9, through Sunday March 8.

#### Help Make Bouillon!

We started making bouillon this past Sunday, January 26. We have volunteers to prepare and serve bouillon for the Sundays up until February 16 and for March 1, but we still need volunteers for February 23 and March 8, 15, 22, and 29. It is really very simple to do. If you like the bouillon and are willing to help, please contact Richard Keleher at [kel@rkeleher.com](mailto:kel@rkeleher.com) or 978-944-2734.

#### Women's A.M./P.M. Book Group

The next selection for the Women's A.M./P.M. Book Group is the novel *Circe* by Madeline Miller. The evening discussion will be Monday, February 24, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., and the morning discussion on Tuesday, February 25, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Please note that the evening group will meet in the Greeley Room this time, but the morning session will be held in the Brooks Room as usual (both at First Parish). All women of First Parish are warmly invited to read the current book and join a discussion—there's no need to sign up! If you would like to be added to the Women's Book Group email list, please contact Darien Smith at [darien@smithquest.com](mailto:darien@smithquest.com).

#### Get Ready for the Banner Parade!

Celebration Sunday is coming up on March 8 and will again include a Banner Parade of groups and committees of our congregation. If a committee or group you're involved with at First Parish would like to participate, now is the time to check and see if you have a banner (many are stored in the church attic) or to make one to be ready for the day. More information will be emailed to group/committee contacts as listed on the church website. Questions? Contact Darien Smith at [darien@smithquest.com](mailto:darien@smithquest.com).

## Social Action

### IJTF Meeting

**Monday, February 3, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Brooks Room**

The Immigration Justice Taskforce is a committed, action-oriented group that would love for you to try us out. The next meeting will be Monday, February 3. Monthly meetings are on the first Monday of each month. Mark your calendars! You are welcome and needed! A member of the IJTF can help with further information: Tony Rodriguez, Ted Bayne, Regina Corrao, or Carl Proper.

### AWE Free First Friday Feminist Film Series

**Friday, February 7, at 7:00 p.m., in the Chapel**

AWE (Advocates for Women's Empowerment) will be featuring *Queen of Katwe* for the First Friday February. *Queen of Katwe* is based on a vibrant true story and stars Lupita Nyong'o and David Oyelowo. A Ugandan girl's life changes forever when she discovers she has an amazing talent for chess, in this celebration of the human spirit.

### More Huddles are Coming!

Join with others from First Parish and beyond to write to, text, and call legislators about the critical, time-sensitive issues you believe in including: allowing all Massachusetts residents access to drivers licenses so they can work and care for their families, actions for reproductive freedom, climate change, and voter rights. The Immigration Justice Taskforce is a regular sponsor of these events with Concord Indivisible. Mark your calendar for Sundays, February 9 and 23, and March 8 and 22, from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., at the Harvey Wheeler Community Center, 1276 Main Street, Concord. Postcards, scripts, and materials (and snacks!) will be provided. It couldn't be easier! For questions, talk to a member of the IJTF: Rachel Wheeler, Jane Blumberg, Janet Donovan, or Gail Kharidia.

### Volunteer at Rosie's Place

**Sunday, March 8, Boston, MA**

Volunteers (age 12+) needed to cook and serve dinner at Rosie's Place on Sunday March 8. We'll carpool from church at 1:30 p.m. and return by 6:30 p.m. Rosie's Place is a sanctuary for poor and homeless women in Boston and serves 3 meals a day, 365 days a year. Past volunteers have found this to be a meaningful way to do direct social action work with an intergenerational group of volunteers. Sponsored by the Advocates for Women's Empowerment (AWE). Contact Suzie Weaver (skatesuzie@aol.com) to sign up (pre-registration required).

### LunaFest Is Coming Again!

**Saturday, March 28, 7:00 p.m., at Concord Academy**

Save the date for LunaFest, a juried fundraising film festival for, by and about women, sponsored by the Advocates for Women's Empowerment (AWE). Proceeds will benefit causes to support women. If you'd like to join the planning committee or volunteer the night of the event, please let us know! Contact: Lora Venesy (venesy@comcast.net).

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**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).

## Religious Exploration

**This Sunday, February 2: Preparing for RE Service**

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

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

10:00 a.m. Neighboring Faiths, Grade 7 – Brooks Room

10:15-11:15 a.m.

Spirit Play, Kindergarten and Grades 1– Lower Level

Celebrating Our 6 Sources, Grade 2– Emerson Room

Celebrating Our 6 Sources, Grade 3– Greeley Room

Bibleodeon, Grades 4 & 5– Wright Tavern

Neighboring Activists, Grade 6– Ripley Room

12:00- 3:00 p.m. Youth Group Service Planning– Wright Tavern

4:00- 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade OWL– Emerson Room

**Next Sunday, February 9: RE Service for All Ages**

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

1:00-3:30 pm Youth Group Target Run!

4:00- 6:00 p.m. 8th Grade OWL– Emerson Room

4:00- 6:00 p.m. Coming of Age with mentors– Parish Hall

### “JOY!” Service for All Ages

**Sunday, February 9, 10:00 a.m., Sanctuary**

Our children chose “JOY!” as the worship theme and will help lead the service with Rev. Amy Freedman and Dawn Van Patten. Next Sunday, February 2, during Religious Exploration time, each age group will prepare to lead the service. We will reflect on what joy is and how we can experience and share joy in our lives.

### Youth Group News

“Universal Connections” is the theme we selected for our Youth Service on Sunday, March 15. All High School teens are welcome to help plan and lead this service. Our next service planning meeting with Amy is this afternoon, 12:00 to 3:00 p.m., in the Wright Tavern. Pizza lunch will be provided. Next Sunday, February 9, 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. we will go on a Target run to pick up some things for our space. Please have a parent/guardian fill out this online permission form: <https://forms.gle/Mn5agAjZQEXuQsHR9>. Contact Madzie Burnham, Youth Group Leader, at [mfburnham@comcast.net](mailto:mfburnham@comcast.net) or 617-877-9858 with any questions.

### Praying in Color, Multiage Workshop (K-8)

**Sunday, February 16, 10:15 to 11:15 a.m., Emerson Room**

Praying in Color is a form of praying that uses doodles, drawings, colors, and words. Following the Children's Message, all ages are welcome to explore “Praying in Color”. Rev. Amy Freedman invites young people in Kindergarten- Grade 8 into an active, playful, and meditative prayer practice.

### Discover More:

For more information on our programs for children, teens, and families please contact:

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