

First Parish in Concord

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

GATHERED IN 1636



A Brief Guide

Activities you can participate in:

- **Worship**
 - Sunday Worship Services, 10:00 a.m., child care is provided
 - Sunday Forum, 11:30 a.m., Sanctuary
 - Worship Sharing Circle, post-worship, after each service, September-May
 - Occasional evening, seasonal, and special worship
- **Regular Fellowship Events** (see newsletter, *The Sunday News*, and website for details)
 - Weekly: First Parish Cafe, gather for coffee, tea, muffins, and conversation, Sunday 9:00 a.m.
 - September: Homecoming Celebration
 - October: Congregation-wide event (Auction) and small dinner gatherings
 - November: Event to be announced
 - December: Children's Craft Fair, Women's Parish Association Concert and Tea
 - January: Women's Retreat offsite ("away")
 - February: Small dinner gatherings (referred to as Circle Suppers), Women's Retreat onsite ("at home")
 - March: Terrific Tuesdays Dinner and Vespers
 - April: Maundy Thursday worship and chowder lunch
 - May: Retreat to Ferry Beach, Saco, Maine
 - June: Gay Pride March in Boston with Diversity Committee
 - June – August: Summer Picnics
 - Arts and Social Action Events: information available in newsletter, *The Sunday News*, email alerts
 - Monthly Vegan Potluck (first Wednesday of each month)
 - Other Opportunities? Find co-leaders and get started!

For information about:

- **Choirs for adults, youth, and children**, Beth Norton, Music Director, music@firstparish.org
- **Religious Education for children and youth**, Amy Freedman, Minister of Religious Education, afreedman@firstparish.org, Dawn Van Patten, Assistant Director of Religious Education, dvanpatten@firstparish.org
- **Youth Programs**, Amy Freedman, Minister of Religious Education, afreedman@firstparish.org,
- **Faith Development for adults**, look for offerings in *The Meeting House News* and *The Sunday News*
- **Social Action Community**, Zachary Roe, Social Action Coordinator, zroe@firstparish.org
- **Pastoral Care**, Marion Visel, Minister for Pastoral Care, mvisel@firstparish.org
- **Church Membership**, Howard Dana, Senior Minister, hdana@firstparish.org

Groups you can join (for personal enrichment*, strategic visioning[∞], and/or social action‡):

	First Name	Last Name	Email
Advocates for Women Empowrment*‡	Lora	Venesy	venesy@comcast.net
Arts Council [∞]	TBD	TBD	TBD
Buddhist Group *	Bill	Seaver	billseaver@gmail.com
By Your Side Singers*	Beth	Norton, Staff	music@firstparish.org
Conchords*	Robert	Goodearl	Bobg.sings@rgood.net
Circle Suppers *	Caitlin	Selle	selle.caitlin5@gmail.com
Denominational Affairs Committee [∞] ‡	Jim	Sherblom	Jimsherblom@gmail.com
Diversity Committee [∞] ‡	Sara	Ballard	sara@sb.org

Environmental Leadership Team ^{∞‡}	Peter	Lowitt	peter.lowitt@verizon.net
Ferry Beach Planning Committee	Darien	Smith	darien@smithquest.com
First Tuesday Group for 65+ *	Virginia	Taylor	virginiarosstaylor@verizon.net
Flower Committee	Ellen	Whitney	ellen.h.whitney@gmail.com
Forum Committee	Pat	Brinkman	pabrinkman@comcast.net
Humanist Council [∞]	Pat	Everett	pne@aol.com
Immigration Justice Task Force ^{∞‡}	Tony	Rodriguez	Tony.rodriguez@gmr.com
Jewish Awareness Affinity Group*	Dana	Snyder-Grant	dana.snydergrant@gmail.com
Membership and Welcome Committee	Chuck	McDonald	cjmcdonald@mxschool.edu
Mom's Night Out	Val	Vallancourt	valvallancourt@gmail.com
Ministerial Intern Committee	Kate	Keleher	kate@rkeleher.com
Partner Congregation Committee ^{‡ *∞}	Rodger	Mattlage	rmattlage@mac.com
Pastoral Care Council	Judy	Dembsey	dembsey@verizon.net
Pastoral Care Lay Ministers	Marion	Visel, Minister	mvisel@firstparish.org
Photography Club Affinity Group*	Kathleen	Elcox	kelcox1@verizon.net
Racial Justice Action Group ‡	CC	King	ccking.interplay@gmai.com
Reclaim Our Democracy ‡ ∞	Fred	Van Deusen	fredvandeu@gmail.com
Reverence for Life Affinity Group °	Lyell	Slade	llsrvd@netscape.net
Small Group Ministry Program *	Marion	Visel, Minister	mvisel@firstparish.org
Social Action Community Board ^{∞‡}	Bob	Brack	brackrobert@gmail.com
Spanish Speakers Affinity Group	Laurie	Van Loon	lvloon@comcast.net
Transcendentalism Council [∞]	Shelley	Hawks	Shelley_Hawks@msn.com
Women's AM/PM Book Group *	Darien	Smith	darien@smithquest.com
Women's Goddess Covenant Circle *	Bozena	Smith	bozenasmith@mindspring.com
Women's Parish Association ∞ ‡	Melita	Teichert	mmtconcord1@gmail.com
Women's Retreat Planng Committee	Bozena	Smith	bozenasmith@mindspring.com

Examples of volunteer opportunities:

	First Name	Last Name	Email
Envelope Stuffers	Sarah	Burns, Staff	sburns@firstparish.org
Friendly Visitors	Sue	Dobbie	susandobbie@gmail.com
Herb Garden Committee	TBD	TBD	TBD
Host Circle Supper	Caitlin	Selle	Selle.caitlin5@gmail.com
Meal Delivery	Marion	Visel, Minister	mvisel@firstparish.org
Meal Preparation	Vivienne	Aldrich	vivaldirch@aol.com
Newborn Outreach	Louisa	Paushter	louisa@wimoweh.com
Order of Service Collators	Sarah	Burns, Staff	sburns@firstparish.org
Rides	Pat	Brinkman	pabrinkman@comcast.net
Set up, Serve, Clean up at events			Look for opportunities...
Shawl Ministry	Ingrid	Wheeler	ingridb44@aol.com
Teach youth or children's RE classes	Amy	Freedman, Minister	afreedman@firstparish.org
Ushers and Sound System Operators	Maile	Hulihan	mailehulihan@earthlink.net
Volunteer Office Staff	Sarah	Burns, Staff	sburns@firstparish.org
Welcome Visitors and New Members	Suzanne	Lowe	suzanne.campbell.lowe@gmail.com

Groups you can be nominated for:

- Finance Committee[∞]: Michelle Fortier at mfortierhome@gmail.com
- Religious Education Council[∞]: Amy Rensko at abrensko@hotmail.com
- Standing Committee[∞]: Dave Elwood at daveelwood@hotmail.com
- Nominating Committee[∞]: Sue Ryan at susanryan101@comcast.net
- Trustees of Parish Donations[∞]: Phillip vanderWilden at p.vanderwilden@gmail.com

Descriptions are available on the website.

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