

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.
 - Sunday Religious Exploration (RE) for children and teens – 10:00 a.m.
 - Worship Sharing Circle, post-worship, after each service, September-May
 - Occasional evening, seasonal, and special worship
- **Regular Fellowship Events** (see *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 (Biannual Auction) and small dinner gatherings
 - November: Holiday Artisan's Fair
 - December: Children's Craft Fair, Women's Parish Association Concert and Tea
 - January: Women's Retreat offsite ("away")
 - February: Women's Retreat onsite ("at home")
 - April: Passover Seder, Maundy Thursday worship
 - May: Retreat to Ferry Beach, Saco, Maine
 - June: Boston Gay Pride March, Coffee Hour Herb Garden Party on Father's Day
 - June – August: Summer Picnics
 - Arts and Social Action Events: information available in *The Sunday News*, email alerts with *FP Weekly*
 - Monthly: *The Open Door* service at 7:00 p.m. (third Tuesday 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 Exploration for children and teens**, Amy Freedman, Minister of Religious Education, afreedman@firstparish.org, Dawn Van Patten, Assistant Director of Religious Education, dvanpatten@firstparish.org
- **Youth Group**, Madzie Burnham, Lead Youth Advisor, mfburnham@comcast.net
- **Faith Development for adults**, look for offerings on the web, in *FP Weekly*, and *The Sunday News*
- **Social Action**, socialaction@firstparish.org
- **Pastoral Care**, Liz Weber, Minister for Pastoral Care, lweber@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 Empowrmt*‡	Lora	Venesy	venesy@comcast.net
Buddhist Group *	Bill	Seaver	billseaver@gmail.com
By Your Side Singers*	Beth	Norton, Staff	music@firstparish.org
Conchords*	Robert	Goodearl	Bg.sing@rgood.net
Congregational Life Committee	Jan	Power	clc@firstparish.org
Diversity Committee [∞] ‡	Sara	Ballard	sara@sb.org
Environmental Team [∞] ‡	Peter	Lowitt	peter.lowitt@verizon.net
Ferry Beach Planning Committee	Darien	Smith	darien@smithquest.com
First Tuesday Group for 65+ *	Anne	Fortier	randafortier@comcast.net
Flower Committee	Ellen	Whitney	ellen.h.whitney@gmail.com
Humanist Council [∞]	Andy	Puchrik	puchrik@gmail.com

Immigration Justice Task Force ∞‡	Tony	Rodriguez	Tod.rodriquez@gmail.com
Jewish Awareness Affinity Group*	Dana	Snyder-Grant	dana.snydergrant@gmail.com
Membership and Welcome Comm.	Chuck	McDonald	cjmcdonald@mxschool.edu
Mom's Connection Group	Dana	Lissy	Dana.Lissy@gmail.com
Ministerial Intern Committee	Sue	Ryan	susanryan101@comcast.net
Partner Congregation Committee‡ *∞	Lillian	Anderson	lillianand@comcast.net
Pastoral Care Council	Judy	Dembsey	judydembsey@gmail.com
Pastoral Care Lay Ministers	Liz	Weber, Minister	lweber@firstparish.org
Photography Club Affinity Group*	Kathleen	Elcox	kelcox1@verizon.net
Racial Justice Action Group ‡	Wendy	Holt	wendyh@dmahealth.com
Reclaim Our Democracy ‡ ∞	Fred	Van Deusen	fredvandeu@gmail.com
Religious Exploration Teams	Amy	Freedman, Min	afreedman@firstparish.org
Small Group Ministry Program *	Liz	Weber, Minister	lweber@firstparish.org
Spanish Speakers Affinity Group	Laurie	Van Loon	lvanloon@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 *	Darien	Smith	darien@smithquest.com
Women's Parish Association ∞ ‡ *	Janet	Bailey	Janet_Bailey@hotmail.com
Women's Retreat Plannng Committee	Bozena	Smith	bozenasmith@mindspring.com

Examples of volunteer opportunities:

	First Name	Last Name	Email
Herb Garden	TBD		
Meal Delivery	Liz	Weber, Minister	lweber@firstparish.org
Newborn Outreach	Louisa	Paushter	lpaushter@gmail.com
Front Office Volunteer or Substitute	Sarah	Burns, Staff	sburns@firstparish.org
Rides	Liz	Weber	lweber@firstparish.org
Set up, Serve, Clean up at events			Look for opportunities...
Shawl Ministry	Ingrid	Wheeler	ingridbw44@aol.com
Childcare, RE Guide, Youth Advisor	Amy	Freedman, Minister	afreedman@firstparish.org
Ushers and Sound System Operators	TBD		

Groups you can be nominated for:

- Finance Committee∞: Jane Barnes at janebarnes@gmail.com
- Standing Committee∞: Peter Nobile at peter.nobile@gmail.com
- Nominating Committee∞: Eric Moore at eric.aaron.moore@gmail.com
- Trustees of Parish Donations∞: Phillip van derWilden at p.vanderwilden@gmail.com

Descriptions are available on the website.

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firstparish.org/wp/news/