

# First Parish in Concord

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

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## 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: Coffee Hours, gather for coffee, tea, conversation, Sunday following the Service
  - September: Homecoming Celebration
  - 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, and Easter 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 Worship and Children's Programs, Sundays at 10:00 a.m.
  - Arts and Social Action Events: information available in *The Sunday News*, email alerts with *FP Weekly*
  - Other Opportunities? Find co-leaders and get started!

### For information about:

- **Choirs for adults, youth, and children**, Beth Norton, Music Director, [music@firstparish.org](mailto:music@firstparish.org)
- **Religious Exploration for children and teens**, Amy Freedman, Minister of Religious Education, [afreedman@firstparish.org](mailto:afreedman@firstparish.org), Dawn Van Patten, Assistant Director of Religious Education, [dvanpatten@firstparish.org](mailto:dvanpatten@firstparish.org)
- **Youth Group**, Madzie Burnham, Lead Youth Advisor, [mfburnham@comcast.net](mailto:mfburnham@comcast.net)
- **Faith Development for adults**, look for offerings on the web, in *FP Weekly*, and *The Sunday News*
- **Pastoral Care**, Liz Weber, Minister for Pastoral Care, [lweber@firstparish.org](mailto:lweber@firstparish.org)
- **Congregational Life Committee**, Jan Power, Chair, [clc@firstparish.org](mailto:clc@firstparish.org)
- **Church Membership**, Howard Dana, Senior Minister, [hdana@firstparish.org](mailto: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	<a href="mailto:venesy@comcast.net">venesy@comcast.net</a>
Buddhist Group *	Kathleen	Sullivan	<a href="mailto:kmariesullivan@gmail.com">kmariesullivan@gmail.com</a>
By Your Side Singers*	Beth	Norton, Staff	<a href="mailto:music@firstparish.org">music@firstparish.org</a>
Conchords*	Bob	Goodearl	<a href="mailto:Bg.sing@rgood.net">Bg.sing@rgood.net</a>
Congregational Life Committee	Jan	Power	<a href="mailto:clc@firstparish.org">clc@firstparish.org</a>
Diversity Committee∞ ‡	Sara	Ballard	<a href="mailto:sara@sb.org">sara@sb.org</a>
Environmental Team∞‡	Gail	Kharidia	<a href="mailto:gail.kharidia@gmail.com">gail.kharidia@gmail.com</a>
Ferry Beach Planning Committee	Darien	Smith	<a href="mailto:darien@smithquest.com">darien@smithquest.com</a>
First Tuesday Group for 65+ *	Anne	Fortier	<a href="mailto:randafortier@comcast.net">randafortier@comcast.net</a>
Flower Committee	Ellen	Whitney	<a href="mailto:ellen.h.whitney@gmail.com">ellen.h.whitney@gmail.com</a>
Humanist Council∞	Andy	Puchrik	<a href="mailto:puchrik@gmail.com">puchrik@gmail.com</a>
Immigration Justice Task Force ∞‡	Tony	Rodriguez	<a href="mailto:trod.rodriguez@gmail.com">trod.rodriguez@gmail.com</a>
Jewish Awareness Affinity Group*	Dana	Snyder-Grant	<a href="mailto:dana.snydergrant@gmail.com">dana.snydergrant@gmail.com</a>

<b>Membership and Welcome Comm.</b>	Chuck	McDonald	cjmcdonald@mxschool.edu
<b>Mom's Connection Group</b>	Dana	Lissy	Dana.Lissy@gmail.com
<b>Partner Congregation Committee ‡ * ∞</b>	Lillian	Anderson	lillianand@comcast.net
<b>Pastoral Care Council</b>	Judy	Dembsey	judydembsey@gmail.com
<b>Pastoral Care Lay Ministers</b>	Liz	Weber, Minister	lweber@firstparish.org
<b>Photography Club Affinity Group*</b>	Kathleen	Elcox	kelcox1@verizon.net
<b>Racial Justice Action Group ‡</b>	Sally Sue	Lewis St. Croix	Sallewis3@gmail.com sue@suestcroix.com
<b>Reclaim Our Democracy ‡ ∞</b>	Fred	Van Deusen	fredvandeu@gmail.com
<b>Religious Exploration Teams</b>	Amy	Freedman, Min	afreedman@firstparish.org
<b>Small Group Ministry Program *</b>	Liz	Weber, Minister	lweber@firstparish.org
<b>Spanish Speakers Affinity Group</b>	Laurie	Van Loon	lvanloon@comcast.net
<b>Transcendentalism Council ∞</b>	Shelley	Hawks	Shelley_Hawks@msn.com
<b>Women's AM/PM Book Group *</b>	Darien	Smith	darien@smithquest.com
<b>Women's Goddess Covenant Circle *</b>	Bozena	Smith	bozenasmith@mindspring.com
<b>Women's Parish Association ∞ ‡ *</b>	Dian	Pekin	pekindc@comcast.net
<b>Women's Retreat Planning Committee</b>	Bozena	Smith	bozenasmith@mindspring.com

### ***Examples of volunteer opportunities:***

	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Email</b>
<b>Herb Garden</b>	Bruce	Davidson	bdavidson@firstparish.org
<b>Meal Delivery</b>	Liz	Weber, Minister	lweber@firstparish.org
<b>Newborn Outreach</b>	Louisa	Paushter	lpaushter@gmail.com
<b>Front Office Volunteer or Substitute</b>	Sarah	Burns, Staff	sburns@firstparish.org
<b>Rides</b>	Liz	Weber	lweber@firstparish.org
<b>Set up, Serve, Clean up at events</b>			Look for opportunities...
<b>Shawl Ministry</b>	Ingrid	Wheeler	ingridbw44@aol.com
<b>Childcare, RE Guide, Youth Advisor</b>	Amy	Freedman, Minister	afreedman@firstparish.org
<b>Ushers and Sound System Operators</b>	Berni	Jenkins	bernijenkins2@gmail.com

### ***Groups you can be nominated for:***

- Standing Committee∞: Liz Rust at Liz@theRusts.net
- Nominating Committee∞: Kristin Haddad at Kristin.haddad@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/***