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## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, April 16, 2023

*Please check our weekly e-newsletter, FP Weekly, for Zoom links  
for events you are interested in attending virtually.*

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### **RE Program: Spring Yoga**

**Sunday, April 16, 10 a.m.**

**In person, Parish Hall**

We are delighted to welcome back Tara Rachel Jones to offer a special yoga session designed especially for children in 1st to 5th grades. We will have yoga mats available for everyone. Preschoolers are welcome to join in at their own pace or play nearby in the Parlor. Caregivers are asked to sign-in their children before the service in the Parish Hall. Our session will be inspired by an old Nature Tale: “The Hare” based in the symbolism of how things are hatching, growing and becoming as the earth reawakens in the springtime. Tara Rachel Jones is a trained yoga instructor and educator.

### **Pledging Deadline is Today**

We need your pledge—your promise—before the deadline of April 16, 2023 to ensure it is included in our budgeting process. Pledges are over 60% of our annual income so knowing what we will have is essential in developing our budget. Each year we do a Pledge Campaign in March and then begin budgeting in April. We review priorities in May and vote on the final budget in June at our Annual Meeting. Please pledge today if you haven’t already.

If you have any questions, please contact 2023-24 Pledge Campaign Project Manager [Alane Wallis](#).

### **Coming of Age Clothing Drive for CityReach**

**Thru Sunday, April 16**

In preparation for CityReach Boston, Coming of Age is holding a Clothing Drive for the homeless community. 80 percent of guests identify as male and almost all want practical unisex clothing. Please limit women-specific clothing donations.

- Nylon jackets, ponchos, raincoats
- New white socks
- New underwear for both men and women and bras (all sizes, from small to XL needed)
- Sweatshirts/Sweaters
- Pants
- Hats/gloves
- Blankets/sleeping bags
- Backpacks, tote bags, small suitcases with wheels

Please drop off donations in our Coat Closet by Sunday, April 16.

### **Celebrating Earth Day**

**Sunday, April 23, 10 a.m.**

**In Person and Zoom, Sanctuary**

**Sign the Book to Become a First Parish Member**

**Sunday, May 7, 1 p.m.**

**Brooks Room**

Have you been attending First Parish for awhile, and decided that this is your spiritual home? Do you understand the benefits and expectations of church membership? If so, you are welcome to sign the membership book and officially join us. We will celebrate new members in the Brooks Room at the end of this spring's Welcome/Re-welcome class; please note the new date. Please inform one of the ministers of your desire to sign the book. We are glad you are here!

**Concord Prison Outreach: Interfaith Event**

**Sunday, May 7, 3 p.m.**

**In person, Parish Hall**

All three world religions invoke compassion for those imprisoned as necessary for healing the world and dwelling on the side of compassion. We are uniquely positioned to serve these incarcerated populations through our two prisons.

Concord Prison Outreach helps address needs of the incarcerated through its programs and support.

First Parish is hosting CPO in an inter-faith gathering at First Parish in Concord, 3-4:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 7, 2023. Together we can make a significant difference for these men and their families, and help us better fulfill our prison ministries.

**Register for Ferry Beach**

Come gather over Memorial Day Weekend, Friday May 26 - Monday, May 29, at the Ferry Beach Camp & Conference Center for fellowship, fun, and relaxation! Registration is directly with Ferry Beach by calling their office to receive the special rates for our weekend. For full information about the weekend in Saco, Maine, and how to register for lodging and meals, please see the [2023 Ferry Beach Info document](#). Questions? Contact [Darien Smith](#).