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## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Parish in Concord  
Sunday, April 30, 2023**

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

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### **Budget Information Session Sunday, April 30, 11:30 a.m.**

#### **Brooks Room**

As we begin to prepare next year's budget, the Standing Committee finance team will host a budget information session today after church in the Brooks Room. We'll review where we stand with the Annual Stewardship Campaign and other revenue sources and implications for next year's budget.

For Concord residents going to Town Meeting, we will be done in plenty of time to get you to the Town Meeting by 1:00 pm. Bring a sandwich if you want so you have energy for Town Meeting. Please speak to Gib Metcalf if you have any questions.

### **Sign the Membership Book Sunday, May 7, 11:30 a.m.**

#### **Sanctuary Vestibule**

If you've found your spiritual home at First Parish, welcome! One becomes an official member of the congregation by signing the membership book. This is the last opportunity to sign the book in time to vote at this year's annual meeting. If you're ready to join, we look forward to seeing you!

### **Concord Prison Outreach: Interfaith Event Sunday, May 7, 3:00 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.

### **Kick-Off Meeting for Planning the FP Auction**

**Saturday, May 13, 10:00 a.m.**

#### **Café Nero, Downtown Concord**

Go-go boots and miniskirts, peace signs and tie-dyed shirts! The FP Auction (Saturday, November 4) is going to be groovy, man.

Please consider joining the team to organize the Auction. Our kick-off planning event is Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. at Café Nero in Concord. If you can't make the meeting and want to help, contact [Liz Rust](#) or [Jen Izzo](#).

And to everyone else: Save the November 4 date, and dust off your bell bottoms for a 70's themed night of food, a live and silent Auction, and maybe even a little disco.

**Spring Outdoor Party  
for All First Parish Women  
Saturday, May 13, 2:00 p.m.**

**First Parish Grounds**

All women of First Parish are invited to celebrate the Merry Month of May and Mother's Day weekend with new and old friends at this outdoor gathering organized by the Women's Parish Association. Light refreshments will be served. For planning purposes, reservations are kindly requested, but not absolutely required. In case of inclement weather, the party will take place in the Parish Hall. RSVP to [Dian Pekin](#) by May 12.

**Mother's Day Walk For Peace**

**Sunday, May 14**

**In Boston; bus transportation leaves First Parish at 7:00 a.m.**

The 27th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace for the Louis D Brown Peace Institute, a place of healing for those who have experienced the murder or suicide of a loved one. The Peace Walk celebrates lives lost and everyone's potential to create peaceful communities. Every year, families from the area unite to help the Louis D Brown Peace Institute raise its goal of \$600,000 for their vital services, advocacy and training. Join us for the walk. We have a bus! Visit at coffee hour/contact [Sue StCroix](#).

**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 [Darren Smith](#).