
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, May 7, 2023

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

Coming of Age Service

Today, 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

Our Coming of Age Service is the culmination of our 9th grade program led by Dawn Van Patten with mentoring by members of our First Parish congregation. Youth will present their credos, personal statements of belief, to our congregation as well as lead other parts of the service. This is always a moving rite of passage.

1st - 4th graders will join Little RE outdoors following the Wisdom Story for a special Religious Exploration program. Youth in the 5th grade and up are encouraged to attend the CoA service. Please celebrate our youth following the service with cake in the Parish Hall.

Sign the Membership Book

Today, 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!

Tour of the Church Building

Today, 11:40 a.m.

Sanctuary Vestibule

Anyone who is interested in learning about the various rooms and spaces in the church building is invited to take a tour led by Sara Ballard after the service today. We'll meet in

the vestibule (entrance to the sanctuary) after the service, and start the tour about 11:40, after the book signing opportunity for new members. If you'd like to see the flower room, attic, and more, here's your chance. We may even go up to the bell tower for those who are brave enough!

Concord Prison Outreach: Interfaith Event Today, 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. today. Together we can make a significant difference for these men and their families, and help us better fulfill our prison ministries.

Earth Defenders Banner at Church Entrance

The Earth Defenders Banner at the Church entrance was created by the Brookline UU and is loaned to us for the month of May. The banner lists names of those murdered in 2021 for protecting their communities' natural resources. An environmental lawyer who fled Liberia is a member of their congregation. For more information [email Gail of the Environmental Team](#).

**Racial Justice Action Group Meeting
Thursday, May 11, 6:00 p.m.**

In person only; Cindy Soule and Rob Whittlesey, 13 Alcott St., Action, MA

6:00-7:00 Pot Luck Dinner - Bring something that brings you joy to share. Everyone should bring their own plates/utensils/glassware and beverage.

7:00 - Meeting begins with Reading

7:10 - Covenant Review - Dana Snyder-Grant

7:25 - Mother's Day Walk for Peace – Sue

7:45 - Democracy Festival - RJAG Table (near COAR) - Sue/Sally

8:00 – Updates

COIC; Welcoming Walls; COAR; UUUM; Dr. Carlos Hoyt Session; ETCO/Concord Jr High Kids want to Hang - steps in process; JUNETEENTH at the Robbins House; Pick summer date for book read Tears We Cannot Stop

8:20 - clean up

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 Cafe 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](#).

**Town Hall: FP Covenant
Sunday, May 21, 11:30 a.m.
Parlor and on Zoom**

Come take a look at the final draft of our First Parish covenant before we vote to adopt it at our annual meeting! The covenant is a touchstone for our relationships with each other. The Covenant Team will present the final version for reflection and conversation at this special town hall.

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 [Darrien Smith](#).