
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, May 14, 2023

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

Democracy: Its Value and for Whom?

Friday, May 19, 7:30 p.m.

In person in Parish Hall and on Zoom

All are invited to attend this panel discussion with four excellent speakers: Danielle Allen, Harvard Professor and founder of Partners in Democracy; Tania Vivvitsky has direct experience with the importance of democracy to Ukraine; Tanisha Sullivan, President of Boston's NAACP; and Jim Tull, expert in international conflict management. This event will be in-person and also on [Zoom](#).

Democracy Festival

Saturday, May 20, 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

In person on the church grounds

First Parish in Concord is hosting a non-partisan Democracy Festival. Our goal is to bring together people from all over to celebrate democracy, have fun, enjoy ice cream and food from local restaurants Nosh and Comella's, listen to good music, explore our artistry, meet local politicians, and learn about current issues facing our country and how we can help.

It will be a great chance for kids, their parents, people of all ages and beliefs, to learn about and experience democracy in action. We will hold the event inside if it rains. We hope you will join us.

Town Hall: FP Covenant

Sunday, May 21, 11:30 a.m.

In person in the 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.

LUNAFEST® Films and Complimentary Desserts

Sunday, May 21, 6:30 p.m.

In person in Parish Hall

Join the Advocates for Women's Empowerment to view the new 2023 award-winning films! Stories are told from multiple perspectives that champion women and gender nonconforming individuals, highlighting their aspirations, accomplishments, resilience, and strength. These films may be the FINAL ones we show as LunaFest is pausing the series. Free admission and complimentary desserts. We will accept cash and check donations to support Planned Parenthood at the event. Run time 90 minutes, no intermission. Contact [Lora Venesy](#) or [Suzie Weaver](#).

**Register for Ferry Beach
Memorial Day Weekend, May 26-May 29
In person in Saco, Maine**

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](#).

**Coffee and Conversation with AWE
Saturday, June 3, 8:30 a.m.
In person at Nashoba Baker, West Concord**

Join the Advocates for Women's Empowerment (AWE) to catch up with each other over coffee. Purchase your own coffee and food and look for us in the couch area (we hope we can grab that comfy space!). People of all genders, gender identities, and expressions are welcome! Contact [Suzie Weaver](#).