SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS First Parish in Concord Sunday, August 6, 2023

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

Summer Soul Work Summer Sundays, 10:00 a.m. In person in the Sanctuary

This Summer, Religious Education is introducing "Soul Work" resources as you enter the Sanctuary. Research finds that certain kinds of handiwork, including sewing and coloring, stimulate the same brain activity as meditation and prayer. You will find sewing circles, colored pencils, coloring pages, clipboards, and pipe cleaners for creating. All ages are welcome to use these resources in support of a calm body and focused mind during worship. You are welcome to take your creations home including the sewing circles but please return the supplies to the table following the service. Enjoy!

Families with Children Summer Sundays, 10:00 a.m. In person in the Sanctuary and on the Playground

Welcome! We're so glad you are here. Our Religious Education program for children, teens, and families is on break for the Summer. Please help yourself to "Soul Work" materials with coloring, sewing, and pipe cleaners to help all ages focus during worship. If your child would like more active play, there are toys in the Parlor downstairs where caregivers can also connect and listen to the service. Please <u>subscribe to our weekly RE News</u> to learn more about upcoming events.

Popsicles on the Playground Sunday, August 13, 11:00 a.m. In person on the Playground (Parish Hall if it rains)

Join First Parish families out back on our playground! This will be a fun way for parents and caregivers to connect and for children to play together. Thanks to Amanda and Kate for hosting this family gathering! Families are welcome to attend the 10 a.m. service or drop-by at 11 a.m.

Herb Garden Party Friday, August 18, 3:00 p.m. In person in the Herb Garden

The Women's Parish Association cordially invites all First Parish women and their friends to a Summer Afternoon Herb Garden Party to socialize with old and new friends and enjoy iced tea, lemonade, and light refreshments. Doug Baker will be joining us to share information about the design origin of the Deborah Webster Greeley Memorial Herb Garden and interesting information about its plants and Debbie's lifelong interest in the benefits of culinary and medicinal herbs. Reservations are not required, but helpful for planning purposes. Please contact Dian Pekin with any questions or for more information: <u>Pekindc@comcast.net</u>.

First Parish Auction 2023 Saturday, November 4, 6:00 p.m. In person and Zoom

Save the date on Saturday, November 4, 2023 for the FP Auction. Dust off your bell bottoms for a 70's themed night of food, drink, live and silent auction, and maybe even a little disco. Please start thinking about services or goods that you could donate to the Auction — keep your eyes open this summer! All proceeds from the Auction will support FP operations for the next 2 years. Donations can be submitted by emailing Jen Izzo or Liz Rust.