
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, August 27, 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 [subscribe to our weekly RE News](#) to learn more about upcoming events.

Blessing of the Backpacks

TODAY! 10:00 a.m.

**In person outback by the Herb Garden
(Parish Hall if it rains)**

Children and teens are welcome to join Rev. Amy Freedman and Dawn Van Patten during the service. Did you know there is a Blue Moon for the start of this school year? What's the meaning of "Once in a Blue Moon"? We will have materials for everyone to make special touchstones, community-building games, and a blessing to carry with you.

First Parish Homecoming Picnic

Sunday, September 10th, 5:00-7:30 p.m.

In person outside on the front steps

The Congregational Life Committee invites you to a festive evening of frivolity, friends and food. Bring your own picnic dinner, blanket and family to join old friends and new at the annual FP Homecoming Picnic. Music by the FP Beatles Cover Band, free ice cream, balloon animals and lawn games for all ages. Some tables and chairs will be provided. Hope to see you there! If you would like to help out, contact CLC@Firstparish.org.

Holiday Artisans Fair Volunteers Needed

Saturday, October 7th, 10:00 a.m.

In person outdoors on the First Parish lawns

The Women’s Parish Association is happy to bring a popular artisans fair to you once again! The front grounds of First Parish will be filled

with your favorite and new artists, artisans, photographers, artisan food vendors, crafters, florists and the popular WPA Boutique folks. Volunteers are needed to fill a variety of tasks and two-hour time slots. To volunteer your time or rent a space, contact Dian Pekin at pekindc@comcast.net. There will be a rain date the following Saturday if needed.