
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Parish in Concord
Sunday, September 10, 2023**

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

Soul Work for All Ages

TODAY! 10:00 a.m.

In person in the Sanctuary

As you enter our Sanctuary, you will find a table with “Soul Work” resources. Please help yourself to sewing circles, colored pencils, coloring pages, clipboards, and colorful pipe cleaners for creating. Research finds that certain kinds of handiwork stimulate the same brain activity as meditation and prayer. You are welcome to take your creations including the sewing circles home with you but please return the supplies to the Soul Work table following the service. Enjoy!

FP Committees - Sign up for a Focus Group with Search Committee and Transition Team Members

TODAY!, 11:00 a.m.

In person and on Zoom

The Transition Team and Search Committee strongly encourage First Parish committees and groups to meet with representatives from both to discuss your priorities and answer a couple of questions and as we embark on our search for a new Senior Minister. We ask for at least 20 - 25 minutes at your next meeting for these discussions. There will be sign-ups for committee chairs at Coffee Hour on Opening Sunday and the Homecoming Picnic. You may also contact Peter Lowitt at peterlowitt1@gmail.com with your meeting info or questions.

Cookies and Lemonade!

TODAY!. 11:00 a.m.

In person outback

Following the service, families are invited for cookies and lemonade in the backyard (or Parish Hall if it rains). Come learn more about our programs for children and teens! Rev. Amy Freedman and Dawn Van Patten will share about our exciting plans for Religious Exploration. We look forward to welcoming you and answering your questions. This will be an opportunity to catch up with friends and meet other families. Hope to see you there!

First Parish Homecoming Picnic

TODAY!, 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.

Membership and Welcoming Kickoff Sunday, September 17th, 11:30 a.m.

In person in the Parlor

Come to the kickoff of the Membership and Welcoming Committee. Our goals are

simple - help people learn about our congregation and how to become more involved. And to have some fun while we do it. We appreciate and welcome everyone in this effort. Your ideas, your energy, and your participation. From big ideas to smaller items, one-time events to on-going tasks and being on the committee. Our kickoff meeting is Sunday 9/17 in the parlor (11:30-1pm) – lunch will be provided. Drop in, or even better - let me know ahead for food planning purposes. Liz Rust (liz@therusts.net).

**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.