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## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Parish in Concord  
Sunday, September 17, 2023**

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

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### **Membership and Welcoming Kickoff TODAY! 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.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 today in the parlor (11:30-1). Lunch will be provided. Drop in!

### **Concord Stories**

**Tuesdays, September 19-October 24,  
7:00 p.m.**

#### **Parlor/Parish Hall**

What do you know about Concord's indigenous people, frontier settlers, farmers, militia, merchants, enslavers, authors, researchers, authors, immigrants, mothers, lovers, and friends? Rev. Jim Sherblom explores the history of Concord over five nights from 7-9 pm. Email [Jim](mailto:Jim@firstparish.org) to join.

- 9/19: Indigenous Musketaquid and Concord settlers
- 9/26: Frontier and Colonial Concord
- 10/3: Provincial and Revolutionary Concord
- 10/17: Transcendentalist and Patriotic Concord
- 10/24: Modern and Post-Modern Concord

### **Diversity Committee Kick-Off Meeting Tuesday, September 19, 7:30 p.m.**

#### **Zoom only**

Have you heard about First Parish's Diversity Committee? The Diversity Committee builds community awareness and supports justice for the LGBTQ+ community with films, speakers, participation in the annual Boston Gay Pride Parade, and other social justice initiatives. If you'd like to learn more, please join us at our kick-off meeting on Tuesday, September 19 (via Zoom)! Contact [Suzie Weaver](mailto:Suzie.Weaver@firstparish.org) for the Zoom link.

### **Dessert Potluck**

**Friday, September 22, 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Terrace (Parish Hall if it rains)**

You're invited to drop-by for a dessert potluck on the First Parish Terrace. Bring a sweet treat to share and enjoy with friends if you are able. This will be a fun way to catch up or meet in an informal setting. Bring your kids! At 7 p.m., all are welcome to stay for "Rise Up Singing!" our monthly song circle, or head home. We look forward to seeing you! Beverages will be provided.

### **Rise Up Singing!**

**Friday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.**

#### **Terrace (Parish Hall if it rains) and Zoom**

Rise Up Singing is an informal, monthly song circle that is open to singers and instrumentalists of all ages and experience. Whether you are a seasoned folk musician or a novice guitar player, there is a place for you! Copies of *Rise Up Singing* and *Rise Again*, two comprehensive compilations of

song lyrics and chords, are available to borrow, or you can bring your own copy. Families with children are welcome to stay for as long or short a time as they wish. Contact [Beth Norton](#), Director of Music Ministry, for more information.

**Apple Picking at Westward Orchards  
Sunday, September 24, 10:00 a.m.**

**Offsite**

Come join us at Westward Orchards (178 Mass Ave, Harvard, MA)! Come treat yourself and those you love to a day of apple picking with other First Parish families. We look forward to exploring the orchards, connecting with friends (old and new), and enjoying refreshments from the Farm Store including Apple Cider Donuts made fresh daily. [www.westwardorchards.com](http://www.westwardorchards.com)

**FP Auction Volunteer Kick Off Meeting  
Sunday, September 24, 5:00 p.m.**

**In person only, offsite**

The FP Auction will be on Saturday, November 4. Come join the fun Auction planning team! There will be a sign-up table for volunteers (and donations) in the Parish Hall today during coffee hour, and an exciting kick-off meeting on September 24. Let us know if you'd be interested. Contact [Jen Izzo](#) or [Liz Rust](#). All proceeds from the Auction will support FP operations for the next 2 years.

**Growing Congregations in the Digital Age  
Sunday, October 1, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.**

**Emerson Room**

Join Peter Bowden for a 1-hour seminar that explores the impact of digital life on UU congregational growth, outreach, and membership development. Building on that Sunday's service, this seminar will engage with insights from Peter's work with UU congregations nationally. Will include a presentation, discussion, and Q&A. Sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee. Light refreshments will be provided. For more information or to

indicate childcare needs, contact [CLC@firstparish.org](mailto:CLC@firstparish.org).

**Holiday Artisans Fair Volunteers Needed  
Saturday, October 7, 10:00 a.m.**

**In person outdoors on the FP 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 Perkins](#). There will be a rain date the following Saturday if needed.

**Jubilee Three Anti-Racist Training  
Friday-Sunday, October 20-22**

**In person and Zoom**

Registration is open for JUBILEE THREE training, co-sponsored by First Parish—a way to deepen your understanding of racism.

Friday, October 20, 2023, 6-9 p.m.

Saturday, October 21, 2023, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.

Sunday, October 22, 2023, 12-6:30 p.m.

Paula Cole Jones leads an updated version of this unique and acclaimed program.

[Registration](#) is required. Financial assistance available by contacting [Rev. Paul Langston-Daley](#).