
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord
Sunday, September 24, 2023

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

Little RE (Preschool-Kindergarten)

TODAY at 9:45 a.m.

Milldam Nursery School

This morning we are offering Little RE for our youngest children. Families are welcome to bring children to the Milldam Nursery School starting at 9:45 a.m. Enter by the back driveway, stairs, or use the elevator. Little RE meets until 11:15 to give caregivers a chance to go to Coffee Hour and connect with others before pick-up. Today's RE Guides: Caroline & Heather, Teen Assistant: Elena

Apple Picking at Westward Orchards

TODAY at 10:00 a.m.

Come treat yourself and those you love to a day of apple picking with other First Parish families. Meet us there (178 Mass Ave, Harvard); no advance registration needed: www.westwardorchards.com. We will explore the orchards, connect with friends (old and new), and enjoy refreshments from the Farm Store including Apple Cider Donuts made fresh daily. Questions? Contact Amy: 617-599-5998 (cell).

Welcoming Walls Listening Session

TODAY at 11:30 a.m.

Emerson Room

As you may have read or heard, there is a widespread congregational desire to have our meetinghouse walls reflect not only our history but the vibrancy of who we are now. The Welcoming Walls Committee has continued discussions and information gathering throughout the summer and is ready to share

thoughts and proposals with you. Please join us today to hear more about the process and our ideas. There will be an opportunity for you to share your support, concerns, excitement, fears. We want to hear what you have to say. There will be another listening session on October 5th at 7 p.m.

Concord Stories

**Tuesdays, September 26-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 four more nights from 7-9 pm. Email Jim to join.

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

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 an exciting kick-off meeting on September 24. Let us know if you'd be interested. Contact [Jen Izzo](mailto:Jen) or [Liz Rust](mailto:Liz). 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.

**The Holiday Artisans Fair is Almost Here!
Saturday, October 7, 10:00 a.m.
Front Grounds of First Parish**

Get ready for this year's Holiday Artisans Fair which will be here before you know it. The front grounds of First Parish will be filled with your favorite and new artists, artisans, photographers, artisan food vendors, florists and the WPA Boutique. Come with family and friends and socialize while dining on special food served by Nosh of Concord. Rain date is October 14. See you at the fair!

**Raising Consciousness and Confronting
Social Bias in Concord
Thursday, October 12, 6:00 p.m.
Concord Academy, 166 Main St. Concord**

The First Parish Commission on Institutional Change and the Racial Justice Action Group (RJAG) urges everyone to attend this event, where we will all learn more about bias within our own community. This is a unique opportunity to hear neighbors recount their personal experiences and we anticipate an enriching discussion. The program will be led by noted therapist, social worker, and Assistant Professor at Wheelock College, [Dr. Carlos Hoyt](#). Dr. Hoyt specializes in race, racial identity, and related topics. He was also a METCO student with his own experiences to share.

**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](#).

**First Parish Auction 2023
Saturday, November 4, 5:00 p.m.
In person in Parish Hall and Zoom**

The FP Auction is on Saturday, November 4 in the Parish Hall. COME! It's going to be a really fun party, with silent auction, live auction, dinner, drinks, and DISCO. JOIN US! We are looking for trusty companions to help make this event super fun and successful. If you'd like to get involved, contact [Liz Rust](#). DONATE! Some ideas: dinners, babysitting, carpentry, music, cocktail party, baked goods, history lesson, guided hike, golfing lessons, hairstyling, travel—you name it! To donate, please contact [Jen Izzo](#).