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## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Parish in Concord  
Sunday, October 15, 2023**

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

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**Social Action Fair  
TODAY! 11:00 a.m.  
Parish Hall**

Join us for our Social Action Fair! The committees, task forces and groups of First Parish are gathering at coffee hour to share with the congregation the many activities, actions, engagements and partnerships in which we are involved. This is an opportunity to learn more about the ways in which we are active in Concord and beyond, in shaping the world we dream about. Please join us, ask questions, sign up, join one of our many dynamic teams.

**Help Turn Out the Vote in the Critical  
Upcoming Virginia Election!  
TODAY! 11:00 a.m.**

**Parish Hall/Parlor**

Reclaim Our Democracy and Concord Indivisible are sending letters to provide a targeted group of people in Virginia with information about how and why to vote in the November election. It's easy—little writing is required. There are 20 letters in a packet and First Parish has sponsored the postage; no fee for materials. Join our volunteer letter writing party today at coffee hour in the Parish Hall/Parlor or pick up your packet at the Reclaim Our Democracy table and write your letters at home.

**Information on Welcoming Walls Initiative  
TODAY! 11:00 a.m.**

**Parish Hall**

If you were unable to attend a listening session on the Welcoming Walls Committee's work and proposals, or are unfamiliar with the initiative, please stop by coffee hour today. We'd love to tell you about it and hear your feedback. The Proposal document is also available online; refer to *FP Weekly* for the link. Feel free to contact any of us with questions, support, or concerns.

Welcoming Walls Committee: Leslie Fisher, Don Miller, Marshall Moore, Cindy Soule

**Sign up for Ministerial Search Listening  
Sessions**

**In person and on Zoom**

Please sign up for a listening session to help the Search Committee in the discernment process for your priorities in our search for a new Senior Minister. There are multiple opportunities, in person and on Zoom, through the end of October. Please see *FP Weekly* for the link with the schedule and to sign up. Feel free to contact [Lora Venesy](#) from the Search Committee or [Eric Moore](#) from the Transition Team with any questions.

**Welcome! We are so glad you are here. Please stop by the Welcome Table after service  
or fill out a Connection Card located in your pew.**

## **Concord Stories**

**Tuesdays, October 17 & 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 two more nights from 7-9 p.m. Email [Jim](mailto:Jim@firstparish.org) to join.

10/17: Transcendentalist and Patriotic Concord

10/24: Modern and Post-Modern Concord

## **Climate Forum**

**Thursday, October 19, 7:00 p.m.**

### **In the Sanctuary and on Zoom**

Gilbert (Gib) Metcalf, a Professor of Economics Emeritus at Tufts University, climate economist and First Parish member, will speak on what can be done to address the growing impacts of global climate change and its role in exacerbating wildfires, hurricanes, rising sea level temperatures, and other destructive climatic events. Peter Lowitt will serve as moderator. Questions and comments will be aired following Professor Metcalf's talk. For the Zoom link, contact [Gail Kharidia](mailto:Gail.Kharidia@firstparish.org).

## **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](mailto:Paul.Langston-Daley@firstparish.org).

## **Transition Workshop on our Congregational Identity**

**Saturday, October 28, 9:00 a.m.**

### **Parish Hall**

**Monday, October 30, evening**

### **Zoom**

What does First Parish see when it looks in the mirror? The Transition Team will be hosting two congregational workshops: in-person Saturday morning 10/29 and online Monday evening 10/30. These workshops will help us each better understand our whole community—who we are and what we value about our community.

## **Celebrating Halloween: All Ages Service**

**Sunday, October 29, 10:00 a.m.**

### **Sanctuary and on Zoom**

All ages are invited to wear costumes to our Halloween Service and join the fun. This holiday stems from earth-centered traditions honoring the end of the Harvest season. As daylight shortens and darkness lengthens, Samhain marks a time when the veil between the world of the living and the world of the dead is thin. Through storytelling, music, and movement, we will enliven our spirits and play together.

## **Our 30th Anniversary Partnership Celebration**

**Monday, October 30, 6:00 p.m.**

### **Parish Hall**

Join the Partner Congregation Committee in celebrating 30 years of our partnership with the Unitarian congregation in Székelykeresztúr, Transylvania (Romania). We'll welcome home those who have recently traveled, share stories, songs, and celebrate. This is a potluck supper, please bring whatever dish you'd like to share and a beverage. RSVP to [Lillian Anderson](mailto:Lillian.Anderson@firstparish.org) or sign up at coffee hour. All are welcome.

**First Parish Auction 2023**  
**Saturday, November 4, 5:00 p.m.**  
**Parish Hall**

FP Saturday Night Fever! Visit us during Coffee Hour to purchase Auction tickets, buy disco garb, and hear more about this groovy event. Auctions need donations. Please donate by (latest) October 21.

The Online Auction runs from October 22 to November 4. The Live and Silent Auction is on November 4 from 5-9 p.m. Tickets and registration can be found at:

[www.32auctions.com/FirstParishConcord](http://www.32auctions.com/FirstParishConcord).

Childcare (pizza and movie) is available during the Live Auction for \$10/child, max \$20/family. Contact [Jen Izzo](#) or [Liz Rust](#) with any questions or donations.

**Pathways to Belonging: A Three-Part Series**  
**Sundays, November 5, 12 & 19, 11:30 a.m.**  
**Parlor**

Are you new to First Parish? This is your opportunity to share and explore your spiritual roots, how they connect to Unitarian Universalism, and understand how First Parish works. A light lunch is provided. For more information or to register, contact [Susan See](#).