
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Parish in Concord
Sunday, October 22, 2023**

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

First Parish Auction 2023

Onlin: Today-November 4

Live: Saturday, November 4, 5:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

The Online Auction runs October 22-November 4 at www.32auctions.com/FirstParishConcord.

There are a variety of goods and services with a wide range of prices.

The Live Auction is on November 4 from 5-9 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are \$40/pp.

Childcare is \$10/child, max \$20/family. The Live Auction includes a Silent Auction, Live Auction, Dinner, Drinks and FUN!

If you purchase items online, please pay the administrative fees rather than deducting the fee from amounts paid to First Parish.

Questions? Want to bid or buy tickets offline?

Contact [Jen Izzo](#) or [Liz Rust](#).

Vespers Service for the Middle East

Monday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.

Chapel

Please join us for a vespers service to pray for the people of the Middle East on Monday, 10/23 at 7 p.m. in the Chapel. We will sing, pray, and reflect together as we process the terrible violence that is continuing to plague the people of Israel and Palestine. This is a time to slow down, deepen into our values of love and justice. Together we will share the pain of the impact that this violence has on all of us.

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.

Concord Stories

Tuesday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.

Parlor/Parish Hall

Rev. Jim Sherblom concludes the series with Modern and Post-Modern Concord on October 24 from 7-9 p.m. Email [Jim](#) to join.

Our 30th Anniversary Partnership Celebration

Saturday, October 28, 6:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

Welcome back our returning travelers and celebrate our 30 years of partnership with the Unitarian congregation in Székelykeresztúr, Transylvania (Romania). Share stories, songs, and food for a festive evening of fun. Bring a dish to share and a beverage. For more information or to sign-up, contact [Lillian Anderson](#).

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.

**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.

Transition Workshop on our Congregational Identity

**Sunday, October 29, 11:15 a.m., Sanctuary
Monday, October 30, online**

What makes First Parish worth showing up for? Hear what our community has said so far in this fall's inquiries. Come to share and explore what energizes and sustains our community now. The Transition Team will be hosting two congregational workshops: in-person after the Sunday service 10/29, and online Monday evening 10/30.

**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](#).

**First Parish Women's Retreat 2024
Weaving Connections: The Power and Joy of
Deepening Relationships
January 5-7, 2024**

**4 p.m. Friday-1 p.m. Sunday
Rolling Ridge Conference Center, North
Andover, MA**

Women of First Parish: Join old friends and new to explore this Weaving Connections together at our first overnight retreat since 2020. Come gather with other First Parish women for a weekend of fun, relaxation, and introspection. For more information, please contact [Lillian Anderson](#). Register at coffee hour today or online within the next week.