
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord
Sunday, October 29, 2023

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

Halloween Coffee Hour

TODAY! 11:00 a.m.

Parish Hall

After the service, everyone is invited to Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall for refreshments and conversation. Information about First Parish, Unitarian Universalism, and many upcoming events is available. This Sunday, also have some yummy Halloween treats!

Worship Sharing Circle

TODAY! 11:00 a.m.

Brooks Room and on Zoom

This simple event, designed to help you carry the spirit of the worship service into the rest of your week, starts soon after the service, ends by 11:30 a.m., and is open to everyone. Participants are invited to take turns sharing what stood out for you about the service. We meet in the Brooks Room and by Zoom. For more information, contact Jim Snyder-Grant or Dana Snyder-Grant at jim.and.dana@snyder-grant.org.

Transition Workshop on our Congregational Identity

TODAY! 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 today after the service, and online Monday evening, October 30.

First Parish Auction 2023

Online: Through November 4

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

Parish Hall

The Online Auction runs through 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](#).

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](#).

**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.**

Tyranny of the Minority: Why American Democracy Reached the Breaking Point Sunday, November 5, 4:00 p.m.

Sanctuary and on Zoom

We are at a crossroads: America will either become a multiracial democracy or cease to be a democracy at all, say Harvard professors Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt in their newest book, *Tyranny of the Minority*. In the book, they offer a coherent framework for understanding these volatile times.

Join us in person for a presentation by the authors, with time for questions and answers and a book signing. Books will be available for purchase. Co-sponsored by Reclaim Our Democracy at First Parish in Concord and Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ).

11th Hour Calling

Saturday, November 11, 11:00 a.m.

FP Front Lawn

Please plan to participate! We are gathering on the front lawn to bring awareness to the Climate Crisis. We will be holding signs (provided) and playing musical instruments to attract the attention of passersby. The Church bell will ring at 11 a.m. to alert people in the area of the emerging Climate Crisis and danger to humanity. Please arrive 10 minutes early. Finished by 11:30 a.m. This is a monthly event on the 11th day of the month. Next events: Saturday, November 11; Monday, December 11; Sunday, January 11.

Donations for Kids' Bags

Through Sunday, November 19

Coat Room

Open Table distributes up to 150 Kids' Bags each week as part of their mission to address hunger in our community. On Sunday, November 19, our young people will create Kids' Bags during RE time by decorating and filling them. You can help! Donations of the following items are appreciated: instant oatmeal packets, fruit cups, drinks, granola bars, packaged snacks, dried fruit, packaged

cookies, and little non-food treats like pencils, stickers, or small toys. Please bring your donations to the November 19 service or drop off in the Coat Room anytime. Thank you!

First Parish Women's Retreat 2024

Weaving Connections: The Power and Joy of Deepening Relationships

January 5-7, 2024

4:00 p.m. Friday-1:00 p.m. Sunday

Rolling Ridge Conference Center, North Andover, MA

Women of First Parish: Join old friends and new to explore 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](#). Registration Deadline: November 20, but limited rooms available—we only have 9 beds left so register today! Online at <http://bit.ly/FPWomensRetreat2024>.

