
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Parish in Concord
Sunday, January 28, 2024**

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

Want to talk more about our Benediction?

Tuesday, January 30, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Sunday, February 4, 11:30 a.m. in person

Did Rev. Seth's 4-sermon series last fall raise questions you'd like to consider more deeply? The First Parish Commission on Institutional Change (COIC) invites you to a congregational discussion of the issues Seth raised. Do we want to keep the Benediction as is? Revise it? Consider replacing it? Please join us:

- [Via Zoom](#): Tuesday, January 30, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
- In Person: Sunday, February 4, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Bulkeley Room.

Questions? Contact [Darren Smith](#) or [Toby Smith Ropeik](#).

Alan Hoffman on Lafayette and Human Rights

Friday, February 9, 7:00 p.m.

Wright Tavern and on Zoom

You are invited to this in-person lecture by Alan Hoffman at the Wright Tavern, or listen via Zoom. Please consult *FP Weekly* for link to register. This year marks the 200th anniversary of Marquis de Lafayette's Farewell Tour of 1824. The Frenchman passed through Concord and other towns to rekindle the spirit of the American Revolution. First Parish and Wright Tavern will host a town-wide event this year on Labor Day, September 2, at 3:00 p.m. welcoming a Lafayette reenactor. Alan Hoffman is an organizer of this nationwide reenactment and an expert on Lafayette. Contact: Shelley_Hawks@msn.com.

Funderburg Fundraising Dinner/Zoom

Saturday, February 10, 6:30 p.m.

Parish Hall and on Zoom

Funderburg Scholars – Meet the Students Fundraising Dinner at church or Zoom, Saturday, February 10th! Be at First Parish at 6:30 p.m. or on Zoom at 7:30 p.m. Help Roxbury youth attend and graduate from college! These engaging students will tell stories about their college experiences. Sign up for dinner (or request a Zoom invite) by e-mailing [Loretta Ho Sherblom](mailto:Loretta.Ho.Sherblom). More info at www.FunderburgScholars.org.

11th Hour Calling Standout

Sunday, February 11, 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Front Lawn

Please join the Environmental Team on the church front lawn on Sunday, February 11th from 10:45-11:45 a.m. (or after church service) to hold signs to call attention to passersby of the climate crisis. The youth from Religious Education will be joining us this Sunday. We do this on the 11th day of each month. We also ring the church bell to alert people in the area. Signs are provided. Bring a musical instrument if you have one.

**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.**

Save the Date!

**Cabaret Style Concert with Anna Huckabee
Tull and Mickey Zibello & Friends
Saturday, February 17, 7:30 p.m.**

Parish Hall

The Welcoming Walls Committee is hosting a mid-winter evening of song and conviviality, presented by our own Anna Huckabee Tull and her musical friends, including fellow parishioners Kristin Moore, Elena d'Amico, and Emma Peacock. Tickets are \$20: In advance at [Eventbrite](#) - or at coffee hour (avoid the Eventbrite fee!) - and at the door. The first 40 tickets sold will guarantee seating at a table. Stop by coffee hour to hear more!

At Home Retreat for the Women of First Parish

Weaving Connections: The Power and Joy of Deepening Relationships

- **Free Welcome Celebration on Friday, March 8** at 7:00 p.m. for ALL FP women. (Those who attended the away retreat are welcome to come!)
- **Retreat Program is Saturday March 9**, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Join old friends and make new friends to explore how you can find the joy and power of deepening relationships. Includes time for reflection, creativity, singing, laughing, weaving crafts, lunch, and companionable silence.

To register for either program, please go to <https://bit.ly/FPAtHomeRetreat>.