
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Parish in Concord
Sunday, February 4, 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?
TODAY! 11:30-12:30 a.m.**

Bulkeley Room

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

**Robbins House Talk
TODAY! 12:00 p.m.**

Parlor

Robbins House is our February share-the-plate recipient. Please join Jen Turner, Executive Director, at noon in the Parlor to learn more about the Robbins House. "In 2010, the house was saved from demolition, moved here, and restored. Today, the Robbins house embodies the determination of Caesar Robbins and his family to support themselves on the land and to shape their own destinies as free men and women—and serves to inspire conversations about race and social justice issues." We now know of Ellen Garrison, Caesar and Susan Robbin, brought to our attention by the research and work of people at the Robbins House.

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.

**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.**

“Expression and Inspiration”

Sunday, February 11, 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary and on Zoom

Join us next Sunday for a special youth-led service. Mads Reeves will offer a reflection on her creative process and share an original spoken-word poem. Maddie Minkin, Emma Peacock, and Elena D’Amico will reflect on how Taylor Swift inspires them. Liza Bowden will share about her recent CityReach Boston experience. Ben Stewart will also help lead the service. Come be uplifted by words, music, and our High School teens!

11th Hour Calling Standout

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

Front Lawn

Join the Environmental Team and congregants in front of the church at 10:45 a.m. or after church to call attention to passersby of the climate crisis. We hold signs (provided) and the church bell rings to alert people in the area of the impending crisis. Youth from Religious Education and their families will join us this Sunday. We disband after an hour or sooner.

Diversity Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 6:30 p.m.

Zoom only

The Diversity Committee this year is focused on LGBTQ and disability justice. We’d love to have you join us at our next meeting as we discuss initiatives in those areas. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of every month via Zoom and everyone is welcome. Contact [Suzie Weaver](#) to join our mailing list.

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 [AnnaAndMickey.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or at coffee hour (avoid the Eventbrite fee!), and at the door. 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>.