
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, March 17, 2024

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

Congregational Conversations on our Bylaws TODAY! 11:30 a.m.

Emerson Room

Please join us for a congregational conversation about our Bylaws. Today's in-person meeting will be followed by a Zoom meeting for those who wish to attend online on Monday, March 18 at 7:00 p.m. We'll present an updated draft of the Bylaws and ask for your perspective. We hope to present a final updated version for a vote at our Annual Meeting in June. For more information, contact Virginia Taylor at virginiarosstaylor@gmail.com.

"Why Are They Coming? The multiple roots of migration today"

TODAY! 4:30 p.m.

Parish Hall and on Zoom

In honor of our own immigration activist Tony Rodriguez and his legacy, Dr. Aviva Chomsky will speak in the Parish Hall today at 4:30 p.m. Her topic will be "Why are they coming? The multiple roots of migration today." She is professor of Latin American Studies at Salem State University and the author of many related books. This event is co-sponsored by the Concord-Carlisle League of Women Voters. In person and via Zoom: bit.ly/roots-of-migration.

Environmental Team Meeting

Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 p.m.

Zoom only

Everyone is welcome. Gail Kharidia has stepped down as chairperson and we have rotating meeting leaders. Join the group of 8-plus active members and contribute your ideas. The

CLIMATE CRISIS is NOW. Contact Dian Pekin at pekincd@comcast.net for information.

Budget Information Session

**Sunday, March 24, 11:30 a.m., Emerson Room
Monday, March 25, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom**

Wondering how we allocate our resources? Curious about the financial importance of the Annual Pledge Campaign? As we begin thinking about next year's budget, the Standing Committee finance team will host budget information sessions both in person and on Zoom. We'll review income, expenses, projections, and long-range considerations. Please reach out to Leah Russell at LeahKRussell@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Pathways to Belonging: A Two-Part Series Sundays, March 24 and April 7

11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.

Brooks Room

Are you new to First Parish? Have you been coming for a while but haven't connected yet? This is your opportunity to share and explore your spiritual roots, how they connect to Unitarian Universalism and understand how First Parish works. Information about membership will also be discussed. A light lunch is provided. Childcare will be provided upon request. For more information or to register, contact Susan See at suzzer38@yahoo.com.

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.

Are you a UU who went to college in the Boston area?

Sanctuary Boston is a UU community supporting UU college students in the Boston area. They're building the largest campus ministry program in Unitarian Universalism and need our help to do it! If you're a UU who went to college in the Boston area, please fill out this form to connect with them and support UU student leaders: bit.ly/uualumn. Learn more about Sanctuary Boston at thesanctuaryboston.org/campus/.

Update on New Photo Directories

We know that the wait for our new photo directories has been long, and we apologize for the delay. We finally received the proof of the directory from the company recently and have mailed it back with our final approval. Once they receive it, we were told it will take twenty days to produce the directories, and then they will be shipped to us. Therefore, we expect to receive the directories in early to mid-April. Please stay tuned for a notification when they've arrived.

A Conversation with the 2024 Greeley Peace Scholar, Fatemeh Shams

Sunday, April 7, 3:30 p.m.

Parish Hall and on Zoom

The 2024 Greeley Peace Scholar, Fatemeh Shams, who currently serves as Associate Professor of Persian Literature and Gender Studies at the University of Pennsylvania, will give a presentation about her poetry and life as an intersectional feminist activist followed by a reception hosted by The Women's Parish Association and The Diversity Group. For further information and reservations, contact pekindc@comcast.net. Free and open to the public.

**Patriots' Day Pancake Breakfast
Volunteers Needed**

Monday, April 15, 7:00 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Join fellow First Parish parishioners as we host our first ever Patriots' Day Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. We will be serving breakfast from 7:00-11:00 a.m. on Monday, April 15. It will be a fun community activity that raises money for First Parish as we host Patriots' Day re-enactors, parade goers, and all those who are enjoying the holiday that morning. Email Gib Metcalf (gibmetcalf@gmail.com) to learn more or to volunteer.