
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024

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

Little RE on Easter

Childcare is available today for young children (ages 0-5 years) in the Milldam Nursery School. Caregivers are welcome to bring children to the lower level before the service, starting at 9:45 a.m. We will come up to the Brooks Room before the end of the service to make it easier for families to reconnect and join the Easter Egg Hunt (if you wish)! Follow the signs to the Brooks Room or ask an usher. Children must be signed in and picked up by their adult caregivers.

Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt

TODAY! 11:00 a.m.

Following our Easter Service, we will have an Egg Hunt on the grounds of First Parish. Please meet on the Terrace. This year, instead of candy, there are fun surprises in the eggs! You may bring an Easter basket to collect eggs. Children are welcome to bring eggs home or take the surprises and return the eggs for use next year. We are also excited to welcome Panda, Elena D'Amico's bunny, who will be available for visits and photos in the Chapel following the service. All are welcome to join the fun!

Welcoming Walls Coffee Hour

TODAY! during the Coffee Hour

If you missed our Forum last Sunday, come visit the Welcoming Walls Committee at coffee hour to learn more about what's happening and view our new and evolving historical slideshow. After a year of research and discussion, our minister portraits will be taken down within the week and safely stored. This will allow our celebratory banners to be hung in time for the Standing Committee's Patriots' Day pancake breakfast and will provide an ongoing opportunity to project a more vibrant and welcoming ambiance in our Parish Hall.

Ferry Beach Retreat Registration is Open!

TODAY! during the Coffee Hour

Registration for the annual First Parish Ferry Beach Retreat in Maine over Memorial Day Weekend (May 24-27) is now open! Come join First Parish individuals, couples, and families for time together enjoying fellowship, fun, and renewal. There will be a table at coffee hour today with information and folks to answer questions. You can also find Retreat and Registration info at firstparish.org/forms, including how to access the online Registration pages. Questions? Contact Darien Smith (darien@smithquest.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.**

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.

Share the Plate Submissions for 2024-2025
Submissions due by April 21

Please go to <https://forms.gle/oC5AqcTit8SZMFde6> and fill out the short submission form. What non-profit groups or organizations do you support? Please consider submitting your commitments outside of First Parish for our Share the Plate program. Each month we share our collection with the organizations recommended by you and provide a minimum of \$3,000 to those organizations. This should be a 501-c3 organization that you have a relationship with, or that you work with. Questions? Ask Paul, our Minister of Social Action.

First Parish Passover Seder
Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 p.m.
Parish Hall

Whether you have a Jewish background or never attended a Seder before, you are welcome. Passover is both a meal and a re-telling of the Exodus story with readings, songs, and eating of symbolic foods. Children make the Seder even more special and fun! Our Cooperative Seder will include a potluck dinner. Each person is asked to choose a job (set-up or serving or clean-up) and to bring one or two items. Please sign-up online: <https://bit.ly/FPC24Passover>. Questions? Contact Dana Snyder-Grant (dana.snydergrant@gmail.com or 978-760-1129) or Rev. Amy Freedman (afreedman@firstparish.org).

First Parish Responds to Colonization and Slavery

Sunday, April 28, 11:30 a.m.

First Parish Sanctuary

How do we want to respond to First Parish's history related to colonization and slavery? First Parish was involved in the colonization of Concord, which proved harmful to the Indigenous people living in this area. Two ministers of First Parish enslaved people. In response to this history, our community has options. On April 28, the Commission on Institutional Change (COIC) is hosting a meeting to consider our options, after services at 11:30 a.m. All are welcome. Contact Ken Reeves (ken_reeves@hotmail.com) with any questions.