
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Parish in Concord
Sunday, May 26, 2024**

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

What is Happening this Sunday?

Since many of our families are on Retreat at Ferry Beach this weekend, we do NOT have Little RE (preschool–K) or Religious Exploration (Kindergarten–High School) today. Religious Exploration resumes next week. Children are always welcome in our services! If your child would like more “Wiggle Room,” toys, Legos, art supplies, books, and puzzles are available in the Parlor downstairs. This is also a good place for caregivers to connect or follow the service which is streamed on a screen in the Parlor.

Volunteers Wanted for new Disability Justice Task Force

The Diversity Committee and the Congregational Life Committee are co-sponsoring the formation of a new Disability Justice Task Force at First Parish. The first focus of the task force will be to conduct an accessibility audit of First Parish in the coming year. From that audit, recommendations will be made for ways to make life at First Parish more accessible for all. Our first meeting will take place this June. If you are interested in volunteering for this effort, please contact peter.nobile@gmail.com.

Climate Risk Assessment and Adaptation Planning

**Thursday, May 30, 7:00 p.m.
Parish Hall**

Dr. Paul Kirshen will talk about the theory of climate risk assessment, adaptation planning and likely threats facing the Concord area in terms of environmental, social, and built systems. He is Professor of Climate Adaptation in the School for the Environment at UMass Boston and Research Director of Stone Living Lab with research experience related to water resources and coastal zone management and climate variability and change. He has been a consultant to the City of Boston on the vulnerability of the city to present and future climates and adaptation/management strategies.

Annual Meeting

Sunday, June 2, 11:30 a.m.

In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

Our annual meeting will be held next Sunday, June 2, starting at 11:30 a.m. The warrant is posted and includes all business to be taken up at the meeting.

**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.**

An Evening of Ideas on Democracy

Friday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.

In person and on Zoom

An Evening of Ideas on Democracy with four impressive and dynamic speakers:

- David Pepper, Ohio oracle and author of Saving Democracy (Zoom)
- Nancy Gertner, former federal judge who built her career around standing up for women's rights, civil liberties and justice for all (video)
- Whitney Taylor, ACLU Massachusetts Political Director (in-person)
- Virginia Kase Solomón, President & CEO of Common Cause, former CEO of League of Women Voters (in-person)

Democracy Festival

Saturday, June 8, 11:00 a.m.

Church Grounds

Join your fellow citizens to celebrate democracy! Come to First Parish on Saturday, June 8 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the church grounds (inside if it's rainy). We are at a turning point in this country. Learn how you can help protect our democracy, build a Democracy Movement, and create the country we want to be. It starts with all of us. Invite your family and friends! Become a part of our history, eat, drink, engage with others, listen to good music, and have some fun, too.

Goodbye Party for Seth Carrier-Ladd

Sunday, June 9, 11:30 a.m.

Parish Hall

Seth joined us as Interim Minister in August 2022. During the last two years, Seth helped us let go of the past, recognize and define our liminal hopes and challenges, and prepare our hearts and minds for a future with a new Senior Minister. Let's gather to celebrate. The Standing Committee invites all First Parish members and friends of all ages to join us at this goodbye party for Seth. There will be food, festivities, songs, toasts, and fun for all as we celebrate and say goodbye. Please plan to come! If you have questions, contact Susan See at susan.b.see@gmail.com.

Coming of Age Service

Sunday, June 16, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Our Coming of Age Service is the culmination of our 9th grade program led by Dawn Van Patten with mentoring by members of our First Parish congregation. Youth will present their credos, personal statements of belief, to our congregation as well as lead other parts of the service. This is always a moving rite of passage. Please celebrate our youth following the service with cake and coffee hour hosted by the Women's Parish Association (WPA) in the Herb Garden.