
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Parish in Concord
Sunday, June 2, 2024**

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

Annual Meeting

TODAY! 11:30 a.m.

In the Sanctuary and on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82073650713>

Come to the Annual Meeting today in the Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. We will conduct our regular business of hearing reports, choosing officers, enacting a budget for next year, and selecting delegates for GA. We'll also consider a proposal to revise our bylaws.

June's Share the Plate recipient is the Greater Boston Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG). PFLAG's mission is to advocate for and advance equity and societal affirmation of LGBTQ people by building and strengthening loving families, safe communities, and a diverse and inclusive society. PFLAG's programs include support groups, community forums, a scholarship program, and teacher/parent programs. PFLAG fights for bullying prevention and anti-discrimination laws and regulations protecting LGBTQ individuals in employment, housing, education and public accommodations. See <https://www.gbpfllag.org/about>.

An Evening of Ideas on Democracy

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

In person and on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0sf-irgzkuG9DeyWkWUxzdWPiT5WKWk2Z0#/registration>

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 great music from Anna Huckabee Tull & Mickey Zibello, and have some fun too!

**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.**

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.

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.

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.