
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Parish in Concord
Sunday, June 9, 2024**

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

Goodbye Party for Seth Carrier-Ladd

TODAY! 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 come!

11th Hour Calling

Tuesday, June 11, 10:50 a.m.

In front of church

At 11:00 a.m. we're standing in front of the church holding signs to bring attention to passersby of the impending Climate Crisis. Bring your own sign or use one of ours. Arrive at 10:50 a.m.; the church bell chimes at 11:00. Sponsored by the Environmental Team.

June 12th is the Pulse Night of Remembrance

This Wednesday, June 12, is the Pulse Night of Remembrance. On this date in 2016, a gunman entered the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, FL, and killed 49 people, injuring more than 50 others. A known sanctuary for the LGBTQ+ community in Orlando, the club was holding its weekly Latin Night. As a result, the people who lost their lives in this shooting were predominantly Latinx members of the LGBTQ+ community. This night

of remembrance provides a reminder of the violence that members of the LGBTQ+ community risk every day – just for being themselves.

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.

Pride Service Pop Up Choir

Sunday, June 23, 8:45 a.m.

Chapel and Keresztur Terrace

On Sunday, June 23, we will host a joint Pride service with Tri-Con, outside on the Keresztur Terrace and the Labyrinth. For music that morning, we'll form an all-ages Pop Up Choir to learn easy, fun songs to sing in the service and hymns to share with the "fresh air" congregation. All are welcome! We will invite singers from Tri-Con to join us! Families are encouraged to come together. Let's dress in rainbow colors and show our love and support for the GLBTQ community during Concord's Pride month. Contact Beth Norton, music@firstparish.org, with any questions.

**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.**

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>.

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.

Welcome and Homecoming Picnic Sunday, September 8, 5:30 p.m.

Welcome Rev Jennifer on her first Sunday of the new church year. Visit with friends. Catch up on the summer news. And meet other First Parish folks. All ages. All First Parish. For the whole family. Bring your own picnic, food and beverages; lawn chairs and blankets. The party will be on the First Parish lawns, weather permitting; in the Parish Hall in case of inclement weather. No admission charge. Mark your calendar now.