
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Parish in Concord
Sunday, June 16, 2024**

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

Coffee Hour Herb Garden Party

TODAY! 11:00 a.m.

Deborah Greeley Memorial Herb Garden

Today's Coffee Hour will be held in the Deborah Greeley Memorial Garden at 11:00 a.m. to celebrate the opening of the garden, the Coming of Age Youth and Families, and Father's Day. Join your fellow congregants for special savories and sweets, a celebration cake, and joyful fellowship. See you in the garden!

Helpers Needed for Concord Pride Events

Saturday 6/22 - Rally 10:30 a.m. We need volunteers to help usher people to the front of the church for the rally after the flag raising, and to help people line up and begin the march to the library afterwards. We also need someone to get a general count of the gathering.

Sunday 6/23 - HISTORIC joint worship service with TriCon for the Pride Service on our patio and labyrinth at 10:00 a.m. We will need help with ushers and greeters.

If you can help either day, please contact Paul Langston-Daley at plangston-daley@firstparish.org.

Pride Service Pop Up Choir

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

Chapel and Keresztur Terrace (Sanctuary if raining)

On Sunday, June 23, we will host a joint Pride service with Tri-Con, outside on the Keresztur Terrace and the Labyrinth (Sanctuary if it rains). For music that morning, we'll form an all-ages Pop Up Choir to learn easy, fun songs 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.

Democracy's Crisis and How it Ends

Tuesday, June 25, 7:30 p.m.

Parish Hall and on Zoom

Professor, Lawyer, and Political Activist

Lawrence Lessig will be presenting his thoughts on what we need to do to protect our democracy at this critical time in our history. He is the author of several recent books including *How to Steal a Presidential Election*, *America Compromised*, and *Republic, Lost v2: The Corruption of Equality and the Steps to End It*. You can also attend on Zoom. Register at bit.ly/4bIMCJb. Sponsored by Reclaim Our Democracy and Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice.

**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.**

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.

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>.

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.