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## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Parish in Concord  
Sunday, September 8, 2024**

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

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### **Let's "Do Something" to Promote Democracy TODAY! Stop by during Coffee Hour**

Reclaim Our Democracy is at coffee hour every Sunday through the November election. Today we have information on how to sign up for our congregational "Do Something" campaign. We also have blank postcards to fill out. Come and help get out the vote for this pivotal 2024 election.

Register to Participate:  
<https://forms.gle/UAJSi1Q55Ak8pclN6>



### **Special Fundraiser for UU The Vote TODAY! Stop by during Coffee Hour**

Attention Cat and Dog Ladies and Gentlemen! The Women's Parish Association is running a special fundraiser during Sunday coffee hours in the Parish Hall during September and October to support UU The Vote projects. Donors will be given special edition catnip balls and dog bandanas for their beloved furry friends. This is also a fun way to remind ourselves and others to vote and to participate in UU the Vote activities to help preserve our precious democracy. See *FP Weekly* for further details.

### **First Parish Trivia Night Saturday, October 5, 6:00 p.m.**

**Sign up TODAY during Coffee Hour**  
Sign up for Trivia Night at coffee hour. It will be a night of fun, lots of laughs, and friendly competition. Trivia Night, sponsored by the Congregational Life Committee, will be held on October 5th from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Teams of six will compete. Sign up to create a team of 6 members or to join a team and make

new friends. High school age and older invited. Admission is \$10 per person. Light dinner and lots of fun provided! Bring your own beverage and snacks. Festive attire encouraged.

### **A Transylvania Partnership Celebration Saturday, September 28, 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Sign up TODAY during Coffee Hour**

All are invited to attend a festive dinner to celebrate our extraordinary partnership with our sister congregation in Székelykeresztúr, Transylvania, hosted by the Partner Congregation Committee. Dinner is provided; please bring your own beverages. Share great company, food, songs, and stories. Come learn about an important upcoming travel opportunity. Please either sign up to attend at coffee hour today, or email [lillianand@comcast.net](mailto:lillianand@comcast.net) and indicate the number in your party. We hope you can join us!

### **Welcome and Homecoming Picnic TODAY! 5:30 p.m.**

#### **First Parish Lawn**

Join the party!! Today!! Celebrate with music and balloons, activities and treats. Welcome Rev Jennifer. 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 beverage; 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.

**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.**

**Youth Gospel Ensemble Welcomes You!  
Begins Sunday, September 15, 11:30 a.m.**

Calling all young music enthusiasts with a passion for singing! If you revel in the beauty of harmonizing and seek a community of kindred spirits, join this vibrant and inclusive group of singers who cherish the gospel tradition while also embracing songs that reflect our Unitarian beliefs. Singers in grades 6 through 12 are welcome. Our first meeting is Sunday, September 15th at 11:30 a.m. in the chapel. Anticipate laughter, camaraderie, and the pure bliss of creating music together. For more information, email Anderson Manuel at [amanuel@firstparish.org](mailto:amanuel@firstparish.org) or [music@firstparish.org](mailto:music@firstparish.org).

**Please Register for Religious Education**

Whether you are a new or returning family, please register your children and teens for the 2024-2025 RE program. We are excited to offer fun, engaging, and meaningful experiences in the Fall, Winter, and Spring seasons. This year we will be exploring monthly themes along with our First Parish congregation. Please sign up today so we can plan and be prepared to welcome your family! Register online at [firstparish.org/wp/learning/re/](http://firstparish.org/wp/learning/re/).

**Volunteering in Religious Education**

One of the joys of being a part of First Parish in Concord is spending time with our young people! There are many opportunities to connect, educate, and play in our religious education program. These include assisting on Sunday morning, helping in Little RE, preparing supplies at home, helping with service projects, being a mentor, leading an activity, and more. Please be in touch with Rev. Amy Freedman, Minister of Religious Education, if you would like to explore the possibilities: [afreedman@firstparish.org](mailto:afreedman@firstparish.org).

**RE Care Package Donations Needed**

Please donate to RE's care package project. Packages will be sent to recent graduates and remind our young adults they always have a home at First Parish. Donations can be left in the box outside the RE office through September 21. Donation ideas include individually-wrapped snack-size chips, pretzels, popcorn, sunflower seeds, dried fruit, cookies, candy, gum, granola bars, hot chocolate packets, travel-size tissue packs, pens, pencils, highlighters, and small fun things like stickers, party-size play dough, etc. Please contact Dawn Van Patten with any questions at [dvanpatten@firstparish.org](mailto:dvanpatten@firstparish.org).

**Facilitate a Small Group Ministry Group  
This Year**

Small Group Ministry groups are an important part of building community at First Parish. Participants in these groups get to know people in the congregation whom they might never have encountered otherwise, and also to deepen connections with individuals they may already know. We are looking for a few new facilitators. If you are interested in learning more or would like to volunteer, please contact Lillian Anderson at [lillianand@comcast.net](mailto:lillianand@comcast.net).