
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**First Parish in Concord
Sunday, October 6, 2024**

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

Reclaim Our Democracy TODAY! during Coffee Hour

The Reclaim Our Democracy team is back at coffee hour today with information about how we can all "Do Something" on behalf of democracy this fall. Sign up to be part of our campaign and help us reach our goal of at least 20% of our membership completing at least one thing to promote our UU values in this election cycle. Pick up a postcard packet with all that you need to share voting information with eligible voters in Texas. Come by for information on opportunities for text banking and phone banking and door knocking. We hope to see you!

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 and toys 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.

Donations to the UUA Disaster Fund TODAY!

Please scan the QR code or go to <https://www.uua.org/giving/disaster-relief> to provide support for those impacted by Hurricane Helene. A basket will also be available for collections during coffee hour.



Transylvanian Scholarship Program TODAY! Stop by during Coffee Hour

Each year generous participants in our Székelykeresztúr Student Scholarship Program, overseen by the Partner Congregation Committee, help make high school and college education possible for 40-50 deserving students from the Hungarian minority population there and area villages. If you would like to become a scholarship donor for one of the new freshmen students in need of financial help, please contact Kathy Spang at katalinspang@yahoo.com for more information, or stop by the PCC table at coffee hour.

First Parish Connections Fair TODAY! 11:00 a.m.

During the Coffee Hour

Get Involved and Make a Difference!

Want to get involved at First Parish but not sure how? The Congregational Life Committee invites you to participate in the FP Connections Fair. Learn how you can:

- Serve the church by volunteering, in front of or behind the scenes
- Join a committee or affinity group
- Take part in FP social and spiritual group activities

Questions on getting involved or for information on how to have a table for your group? Contact conglife@firstparish.org.

**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.**

We Refuse: A Forceful History of Black Resistance - Fall Lecture from the Robbins House

Wednesday, October 9, 7:30 p.m.

Parish Hall

Join us to hear Historian Kellie Carter Jackson speaking about her newest book, *We Refuse: A Forceful History of Black Resistance*.

This lecture is jointly sponsored by The Robbins House, League of Women Voters

Concord-Carlisle, Trinitarian Congregational Church, and First Parish of Concord. Kellie

Carter Jackson is the Michael and Denise Kellen '68 Associate Professor of Africana Studies at

Wellesley College. For more information go to

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WqtrR58UOMQD9e_Sm34H2860rpO2c2IW/view?usp=sharing

For more information, contact Sue StCroix,

sue@suestcroix.com

An Evening of Dinner and Games

Saturday, October 19, 6:00 p.m.

Purchase Tickets TODAY during Coffee Hour

Come enjoy soups and stew, fresh salads and warm bread on Saturday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner will be followed by a variety of games for both the extroverted (Charades) and the

stage-shy (cards)! Buy your ticket for this

fundraiser sponsored by the Governing Board at the designated table in the Parish Hall

immediately after today's service. Questions?

Contact Virginia Taylor at

virginiarosstaylor@gmail.com.

Emerson Reading Group

Second Wednesdays each month

7:15-9:00 p.m.

Come read together, discuss and enjoy Ralph Waldo Emerson's essays. No homework

required! Simply come with a copy of the essay assigned. Open to all. Charles Phillips, longtime

fan of Ralph Waldo Emerson, will guide us and answer questions. Charles provides the essays by

email, and they are also available at rwe.org. We are reading:

- Oct. 9: Nature - Introduction and Beauty
- Nov. 13: Nature – Idealism.

To sign up or if you have questions, please email Charles Phillips at ctphillips27@gmail.com or call the FP office at (978) 369-9602.

The 2024 Massachusetts Provincial Congress: "Exploring Democracy – Our Rights and Our Responsibilities"

Friday, October 11, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

First Parish and Wright Tavern

Friday, October 11, 2024 will be the 250th anniversary of the First Massachusetts Provincial

Congress. Here in First Parish and at the Wright Tavern, this Congress made several critical

decisions in the founding of our country. The

2024 Massachusetts Provincial Congress will be an exercise in civic education and engagement.

Come explore, learn, and engage in discussions on rights and democracy. The program will run

from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm, with a box lunch

available for purchase. "Exploring Democracy"

will be held at First Parish with a reception to

follow in the Wright Tavern. To register, visit

Wrighttavern.org/Programs. We hope to see you

here.

A Talk by Editor Geoff Wisner on this new book: A Year of Birds

Saturday, October 26, 7:00 p.m.

Wright Tavern and on Zoom

In partnership with the 2024 Concord Festival of Authors, editor Geoff Wisner will discuss his

new book, *A Year of Birds*, featuring 150

watercolors and field sketches by artist Barry

Van Dusen and a foreword by naturalist Peter

Alden, the author of numerous Audubon Field

Guides. This is a hybrid event. Admission is free,

but you must register at this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/ThoreauBirds>. In-person

seating at the Wright Tavern is limited, and you

will only be sent a link to the livestream on

Zoom if you register. Contact Shelley Hawks via

the First Parish office (978) 369-9602.

**Men/Masculine Identified folks: A Practical
Exploration of Spirituality
Sunday, November 3, 11:30 a.m.**

Emerson Room

4 Monthly two-hour sessions. facilitated by Paul Langston-Daley and Jeff Clanon. Limited to 12 First Parish Men First Sunday of the month beginning Nov. 3. At our September Retreat a group of men/masc identified folks focused on Spirituality. This program is a continuation of the in-depth conversation that occurred there. It is an opportunity for First Parish men and masculine identified folks to have a clearer sense of the value of spirituality in their lives and enhance their practice in whatever ways they find most meaningful and beneficial.

Save the Dates!

Women's Retreats 2025

The Women's Retreats weekend at Rolling Ridge in North Andover will start on Friday evening, January 10 and run through Sunday lunch on January 12, 2025. All FP women are invited! Registration opens in mid-November. Information coming soon about an At-Home Retreat being planned for early next year. Sponsored by the Women's Retreats Committee. Questions? Contact Bozena Smith at bozenasmith@mindspring.com.