
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, November 24, 2024

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

Welcome Families!

TODAY! 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary and Parlor

Our Thanksgiving Service is for all ages. Children are always welcome in our worship services. There are "Soul Work" supplies in the vestibule including pipe cleaners, sewing cards, and coloring pages. There's also plenty of wiggle room in the Parlor where young children may play with toys, Legos, and puzzles and our service is also live-streamed. Religious Exploration and childcare will resume next Sunday, December 1st.

Volunteering in Religious Education

TODAY! 10:00 a.m.

RE Wing

What better way to experience the joy of the season than by spending time with young people? We are looking for more volunteer support throughout the month of December. Volunteering in Religious Education is a fun way to connect! Please select an age group: Little RE, Elementary or Youth. All volunteers receive support and work with other RE leaders. Thank you! Email Rev. Amy Freedman: afreedman@firstparish.org.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

TODAY! 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary

As a part of our Thanksgiving Service, First Parish will host a food drive to help our neighbors. Open Table supplies many of the "fixings" for a Thanksgiving meal. They are looking for the following food items to round out this holiday feast. Baking: Flour, Sugar, Baking Powder, Chocolate Chips, Chopped Nuts, Quick Bread Baking Mix, Brownie Baking Mix, Cornbread Baking Mix

Beverages: Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Herbal Tea
All ages will be invited to bring forward donations during the service. Thank you for any help you can offer!

Sharing Bread Stories

TODAY! 10:00 a.m.

Sanctuary & Zoom

Do you have a favorite kind of bread? What kind of bread honors your family heritage? Are there traditions or a funny story related to bread that you'd like to share? On Sunday, November 24 we will have a Thanksgiving Service celebrating the many kinds of bread that nourish and sustain us! All ages are invited to participate and bring bread to share at Coffee Hour. If you would like to share a story, please email Rev. Amy Freedman: afreedman@firstparish.org.

Flying This Season?

TODAY! 11:30 a.m.

Parish Hall

Want to find out how to mitigate the harmful impact of jet fuel when you fly? It's easy to calculate your carbon emissions. Look for a table at coffee hour this Sunday to learn how to support legitimate carbon offset efforts, such as the Peruvian non-profit Camino Verde. CV uses community-based strategies to regenerate endangered species in the Amazon basin and offset environmental destruction. Contact jane_blumberg@me.com for more information.

The First Parish Accessibility Justice Task Force wants to hear from you!

The newly formed FP Accessibility Justice Task Force spent time this spring and fall evaluating First

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.

Parish's building & grounds for accessibility. Formed to make full inclusion in the life of the church possible for people of all levels of ability, the task force wants to hear from the First Parish community about any accessibility challenges they have experienced or observed at First Parish. To share your feedback, write to accessibility@firstparish.org to request a link to the survey.

Blue Boat Home Sails!

Our Cluster Housing program for migrants has welcomed S and her almost-five-year-old daughter D to our various homes over the last few weeks. Multiple hosts and helpers keep this lovely little family off the streets while they wait for more stable housing. Curious? Contact Regina Corrao at reginacorraoconsulting@gmail.com.

It's time to register for the Women's Retreat!

Friday, January 10, 5:00 p.m.

Rolling Ridge, North Andover, MA

All FP women are invited to register for the Women's Retreat weekend Fri evening Jan 10-Sun lunch Jan 12, 2025 at Rolling Ridge in North Andover. **To register use the QR code below or the link in FPWeekly.** Don't delay to register as space is limited and we expect to fill quickly. This year's theme is Our Voices. The At-Home Retreat at FP will happen Fri eve Mar 7 and Sat Mar 8, 2025. Registration for the At-Home Retreat is TBA. Questions? Contact Susan See at susan.b.see@gmail.com



The First Tuesday Group: Winter Celebration and Song

Tuesday, December 3, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Parlor

First Tuesday Group (65+) meets December 3, 2:00-3:30 p.m., for a Winter Holiday Celebration that features Nancy McJennett's special eggnog, cookies contributed by those who can, holiday songs accompanied by Jerry Hurley, and best of

all, sharing both funny and tender holiday stories. The afternoon concludes with a reading of the solstice poem, "The Shortest Day." Please come with a **winter holiday story** that you are willing to share. Refreshments will include eggnog, cookies, coffee, tea, and...your favorite holiday treat if you **bring a plate to share** (welcome, but not required)! If you have questions, contact Anne Fortier at randafortier@comcast.net.

AWE Wine and Cheese Social

Thursday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

The Advocates for Women's Empowerment (AWE) will be hosting a wine and cheese social to reconnect! Our regular meetings were on hiatus for a while but we would like to come back together! Please join us for socializing and for some time to chat about how our group would like to move forward to support and advocate for women. Newcomers to AWE and AWE alumnae are invited! All genders, gender identities, and expressions are welcome! Contact: Suzie Weaver (skatesuzie@aol.com).

Children's Holiday Craft Workshop

Saturday, December 7, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

First Parish

Save the Date! First Parish children and teens are invited to join us for a magical afternoon of crafting, gift-making, and holiday spirit. You can simply show up, no registration needed, and friends are welcome; but parents should stay with young children. \$15/child, \$45/family. Calling All Elves: Adults and older teens can join the fun by volunteering to be elves, just visit our table at Sunday Coffee Hour or email jeannie4of7@hotmail.com.