
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, December 1, 2024

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

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.

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 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.

Women's Retreat is Filling Fast!

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

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.

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.

The Holiday Concert and Tea Will be Here Soon!
Saturday, December 14, 2:00 p.m.
Sanctuary, Parish Hall and Parlor

The Women's Parish Association cordially invites all First Parish folks and their families to a very special holiday concert by Molly Flannery and her Jazz Ensemble followed by a festive tea in the Parlor and Parish Hall. Adults, Youth, and Children are all invited. Reservations are not absolutely required, but they are very helpful for planning purposes. For reservations, contact Dian Pekin at pekindc@comcast.net. There is no charge for this event. Bring plated sweets if you wish.