
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, December 8, 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.

Holiday Memorial Flowers

TODAY! and Sunday, December 15, 11:00 a.m.

We invite you to donate a memorial plant in honor of a loved one. The plants will decorate the Sanctuary over the holiday season and later are delivered to members who are grieving or more isolated. For a suggested donation of \$25 per honoree, your name and the name of your loved one will be included in a memorial listing at the December 22 service. Sign up at coffee hour on Dec 8 or 15 or mail a check made out to First Parish with Poinsettia Donation in the memo to Fifi Ball at First Parish. Checks must be received by Tuesday, December 17.

Newcomers Meet and Greet

TODAY! 11:30 a.m.

Parlor

Stop by the Parlor after the worship service today around 11:30 to meet Rev Jennifer Johnson and some members of our welcoming team. We'll have some light refreshments, some UU materials, time

for conversation and questions, and an opportunity to sign the membership book for those interested.

Women's Retreat is Almost Full!

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.** This year's theme is Our Voices. We expect to have a waitlist; a number of women were placed last year from our waitlist. 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 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.

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.

Secret Santa!

Deadline is Sunday, December 15

Once again, we have the opportunity to spread some holiday cheer. As in years past, we are collecting donations to provide gifts to people served by the [Eliot Center](#), [Renewal House](#) and [Walden Street school](#). We are again collecting Visa cards. These cards are widely available (\$50 is preferred). Please note: There's an added purchase charge when you buy it, but the "Vanilla" type (for instance) has no fees for the recipient. Please be sure this is the case when you make the purchase. Leave the card blank and please mail it to First Parish or drop it by the office (leave it Paul's box) while the church is open. The deadline is December 15th. Please see Paul if you have any questions.