
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, December 15, 2024

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

Holiday Memorial Flowers

TODAY! 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. Your donation supports the work of the Flower Committee throughout the year. 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.

Women's Retreat is Full with Waitlist!

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

Rolling Ridge, North Andover, MA

All FP women are invited to put their names on the waitlist for the Women's Retreat at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/fp-womens-retreat-our-voices-registration-1046410781817>. A number of women were placed last year from our waitlist. The Retreat is set for Friday evening Jan 10 through Sun lunch Jan 12, 2025 at Rolling Ridge in N. Andover. This year's theme is Our Voices. Questions? Contact Susan See at susan.b.see@gmail.com



Secret Santa!

Deadline is TODAY!

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.

Wright Tavern Book For Sale

**Coffee Hours until January 5th
Parish Hall**

The Women's Parish Association will be selling Tom Wilson's book, Concord's Wright Tavern at The Crossroads of the American Revolution, at Sunday Coffee Hours between now and January 5 so that you can give this special gift to loved ones during the holidays. The Wright Tavern Legacy Trust is in the process of enabling this iconic building and related programs to serve as a permanent reminder of what is required to establish and maintain democracies.

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.

Thank You to Scholarship Donors

The Partner Congregation Scholarship Committee would like to thank the many families and individuals at First Parish for supporting their scholarship students in high school and college in Transylvania. We are now in the process of sending the money to the UUA, and they will wire it to the school in early January. The students will receive their scholarships in late January. All the donors should get thank you emails from their students after that. Our hope is that there may be a correspondence and a developing friendship between donors and their students. Thank you all for your generosity!

Caroling, Cookies and Community

Friday, December 20, 6:00 p.m.

Parish Hall & Parlor

Each December we have a “special edition” of our monthly Rise Up Singing session to celebrate the Holiday season. Here is your chance to sing all of those holiday carols you love, and to share them with your family and friends! Come early with a take-out supper to eat in community. Or bring a plate of cookies to share. At around 7pm we’ll begin singing. Word sheets and chords will be provided. Let’s celebrate the season together in song!