
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, March 9, 2025

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

Red Mugs at Coffee Hour for Visitors and Newcomers

If you are new here and you wish, please take a red mug for your beverage at coffee hour, which is a signal that you would appreciate a friendly welcome and conversation. Please visit the Welcome Table for more information, to request a name tag, or sign up to receive our FP Weekly email newsletter. To our parishioners - if you see someone using a red mug, we encourage you to approach them, say hello, talk with them, and make them feel welcome.

Massachusetts Women's History Center Coffee Hour Event

TODAY! At Coffee Hour

Join the WPA and MWHC Founder and President, Freddie Kay, in the Parish Hall today at coffee hour for a display of poster panels from the Massachusetts Women's History Center which display significant historical events depicting movements to increase women's rights. Freddie will be on hand with information about this organization which chronicles and honors significant achievements by women in securing women's and other human rights now and in the past. Celebrate Women's History Month and be inspired by the work of amazing women whose strategies and tactics are very useful in today's challenges!

Dignity Not Deportation TODAY! At Coffee Hour

Stop by the IJTF table to learn about the proposed Massachusetts Dignity Not Deportation bill and advocate against using state properties as detention centers. We have letters all ready for you to sign your support and send to our rep's.

Trans Inclusion in Congregations Program Webinars: March 20, April 3, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Discussions: TODAY, March 23, and April 6, 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Brooks Room/Emerson Room

The Diversity Committee invites you to participate in the "Trans Inclusion in Congregations" program, developed by the Transforming Hearts Collective. The program includes six 45- to 55-minute recorded webinars, plus 3 discussion sessions. Watch the webinars on your own OR at First Parish on Thursday March 6, March 20, April 3 from 7:00-9:00 pm. The discussion sessions will be at First Parish from 11:30 am-1:00 pm on Sundays March 9, March 23, and April 6. Registration is required (scan QR code). For questions, contact Paul Langston-Daley (plangston-Daley@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.

**Fentanyl Awareness with Birdie Light
Wednesday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.**

Parish Hall

Dr. Beth Weinstock, Founder of BirdieLight, an organization that aims to address the persistent crisis of fentanyl overdoses, will come and speak about the dangerous reality of fentanyl in our communities. This event is appropriate for teens, college students and parents, and is a companion event to the talk Dr. Weinstock will give to all students at Concord Carlisle High School earlier in the day. Join us in a grassroots effort to increase fentanyl awareness, treatment and prevention. Co-Sponsored by First Parish Concord, Tricon Church, Kerem Shalom & Safeguard OD.

Beyond the Notes Concert Featuring Jessica Meyer

Saturday, March 15, 7:30 p.m.

Parish Hall

Join us for an evening of inventive music where creativity and technology meet. Violinist Sarah Whitney and award-winning violist-composer Jessica Meyer join forces, performing with loop pedals to push the boundaries of string playing. With Meyer's playing described as "fierce and lyrical" and her works hailed as "evocative" (New York Times), the duo presents a captivating program, featuring music by Martinu, Handel-Halvorsen, Bartok, and original music composed by Meyer. First Parish members get a 10% discount with code FP102425
Visit www.gobeyondthenotes.com for details.

Important Environmental Forum with Sen. Mike Barrett and Elizabeth Henry

Sunday, March 16, 12:30 p.m.

Sanctuary & Zoom

Join the First Parish Environmental Action Team and other organizations to learn from State

Senator Mike Barrett and Elizabeth Henry, President of the Environmental League of Massachusetts, about the recently passed MA Climate Bill and about what opportunities exist for action in the coming months. Refer to FP Weekly for Zoom Link Information.

Women Rising - A Discussion to Jumpstart Activism

Thursday, March 20, 7:00 p.m.

Chapel

Advocates for Women's Empowerment (AWE) is hosting an event to kick start your activism. We will start by reading and discussing Part 1 (Forces that Hold Us Back) of the 3-part book by Megan Dalla-Camina that unpacks paradoxes and archetypes limiting our power to rise. Please join us, even if you haven't read or obtained the book-we will have excerpts available. We look forward to being in community, to discuss ways to recognize & resist ideas that limit us and light fires within us all. For more info, contact venesy@comcast.net.

**Pathways to Belonging Class - 3 Part Series
Sundays, March 23, March 30, April 6, 11:45 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

Brooks Room

Are you new to First Parish? Have you been coming for a while but haven't connected yet? This is your opportunity to share and explore your spiritual roots, how they connect to Unitarian Universalism and understand how First Parish works. Information about membership will also be discussed. A light lunch is provided. Childcare may be provided upon request. For more information or to register, contact Susan See at susan.b.see@gmail.com.

"Gen Silent" Film Screening and Panel Presentation

Sunday, March 30, 2:00 p.m.

Parish Hall & Parlor

Join us for this documentary that highlights the unique needs, challenges, and discrimination that LGBTQIA+ seniors face. This will be followed by a panel discussion with Julie Nowak of Springwell Elder Services, Dan Pettitt from the Concord Council on Aging, and Joe Palumbo, member of Concord's DEI Commission. This is co-sponsored by The First Tuesday Group, the Diversity Committee, and the Concord Council on Aging. Contact Sara Ballard at sara@sb.org or Anne Fortier at 978-505-0799 with questions or to RSVP.

Host Families Needed April 24 - 28

As part of a U.S. concert tour forty members of the chorus of the Unitarian High School in Kolozsvár, Transylvania, along with five adult chaperones, will visit and perform in Concord. We will need volunteers to host them for four nights, which includes providing breakfast and transportation to and from First Parish each day. Each host will have two or more visitors stay with them. For more information or to volunteer to host, please contact Sara Ballard at sara@sb.org or visit the Partner Congregation table at coffee hour.

Know Your Rights!

Know your rights! And those of your more vulnerable neighbors. Red cards are a start. Pick some up at coffee hour, in Haitian Kreole, Spanish, and Portuguese. Do you know someone who might want them for family or friends? Join this growing movement. For more information, contact Rev. Paul at plangston-daley@firstparish.org.

Concord Needs First Parish to help on April 19. Be a Concord250 Ambassador — sign up ASAP!

When: Saturday, April 19, 2025, 7 am to 7 pm, in 3-4 hour shifts. What: Volunteer in a small team, based right outside First Parish, to assist visitors on April 19. More specific information about the day's activities will be shared once it is fully developed. I am already helping with Concord250! You can still help, during a shift that does not conflict with your other plans for the day. How do I get involved? Please email 250celebration@concordma.gov and Nancy McJennett nrm@newleafpm.com. *****Be sure to specify that you want to work a shift at First Parish.

Registration to UUA General Assembly 2025 is now OPEN

Registration is OPEN for the Unitarian Universalist Association's annual meeting: General Assembly 2025, June 18-22. GA will take place in Baltimore, MD, this year and can also be attended online. Attend workshops and vote on UUA business. Connect with other UUs from around the country and gather ideas to bring home to First Parish. Be inspired by uplifting music and spiritual community. For more information about GA, see uua.org/ga. For more information about representing First Parish at GA as a delegate—or attending as a non-delegate—contact Jan Power at jpower6@gmail.com by March 30th.