
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, March 16, 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 Event TODAY! During Coffee Hour Parish Hall

Join the WPA in the Parish Hall today at coffee hour for information about significant historical events depicting movements to increase women's rights and about the MWHC's work today to chronicle, honor, and support significant achievements by women in securing women's and other human rights. 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.

Important Environmental Forum with Sen. Mike Barrett and Elizabeth Henry TODAY! 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. Especially important during these times when climate change issues are being ignored by many. Refer to FP Weekly for Zoom Link Information. Sandwiches will be available for attendees not going home after coffee hour.

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.

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.

Joy Jam!

Friday, March 21, 6:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

Let's make room for joy! Join us for a Game Night for all ages with breaks for singing and music. Joy Jam is a time for our community to gather for dinner, play games, sing, and just BE together. This is a multigenerational time and our whole community is welcome. Dinner will be provided from Comella's (pasta dishes and salads). If you wish, you may bring a nut-free dessert or games to share. Musical instruments are also welcome.

Registration required. LINK:

<https://forms.gle/N9KfvFENPQRH21BG7>

Worth Fighting For Workshop

Saturday, March 22, 9:00 a.m.

Parish Hall

This is a practical workshop to help First Parish in Concord members and friends find ways to engage with the movement to save our democracy. Please join us. We will share and explore the model of Block, Break, Bridge, Build to help you find your place in the movement. For more information, contact Paul Langston-Daley. Please register at <https://bit.ly/3QH9Wyi>.

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.

Movie Night "Walk With Me"

Saturday, March 29, 7:30 p.m.

Parlor

You are invited to watch "Walk With Me", a documentary about the gentle, beloved monk, teacher, zen master, and poet Thich Nyat Hanh. During the Vietnam war, he worked to help the suffering caused by the war, and later became one of the voices to bring Buddhism to the west. Refreshments will be served. Hosted by the Buddhist Group. For questions: kathymayer99@aol.com or 978-287-1410

"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 Petitt 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.

Book Launch for Jim Sherblom's Concord Stories

Tuesday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.

Sanctuary & Zoom

Come hear Jim Sherblom discuss his new book, Concord Stories. The book will be available for sale and signing. In this lecture you will discover stories of indigenous people, white settlers, slave

traders, immigrants, and revolutionaries and be invited to explore your own story. Jim Sherblom is a transcendentalist, amateur historian, retired Unitarian Universalist minister and a resident of Concord. For details and registration, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/ConcordNative> and click on Get Tickets button, and choose In Person or Online. Reception to follow at the Wright Tavern.

Harvesting the Spirit of Transcendentalism in Education Today

Wednesday, April 2, 6:00 p.m.

Goodwin Forum, Concord Library

Rev. Jenny Rankin, as moderator, will summarize key characteristics of Transcendentalism as it relates to education. Early childhood educator Betsy Siebert, Fenn teacher Elise Mott, and Concord-Carlisle High School/Rivers and Revolutions teacher Tracie Dunn will reflect on how Transcendentalist ideas relate to their teaching practice. Sponsored by The Transcendentalism Council of First Parish in partnership with the Concord Children's Center and Concord250. Free of charge and open to the public. Advance registration requested at www.concordlibrary.org. For details, email Shelley_Hawks@msn.com.

“Build Trans Justice & Safety” Webinar and Discussion

Sunday, April 6, 11:30 a.m.

Brooks Room

Join Paul Langston-Daley and members of the Diversity Committee to watch excerpts from this webinar to understand the current politically motivated attacks on transgender people, gain tools to advocate for trans rights, and discuss how First Parish can be a safe and welcoming space for trans/non binary people and their families.

Advocacy Day!

Tuesday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Lobby at the State House for bills that support human rights, environmental justice, immigrant rights, and more. Tuesday April 8 10-4:30. UUMassAction will guide us how. Come for the whole day, or just the afternoon visits to representatives and senators. Let's have a big presence from First Parish! Registration required via: RSVP: bit.ly/uuadvoday25.

1775: When Resistance becomes Revolution Sunday, April 13, 2:00 p.m.

Wright Tavern Team Room (1st Floor) & Zoom

Historian Robert J. Allison of Suffolk University will give a lecture on what happened after April 19, 1775 to transform resistance to revolution. Allison is the Chair of Rev250 for the state of Massachusetts and President of the Colonial Society. He is the author of *The American Revolution. A very short introduction* (Oxford, 2015). Seating is limited. Advanced registration is recommended. Go to www.WrightTavern.org and scroll to the current event to register. Also livestreamed and recorded on Zoom. Sponsored by the Wright Tavern. For more details, email Shelley_Hawks@msn.com.

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.

Dignity Not Deportation: What's that?

Join the movement against using state properties as detention centers. Express your support for the Dignity Not Deportation bill. Stop by the IJTF table this Sunday to sign and send letters to our rep's. The letters are all ready for you!

Do you have Red Cards yet?

Red Cards are brief descriptions of basic rights related to what ICE cannot do to our more vulnerable neighbors. They can be kept in a pocket in case they are needed to show to ICE officers. We'll have them at coffee hour in Haitian Kreole, Spanish, and Portuguese. You probably know someone who might know who could benefit. Keep the Know Your Rights movement growing! For more information contact plangston-daley@firstparish.org.