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## **SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**First Parish in Concord**

**Sunday, March 30, 2025**

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

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### **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.

### **Need Tech Help?**

#### **TODAY! During Coffee Hour**

#### **Parish Hall**

Visit the Tech Cafe this Sunday during Coffee Hour. As its first project, our new Youth Service Leaders group will guide interested parishioners in how to use their phone's basic features. Come visit our tweens and teens to learn cell phone skills like using your phone flashlight, setting a picture on your lock screen, changing font size or silencing your phone. We can also give you some tips about copying and pasting text, navigating apps, or sending pictures. Our youth will be positioned in various stations in the Parish Hall, ready to answer questions and teach skills.

### **"Gen Silent" Film Screening and Panel Presentation**

#### **TODAY! 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](mailto:sara@sb.org) or Anne Fortier at 978-505-0799 with questions or to RSVP.

### **Pledge Campaign ends next Sunday, April 6!**

We have received many pledges and are ahead of last year's campaign but we have not heard from everyone. If you haven't pledged, we need your pledge now so we can put in place a budget that will build and strengthen our community and enable new and exciting initiatives. We need your support to move forward!

Pledge on-line, send in or drop off a pledge card, or contact Fifi Ball ([fball@firstparish.org](mailto:fball@firstparish.org) or 978-369-9602 x456)

**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.**

### **Hosts Still Needed for Kolozsvár Choir Members April 24 – 28**

We will have forty-five visitors here from Transylvania as part of a U.S. concert tour. If you would be willing to have some of our guests stay with you it will be a wonderful cross-cultural experience. Your only responsibilities would be to give them a place to stay for four nights, provide breakfast, and drive them back and forth to First Parish each day. Please contact Sara Ballard at [sara@sb.org](mailto:sara@sb.org) or see the Partnership table at coffee hour to offer to host or seek more info.

### **The First Tuesday Group (senior focus, all are welcome) Tuesday, April 1, 2:00-3:30 p.m. Emerson Room**

Are your estate planning documents up to date? How long has it been since you checked all your IRA beneficiaries? Do you have the documents you need, such as a Durable Power of Attorney? Join Attorney Margaret Hoag for an “Elder Legal Check Up” on April 1st. Margaret will discuss the documents you should have in your estate plan and how to keep them up to date. She will discuss recent changes in the law and hand out a generic checklist of action items for later follow up. Questions? Contact Anne Fortier at [randafortier@comcast.net](mailto:randafortier@comcast.net)

### **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](http://www.concordlibrary.org). For details, email [Shelley\\_Hawks@msn.com](mailto:Shelley_Hawks@msn.com).

### **Democracy Actions**

Please put **April 5 on your calendar for a nationwide Hands Off! mobilization to stop the assault on our country and Constitution.**

Events will be held at different times in Boston, Bedford, Billerica, Waltham, and Arlington. Find the events at [mobilize.us/handsoff/](http://mobilize.us/handsoff/)

Postcards are back.

We are sending postcards to encourage voters to vote in the Virginia primary elections to be mailed April 20 - May 30. You can pick up packets at the Reclaim Our Democracy table at coffee hour today.

## **“Build Trans Justice & Safety” Webinar and Discussion**

**Sunday, April 6, 11:45 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. Snacks will be provided, or feel free to bring a lunch.

### **Ferry Beach - Registration Begins April 7!**

Registration for the annual First Parish Ferry Beach Retreat in Saco, ME will begin on Monday, April 7. The retreat itself will be held over Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-26. All First Parish families, couples, and singles are invited and encouraged to register and attend! Much more information is available in the “Ferry Beach General Info” document found at [www.firstparish.org/forms](http://www.firstparish.org/forms). Also, you can see Darien Smith at coffee hour today for more information or contact her at [darien@smithquest.com](mailto:darien@smithquest.com). Stay tuned for more registration info next week!

### **First Parish Immigration Justice Task Force Monthly Meeting**

**Monday, April 7, 6:30 p.m.**

#### **Brooks Room**

Immigration Justice Task Force monthly meeting Monday April 6:30 PM Brooks Room and zoom. Those interested may come at 6:00 for a potluck supper. New members welcome!

### **Lobby for What Matters!**

**UUMASS-Action Advocacy Day!**

**Tuesday April 8**

### **Zoom**

(Note that lobbying is in the afternoon; you need not attend the full day.) Sign up NOW to lobby at the State House for bills that support human rights, environmental justice, and more. Click here to view priority bills!! Join our core group from First Parish! **Registration deadline is this Monday, March 24th**, and registration is required via: [bit.ly/uuadvoday25](http://bit.ly/uuadvoday25). For questions, contact Regina Corrao at [reginacorreconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:reginacorreconsulting@gmail.com).

### **E-Motion Movement Community**

**Saturday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.**

#### **Chapel**

Dates: Saturday, April 12 - Saturday, June 8, 10 - 11am

Culminating Event: 16th Annual Run for the Beach 5K on June 8th

The E-Motion Movement Community is an eight-week, running-based grief group for anyone enduring a life-disrupting loss of a spouse or partner. This includes gently-guided grief prompts and lots of opportunity for community and connection. Ours will be a running group — all paces welcome, a couch to 5K if you will — that meets at First Parish. Please reach out to the facilitator, Leslie Pelton Nichol with your questions and interest in joining us: [lpelton@ljpcconsult.com](mailto:lpelton@ljpcconsult.com)

### **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](http://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](mailto:Shelley_Hawks@msn.com).

### **Koloszvár Unitarian High School Choir**

#### **Concert**

**Saturday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.**

#### **Sanctuary**

The forty-member Choir of the Unitarian high school in Koloszvár will perform the final concert of their U.S. tour here in Concord. It will feature traditional Hungarian folk songs, as well as European and American songs in eleven languages, and will be a unique cultural experience. There is a suggested donation of \$20 for attendees.

### **All-Parish Potluck Dinner with the Choir of the Unitarian High School in Koloszvár**

**Sunday, April 27, 6:00 p.m.**

#### **Parish Hall**

The Partner Congregation Committee will host a gala potluck dinner to say farewell to our guests, the Choir of the Unitarian High School in Koloszvár, Transylvania – all are invited! There will be good food, music, and friendship. Please sign up to attend at the PCC table at Coffee Hour, or RSVP to [Sara Ballard at sara@sb.org](mailto:sara@sb.org). Please indicate how many will attend, and whether you'll bring a side/salad, main dish, or dessert.

### **A Revolution of Her Own!**

**Saturday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.**

#### **Parish Hall**

Visit the Women's Parish Association's table at coffee hour today to learn about the upcoming play by Judith Kalaora playing Deborah

Sampson, the first woman to professionally fight in and be honorably discharged from the American Military after she fought in the American Revolutionary War. Tickets are going fast. Get your tickets now!