
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, April 13, 2025

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

E-Motion Movement Community

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

Chapel

Saturdays, April 12 - June 8, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

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

The E-Motion Movement Community is an eight-week, running-based grief group for anyone enduring the life-disrupting loss of a spouse or partner. This includes gently guided grief prompts and many opportunities 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 (lpelton@ljpcconsult.com), with questions and interest in joining.

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.

Ellen Garrison Day Celebration

Sunday, April 13, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

In-person only

TriCon Church, 54 Walden Street, Concord

Celebrate Ellen Garrison's history and legacy with live music from the Concord Carlisle High School Orchestra and other performances. This event is free and open to the public.

First Parish Passover Seder

Tuesday, April 15, 6:00 p.m.

Parish Hall & Kitchen

Whether you have a Jewish background or never attended a Seder before, you are invited! Passover is both a meal and a re-telling of the Exodus story with readings, songs, and eating symbolic foods. Children make a Seder even more special and fun! Our Cooperative Seder will include a potluck dinner. Each person is asked to choose a job (set-up, serving, or clean-up) and to bring one or two items. Registration is required: <https://bit.ly/FPC25Passover>.

**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.**

Women Rising: A Community-building Gathering

Thursday, April 17, 7:00 p.m.

In-person only, Emerson Room, First Parish

Please join us in an open and welcoming group focused on building community. Let's create a foundation for making positive changes in the world! We'll look at excerpts from Megan Dalla-Camina's book *Women Rising* to spark our conversation about building powerful bonds in pursuit of personal growth and justice. We'll connect and discuss ways to recognize and question ideas that limit us, while lighting individual and communal fires within us all. For more information, please contact Kristin Stiles-Hall (kstilesall.licsw@gmail.com).

Easter Morning Clean-up Volunteers Wanted!

Sunday, April 20, 8:45 a.m.

First Parish Grounds

I am looking for volunteers to join me Easter morning at 8:45 to police the grounds and collect any trash that might have accumulated during the Concord 250 festivities the previous day. I'll bring trash bags and some disposable gloves, but please feel free to bring your own work gloves if you prefer. Cleaning up will be especially important since we traditionally have an Easter egg hunt for children on Easter morning. Email me at gibmetcalf@gmail.com if you can help.

Easter Lily Delivery Volunteers Needed

Sunday, April 20, 11:30 a.m.

Monday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.

First Parish Sanctuary

We need help delivering Easter Lilies! The plants will be available to pick up and deliver after the Easter service Sunday, April 20, and on Monday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon at the First Parish Sanctuary. When you pick up the plants,

you will be given names and addresses where you may deliver them. Please contact Diane Clapp (d.clapp@comcast.net), Pastoral Care Associate, if you can help get these lovely lilies to congregants who are struggling with illness or recent loss.

Kolozsvár Unitarian High School Choir Concert

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

Sanctuary

The 40-member Choir of the Unitarian High School in Kolozsvár 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. This will be a unique cultural experience. Suggested donation: \$20.

All-Parish Potluck Dinner with the Choir of the Unitarian High School in Kolozsvár

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 Kolozsvár, 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 (sara@sb.org). Please indicate how many will attend, and whether you'll bring a side dish, salad, main dish, or dessert.

**Play by Judith Kalaora: *A Revolution of Her Own* Tickets on sale today during Coffee Hour
Play is Saturday, May 3, 7:30 p.m.**

Parish Hall

Visit the WPA Coffee Hour Table for tickets to the one-woman play written and acted 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 Revolutionary War. Tickets are going fast. This would be a great way to celebrate the 250th!

Ferry Beach – Registration Ongoing

Registration began April 7 for the annual Ferry Beach Retreat that happens over Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-26. Though all onsite rooms are now booked, there is still space for campers and participants who stay offsite (e.g., in nearby private rentals). You can also be added to the waitlist for onsite rooms. For full details about the Retreat, see www.firstparish.org/forms and click on “2025 Ferry Beach General Info.pdf” and “Ferry Beach Registration Info.pdf.” We hope to see you there! For questions, please contact Darien Smith (darien@smithquest.com) or see her at coffee hour.

Our Annual Pledge Campaign has ended...

...but there is still time to make a late pledge as we develop our 2025-2026 budget. If you have pledged, thank you. If you have not, please consider making a pledge—any amount will be gratefully received by First Parish. Easy options: Pledge online using the Pledge Now button (firstparish.org), email or call Fifi Ball (fball@firstparish.org; 978-369-9602 x456) with your pledge, or use a pledge card you received in the mail or picked up at church. *Thank you!*