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## **SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **First Parish in Concord**

### **Easter Sunday, April 20, 2025**

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

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#### **Little RE on Easter**

**TODAY! 9:45 a.m.**

#### **Milldam Nursery School**

On Easter Sunday, childcare will be available for young children (ages 0-5 years) in the Milldam Nursery School. Caregivers are welcome to bring children to the lower level before the service starting at 9:45 a.m. We will come up to the Terrace before the end of the service to make it easier for families to reconnect and join the Egg Hunt (if you wish)! Follow the signs to the Terrace or ask an usher. Children must be signed in and picked-up by their adult caregivers.

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

**TODAY! 11:30 a.m.**

#### **First Parish Grounds**

Happy Easter! Following our Easter Service for all ages, we will have an Egg Hunt on the grounds of First Parish. You may bring an Easter basket to collect eggs. Please meet on the Terrace. This year instead of candy, there are fun surprises in the eggs! Young children are invited to search for eggs near the labyrinth. Older children who want a challenge can search for eggs near the Herb Garden. Children are welcome to bring eggs home or take the surprises and return the eggs for use next year. All are welcome to join the fun!

#### **We the People Dissent: Stop Tyranny Now**

**Monday, April 21, 11:00 a.m.**

#### **Front Steps of First Parish in Concord**

We invite you to join patriots from all over Massachusetts to make our voices heard loud and clear, at a rally in Concord, sponsored by Reclaim Our Democracy, Concord Indivisible, Indivisible

Mass Coalition, and many others. So we can estimate how many people will attend, please sign up at this link:

<https://www.mobilize.us/mobilize/event/774638/>.

#### **Easter Lily Pick-Up**

**TODAY & Monday, April 21, 2:00 p.m.**

#### **First Parish**

We need help delivering the Easter Lilies! The plants will be available to deliver after the Easter Sunday service and on the next day- Monday, from 2-4pm at the church. When you pick up the plants, you will be given the names and addresses of who you should deliver plants to. Please contact me at [d.clapp@comcast.net](mailto:d.clapp@comcast.net), if you can help us get these lovely lilies to congregants who are struggling with illness or have had a recent loss.

#### **Kolozsvár Unitarian High School Choir Concert**

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

#### **Sanctuary**

The forty-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, 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 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,

**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.**

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:SaraBallard@sara@sb.org). Please indicate how many will attend, and whether you'll bring a side/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!

**Braver Angels: Skills for Disagreeing Better Workshop**

**Sunday, May 4, 2:00 p.m.**

**Parish Hall**

The Skills for Disagreeing Better workshop helps participants understand the values and concerns of those who differ from them politically and teaches essential skills for communicating across differences and finding common ground. Led by Braver Angels facilitators. Please register at <https://bit.ly/3E1C87j>.

**First Tuesday Group: The Flurry of Birds**  
**Tuesday, May 6, 2:00-3:30 p.m.**

**Parlor**

The Concord Traveling Players will present, *The Flurry of Birds*, a play about the men and women of the town of Concord on April 18th and 19<sup>th</sup>, 1775. What were they thinking as the Minute Men assembled and the British Regulars invaded the town? What really happened at the Wright Tavern? Questions? Contact Anne Fortier at [randafortier@comcast.net](mailto:randafortier@comcast.net)

**Joy Jam!**

**Friday, May 9, 6:00 p.m.**

**Parish Hall, Parlor, Kitchen**

Let's make room for joy! Join us for a Game Night for all ages with a cozy Storytime in the Parlor. Joy Jam is a time for our community to gather for dinner, play games, and just BE together. This is a

multigenerational time and our whole community is welcome. Thanks to our Governing Board, for cooking Breakfast for Dinner with pancakes hot off the griddle, fruit, and sausages. Children are welcome to come in pajamas, bring a stuffed animal, and a favorite book. If you wish, you may bring a nut-free dessert or games to share.

Registration required. LINK:

<https://tinyurl.com/42djcd79>

**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](http://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](mailto:darien@smithquest.com)) or see her at coffee hour.

**Immigration in a Time of Change: What Now?**

**Sunday, May 18, 5:30 p.m.**

**Parish Hall**

5:30-6:15 gathering, snacks, conversation (outside if weather allows)

6:30-8: Panel speakers and Q&A.

Panelists: Julia Schlozman, JD, Senior Staff Attorney for JALSA (Jewish Alliance for Law & Social Action); Jeffrey Thielman, JD, President & CEO, IINE (International Institute of New England), Lowell, MA; Rev. Jami Hinson-Rieger, Senior Minister, First Parish Bedford UU

**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](http://firstparish.org)), email or call Fifi Ball ([fball@firstparish.org](mailto: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!*