
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, April 27, 2025

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

Becoming A First Parish Member

Are you thinking about becoming a member of First Parish? Are you interested in being able to vote at our congregational Annual Meeting on June 8th? FP in Concord ByLaws state that “Any member of the Congregation is entitled to vote at any meeting of the Congregation held at least thirty days after they have become a member.”

The deadline to sign the book and vote at this year’s Annual meeting is Friday, May 9th. Please reach out to Liz Rust, Welcome and Membership Cte Chair, to arrange a time to sign the book before that date if you are interested. Liz’s email address is liz@therusts.net

All-Parish Potluck Dinner with the Choir of the Unitarian High School in Koloszvár TODAY! 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.

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 & Parlor

Nice addition to your 250 celebrations: Play by Judith Kalaora: "A Revolution of Her Own - Deborah Sampson". Saturday, May 3, 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Tickets are on Sale today at the WPA Coffee Hour Table. Deborah Sampson was the first woman to professionally fight in and be honorably discharged from the American Military after she fought in the American Revolutionary War. Get your tickets or make a reservation today. Contact Dian Pekin at pekincd@comcast.net for further information. This is outstanding performance is not to be missed!

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/3ElC87j>.

**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.**

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 19th, 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

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 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.

Immigration in a Time of Change: What Now?

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

Porch & Parish Hall

How do we address immigration In this time of extreme change? Come for a panel of voices from three Perspectives: legal, organizational, and local. Sunday May 18 in the Parish Hall; live; all are welcome!

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

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

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

RSVP if you can to pulcinjo1@gmail.com

Supporting immigrants in leaving detention

Urgent: The Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network (Beyond), seeks volunteers to provide sponsorship letters to accompany requests for release from ICE detention after paying a bond. Many immigrants who are currently being detained by ICE have work permits, family, and are settled with community connections, but lack connection to a US citizen who can submit this letter on their behalf. For more information, contact Regina Corrao at reginacorreconsulting@gmail.com.

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!*