

---

## SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, April 6, 2025

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

---

### **Our Annual Pledge Campaign is coming to a close!**

We will soon begin work to define the resources to empower our ministers, staff, and programs for 2025-2026 – our budget. If you have pledged, thank you. If you have not pledged, please do so as soon as possible. Our campaign is going well but we are not yet at our goal of \$975,000. Your pledge, of any amount, is important to First Parish, this year more than ever! Pledge on-line ([firstparish.org](https://firstparish.org)), send in or drop off a pledge card, or contact Fifi Ball ([fball@firstparish.org](mailto:fball@firstparish.org))

### **Newcomers Meet and Greet**

**TODAY! 11:45 a.m.**

#### **Emerson Room**

Have you been waiting, wanting to become a First Parish member but just didn't know how? Join us today in the Emerson Room at 11:45 am. You'll have the opportunity to meet Rev Jennifer Johnson and members of our welcoming team. A light lunch will be provided. We'll have time for conversation and questions, some UU materials, and an opportunity to sign the Membership book, for those interested.

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

**TODAY! 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.

### **Play by Judith Kalaora: A Revolution of Her Own! Tickets on Sale Today!**

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

#### **Parish Hall**

Tickets For Sale Today at the WPA Coffee Hour Table for 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. Great way to celebrate the 250th!

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

Registration for the annual First Parish Ferry Beach Retreat in Saco, ME will begin on Monday, April 7 at about 9:00am. Register soon and latest by May 8. The Retreat itself will be held over Memorial Day Weekend, May 23-26.

**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.**

The complete “Ferry Beach Registration Info” and “2025 Ferry Beach General Info” documents can be found at [www.firstparish.org/forms](http://www.firstparish.org/forms) to read, download, or print. Also, you can see Darien Smith at coffee hour April 6 & 13 for more information or contact her at [darien@smithquest.com](mailto:darien@smithquest.com). All First Parish families, couples, and individuals are welcome and encouraged to attend!

**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!

**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).

**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 of 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 or serving or clean-up) and to bring one or two items.

Registration required:

<https://bit.ly/FPC25Passover>

**Easter Morning Clean-up - Volunteers**

**Wanted!**

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

**First Parish Grounds**

I am looking for volunteers to join me on Easter morning at 8:45 to police the grounds and collect any trash that might have accumulated from the Concord 250 parade the previous day. I'll bring trash bags. I'll also have some disposable gloves, but feel free to bring your own work

gloves if you prefer. Cleaning up will be especially important since we have traditionally had an Easter egg hunt for children on Easter morning. Email me at [gibmetcalf@gmail.com](mailto:gibmetcalf@gmail.com) if you can help.

**Easter Lily Pick-Up**

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

**First Parish**

More information to come.

**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, 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.