
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, May 11, 2025

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

Bake Sale

TODAY! 11:15 a.m.

Parish Hall

Our new Youth Service Leaders will host a bake sale during coffee hour this Sunday to benefit CityReach, an educational and outreach program in Boston run by Common Cathedral. Coming of Age youth participate in this educational service program every year. Before their visit, the ninth graders collect clothing and supplies. Then they spend an overnight in Boston serving the unhoused and learning about homelessness from people who have experienced it. Youth Service Leaders will offer cookies and other delicious baked goods on Sunday to benefit CityReach.

Installation Celebration is almost here!

Saturday, May 17, 2:00 p.m.

Sanctuary & Zoom

Rev. Jennifer Beth Johnson's installation is this week! Please come- the service is on Saturday, May 17 at 2pm with a reception following. Together, we will formally recognize and initiate our shared ministry. Come to worship, to celebrate, and to publicly commit support to one another in undertaking our mission. Also, if you are able, please leave time for finding parking in town and walk to the service- we are doing our best to reserve spaces at the church for those who need to be close. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kristin Haddad at kristin.haddad@gmail.com.

Coming Next Week! Immigration in a Time of Change

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

Porch & Parish Hall

The news is packed with stories of injustices against immigrants. Come hear three panelists who are up close and personal with what's going on NOW. We'll start with time for conversation and snacks (on the porch if weather permits), and gather in the Parish Hall at 6:30. Have your questions ready for an immigration lawyer, the leader of a refugee support organization, and a neighbor town's concerned minister. Sponsored by the Immigration Justice Task Force, the Concord-Carlisle League of Women Voters, and Concord Indivisible.

Letters of Sponsorship

Help eligible immigrants exit from detention by becoming a sponsor. Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network seeks US citizen volunteers to provide sponsorship letters to accompany requests for release. Many immigrants have work permits, families, and community connections, but their status is under threat. For more information, email kathleen.mctigue@gmail.com.

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

**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.**

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.

Concord Pride Fest

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 a.m.

First Parish grounds & Concord

Join a community-wide celebration and a month-long series of events. Concord Pride Fest is free, family friendly and welcomes all. The Pride March will begin at the Umbrella Arts Center—bring a sign or make one beginning at 10am. We will march down Main Street for entertainment and flag raising in Monument Sq. There will be events and food throughout the day in Concord and West Concord. First Parish will host lawn games, face painting and big bubble making with area youth groups. Please contact Rev. Amy Freedman to volunteer or join the planning team: afreedman@firstparish.org