
SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord

Sunday, May 18, 2025

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

What Now? Immigration in a Crucial Time TODAY! 5:30 p.m.

Porch & Parish Hall

TODAY! IJTF's Panel on current immigration policies, now playing out in real time, with abductions in our neighbor towns of Acton, Waltham and others. Bring your questions and concerns to this presentation by an immigration lawyer, a major refugee organization's leader, and a local minister. Come at 5:30 for refreshments and conversation preceding the 6:30 panel, or come just for the panel. Free. In-person only. Bring a friend or neighbor! Co-sponsored by the Concord-Carlisle League of Women Voters and Concord Indivisible.

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.

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

Flea Market Space Rental

Don't forget to rent a space in the Summer Flea Market organized by the Women's Parish Association which will take place on Saturday, July 19th. The Space Rental Fee is 50 dollars. A good way to turn your no longer needed household goods and tools into cash. The popular curated WPA Boutique will be part of this event.. Contact Melita Teichert at mmtconcord1@gmail.com to arrange for donation times. Space rentals can be made at the WPA's Sunday Coffee Hour today or by contacting Teresa Hubscher-Younger at hubsct@gmail.com.

**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.**

Supporting Immigrants via letters

Why agree to write SPONSORSHIP LETTERS? For a detained immigrant seeking liberty, it's not enough to have a family, or work permits, or even a pending asylum claim, but having a sponsor can make a difference. BIJAN (The Boston Immigration Accompaniment Network) is looking for U.S. citizens willing to provide a letter of sponsorship. To find out more about this simple act that will require little of you, contact kathleen.mctigue@gmail.com.

What's a Blue Triangle?

A new symbol that shows support for immigration justice: A blue triangle pointing down. Last Sunday at IJTF's coffee hour table, parishioners took away over 100 items featuring a blue triangle. This echoes a symbol from Nazi times that identified why prisoners were detained. Come check out this awareness campaign at Sunday's coffee hour.