SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Parish in Concord Sunday, June 15, 2025

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

Special Coffee Hour Today! 11:00 a.m.

Herb Garden or Parish Hall if it rains

The WPA cordially invites all First Parish members and friends to enjoy a special herb garden party at the Deborah Greeley Memorial Herb Garden after today's service. We will celebrate the Herb Garden itself, Father's Day, and the time Rev. Paul Langston-Daley and Rev. Elizabeth Ide have been with us. We have been blessed by their devoted and inspiring work! Delicious herb-flavored food and drinks will be provided, as well as specially decorated cakes in honor of Paul and Elizabeth. If it rains, the Party will be held indoors.

Toiletry Drive to Benefit Women The Advocates for Women's Empowerment Collecting through TODAY!

(AWE) is collecting toiletry and feminine hygiene items to benefit Rosie's Place and Dignity Matters. Collection will run through Sunday June 15. Please donate NEW AND UNOPENED travel and full-size items: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, deodorant, lotion, lip balm, brushes, picks, combs, elastic hair ties, feminine hygiene items (tampons, pads). Place items in the marked bin in the coatroom on the lower level of the church. Contact: Suzie Weaver (skatesuzie@aol.com).

"Men and Women Good and True" Lecture by Richard Smith Thursday, June 19, 7:00 p.m. First Parish Sanctuary & on Zoom

Join us for an evening with public historian Richard Smith honoring Juneteenth. In his lecture entitled "Men and Women Good and True," Smith will explore stories of Concordians and The Civil War. How did the conflict affect the town? What were the reasons that men enlisted to fight? How did the women of Concord help the Union cause? This event will be held in the sanctuary and live-streamed on Zoom. Reception to follow at Parish Hall. Suggested donation \$10. Sponsored by the Transcendentalism Council. Contact: Shelley Hawks at Shelley Hawks@msn.com or call FIrst Parish: 978 369-9602.

Flea Market Space Rental Saturday, July 19, 9:00 a.m.

First Parish Front Lawn (indoors if it rains)

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.

Feeling both outraged and paralyzed?

You're hearing about it in our area too: People being grabbed by masked men in riot gear, and abducted without basis, sometimes getting injured in the process. This is happening even when they show up at immigration offices to comply with their required check-ins, and even when they have a pending asylum case. Children, including those born in the U.S., are terrified that their parents will be snatched. There is no mistaking the quota goal that ICE is enacting against our neighbors. Stop by the IJTF table at coffee hour for ideas on ways we can be allies to immigrants in danger.

Missed the Immigration Panel?

See it again? Or for the first time? The May 18 panel of three engaging speakers was well attended--but perhaps you had to miss it? Or maybe you'd like to watch it once more now in the light of current immigration realities in Los Angeles and beyond. Contact Laurie Van Loon at lvanloon11@gmail.com for a new link to a slightly upgraded version, or copy it from here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WqdEho1yGpa MSTBXtntaQeigyzMsq uT/view?usp=drivesdk

Take a Stand Against ICE

Every Wednesday from 11-1: Join folks making their presence felt at the ICE facility in Burlington, which is being used as a holding cell, sometimes for many days, despite not having facilities to house people. The vigil gathers at 1000 District Avenue.