

THE SUNDAY NEWS

January 29, 2012

This Week

Sun., Jan. 29	9:00 Neighboring Faiths 10:00 Gospel Choir 1:00 Bell Choir Rehearsal 4:00 OWL 6:30 YRUU 6:30 Immigration Group 7:00 "Chicken Man" Rehearsal
Mon., Jan. 30	First Parish Closed
Tue., Jan. 31	9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 7:00 Emerson Forum 7:00 Stewardship Conversation 7:30 "Chicken Man" Band
Wed., Feb. 1	9:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i> 4:30 Junior Choir Rehearsal 5:15 Chalice Choir Rehearsal 6:15 Transylvania Troubadours 7:00 <i>Soul Play</i> 7:45 Adult Choir
Thu., Feb. 2	9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 7:00 Words from Prison Rehearsal 7:30 <i>Buddhist Group</i> 7:30 By Your Side Singers
Fri., Feb. 3	9:30 <i>Music Together</i> 6:00 "Chicken Man" Rehearsal 7:00 Fruit and Veggie "Chicken Man" 7:00 Play Reading Group
Sat., Feb 4	7:30 Men's Group 8:30 SAC Envisioning Event 6:30 Funderburg Dinner

Listings in italics represent classes offered through the Wright Tavern Center for Spiritual Renewal.

Next Meeting House News deadline: Friday, February 24.
Please limit submissions to 100 words.
Be aware that all items (including contact information) posted to the *Sunday News* or *Meeting House News*, or on First Parish-related e-mail lists, may be published online at www.firstparish.org.

Parish Notes

Pastoral Care Note Cards at Coffee Hour

The Caring Connection invites you to take a moment to write a caring note to a congregant who was remembered on the Pastoral List during the service. Stop by the table at coffee hour after the service. Cards will be mailed for you. This can mean so much to those who receive them. Thanks for caring!

Sunday, February 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

Join Jenny Rankin and the Transcendentalism Council as they welcome noted author, editor and UU minister Rev. Dr. Barry Andrews to discuss "The British Romantics and Their Influence on the American Transcendentalists." He will discuss the relationships between Coleridge, Wordsworth and Carlyle with the key figures of the Transcendentalist movement in America. Dr.

Andrews is the author and editor of five books on Emerson, Thoreau and Margaret Fuller, and has lectured extensively on these and other writers. Reception to follow.

If You're Reading This before the Service . . .

. . . Take a look around. There are those in this Meeting House who have discovered the wonders of Transylvania and the magic of a very special partnership. If you're even a little curious, we invite you to experience "An Evening in Székelykeresztúr" on Saturday, February 11, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. With dinner, music, stories and more, we bid you to imbibe a little of what it is that drives this wonderful relationship (no, not pálinka). Sponsored by the Partner Congregation Committee as part of our preparation for the September visit of a delegation from Keresztúr, **tickets are now on sale during Sunday Coffee Hours**. Join us and see for yourself. For more information, visit our PCC Web page at <http://bit.ly/zMeFtn>.

The First Parish February Blitz: Everything You've Always Wanted to Say about First Parish but Haven't

A month-long initiative dedicated to deep listening
Please join the Parish Interim Team and the Ministerial Search Committee throughout the month of February 2012 so we can hear "Everything You've Always Wanted to Say but Haven't." We need your voice to help us determine the congregation's priorities for the future of First Parish. Please be sure to attend or plan at least one gathering. Every voice is important to us!

There are FOUR different opportunities to participate.

1. Meetings will be held immediately after each February Terrific Tuesday community supper (every Tuesday in February, 7:00–8:30 p.m., child care available). *
2. Other open meetings are scheduled as follows:
Friday, February 10, 11:00-12:30 p.m. *
Sunday, February 12, 12:30-2:00 p.m. *

*** For the above options, call the office to sign up.**

3. If you are part of a committee, council, fellowship or covenant group, please invite us to come to your regular February meeting. We are striving for groups of 8 to 12 so we may combine or split groups to meet that goal. (Please contact **Susan Ryan** at susanryan101@comcast.net to schedule a meeting with your group.)
4. You can gather a group of 8 to 12 parishioners in your home during February and we will come to you. (Please contact **Susan Ryan** at susanryan101@comcast.net to schedule a meeting.)

Emerson Forum —Tuesday, January 31, at 7:00 p.m.

Please join the Transcendentalism Council and Wendell Refior for a lively discussion on the topic of "Culture" from Emerson's "Conduct of Life." The short essay can be found on the Web at <http://www.emersoncentral.com/culture.htm>. Wendell, who is a devoted student of Emerson's life and works, will begin with a short introduction and will then encourage active participation.

Shape the future! One Hour a Month!

The Ministerial Internship Committee is looking for additional members. See Dave Dawson, Dave Elwood, Kristin Haddad, Dana Synder-Grant, Alec Walker or Dianne Weiss.

Children's and Youth News

Today, January 29 – Regular RE Program

8:50 & 10:50 a.m. – Regular Classes, Babies-Preschool

9:00 & 11:00 a.m. – Services – Special Chinese Lion Dance in the Sanctuary!

K-1st Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, Dismissed to RE in the lower level classrooms

2nd-6th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, Dismissed to RE in the Emerson Room

7th Grade – Neighboring Faiths gather in the Brooks Room, for 11:00 a.m. Holy Family visit

Afternoon Programming:

8th Grade – OWL in the Emerson Room, 4:00 p.m.

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9:00 & 11:00 a.m. – Services

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2nd-6th Grade – Begin in the Sanctuary, Dismissed to RE in the Emerson Room

7th Grade - Neighboring Faiths in the Brooks Room, 10:30 for Buddhist Visit

Afternoon Programming:

8th Grade - OWL in the Emerson Room, 3:00 p.m.

(early start due to Super Bowl)

Heard Youth Group Trips

March 2-3 – CityReach

CityReach is an overnight urban outreach program. Join us to learn firsthand about homelessness and prepare food for those in need.

April 19-22 – Vermont Farm & Flood Recovery Service Trip

We will be headed to the gorgeous state of Vermont to help restore its natural beauty and work on Liberty Hill Farm.

Please RSVP for the upcoming Heard trips; e-mail Avi Salloway: avifirstparish@gmail.com

Social Action Community

Go to sac.firstparish.org for news and calendar information.

Immigration Study Group Meeting Postponed

The meeting scheduled for this evening at First Parish has been delayed. Stay tuned for a new date and time.

Movie Screening for Dept. of Peace

Monday, January 30, 7:30 p.m., Brattle Theater in Cambridge

Attend a screening of *The Interrupters*, a riveting documentary about three peacemakers working on Chicago's South Side, Steve James and Alex Kolowitz's film traces the work of former gang members who redirect the energy behind incipient violence into protecting their communities from its continued effects. Tickets at the Brattle ensure a place in advance from the Mass Campaign for a DoP. \$10 (general admission)/\$20 (Peace Sponsor, which includes a donation to the Mass Campaign). Contact AlecWalker@aol.com, or psimon@gis.net.

Recruiting Fruit and Vegetable Makers!

Fridays, February 3 & 10 at 7:00 p.m., Brooks Room

Come help make papier-mâché fruits and vegetables for the March productions of *Chicken Man*, *The Musical*, and be a part of this exciting Social Action Community initiative. Excellent Friday evening activity for all ages! Contact lesliefisher@treitman.com for further information.

Date change—Grounded for Flight:

A Wright Tavern Center Course

Join Craig Nowak, ministerial intern, and Faith Bade, SAC Program Director, at our *new start date of Sunday February 12* from 6:30-8:30 p.m. In this three-part workshop, we will explore how we learn to recognize our own spiritual framework, and how this framework creates the support, or “grounding,” to help us expand and inspire our activism and truly take “flight.” Cost: \$60 plus \$12 materials fee and book. See details on the SAC website.

Funderburg Scholars Fundraising Dinner

Saturday, February 4, 6:30 p.m. at First Parish

Help Roxbury youth apply to and graduate from college - while you enjoy a nice meal with great company! Meet some Roxbury students and learn more about the program. No fixed “price” - donate what feels right to you at the dinner. Reserve your place at dinner at coffee hour today, by calling Loretta Ho Sherblom 978-369-4325, or e-mailing her at Loretta@LHSBenefits.com. Join us for wine and cheese at 6:30 p.m., dinner (by Caroline McCloy) at 7:15p.m.!

Family Home Drop-Off Day

Saturday, February 11, 9:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m., Parish Hall

The Annual Home Drop-off Day will be focused on soft goods this year. We are collecting *gently used baby and children's items* for Cradles to Crayons and *towels and sheets only* for HGRM—no furniture or appliances this year, **please**. Go to SAC Web page for more details. For donation questions, email abbygwhite@comcast.net. First Parish volunteers are needed for 1-2 hour shifts. This is a FUN, interactive morning of service for families to do together. Children are welcome. Sign up at coffee hour or e-mail gnelson@me.com.

Green Notes

Mindful Living Idea: Use reusable bottles for your water.

Mindful Living Statistic: Residential lawns and gardens are doused with 80 million pounds of chemical pesticides and 70 million tons of fertilizers annually (per U.S. EPA).

Wright Tavern Center



Please visit our website at wrighttavern.org for full course descriptions, presenter bios and registration. For questions about class availability, contact Cassy Bosworth or Christy McKellips at 978-369-9602.

Tai Chi and Qi Gong

Tai chi is a gentle flowing exercise that will help you build and circulate energy. Based on teachings from China, we will do Qi Gong movements that help you retain flexibility in all your joints. Students will also learn the Hwa Yu tai chi form, a series of connected movements that is like a slow-motion dance. No past experience is necessary. Wear comfortable clothing.

Instructor: *Sue Wood*

Tuesday: February 7-March 27

6:30-8:00 p.m. \$120/8 classes

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