



## Transylvania Partner Church Committee (PCC) Update:

Welcome back everyone! Over the summer we've been preparing for our guests from First Parish's partner church in Székelykeresztúr, Transylvania, the beautiful tri-cultural, tri-lingual (Hungarian, Romanian, German) area of Romania.

Special thanks to our Activities subcommittee including Dana Booth and Bill Seaver who have worked throughout the summer to craft a superb program of activities (See "Activities" below), many of which are open to all.

**R.S.V.P. ("Répondez s'il vous plait")** for these events should be made through our Activity Coordinator, Jamie Atkins, phone: 781-259-0727, e-mail: [jjajna@aol.com](mailto:jjajna@aol.com). Where noted we would also appreciate volunteers and Jamie would be happy to add your name to this essential list.

**Our September Visitors:** From Thursday the 18 through Monday the 29 our nine visitors (four adults and five youth) will be hosted by 15 First Parish households. You can see pictures and profiles at: <http://firstparish.org/photos/gallery2/v/PCC-pics/2008Sept/>.

**The Activities:** Over the course of their visit, a number of activities have been planned to acquaint our guests with our community, our culture and our beliefs, and, to help us all to become better acquainted with them. Here's the schedule in brief, including All-Parish events:

**9/18 - Thu:** Arrival at Logan with a brief Welcome in front of First Parish at approximately 10:00 p.m.

**9/19 - Fri:** Rest Day  
Youth will leave at 5:00 p.m. for Vermont Youth Retreat (returning Sunday at 4 p.m.)

**9/20 - Sat:** Lajos & Amália, two of our adult guests, will attend a UUPCC regional get-together in Belmont.

**9/21 - Sun:** Morning Worship

4:00 p.m. All-Parish Ice Cream Social at the Masonic Temple on Monument Square (donations accepted at the door) providing an opportunity to meet and greet our guests. R.S.V.P., Volunteers appreciated for set-up and clean-up.

**9/22 - Mon:** Youth Day at CCHS, Adults to meet with First Parish Leadership

**9/23 - Tues:** 9:30 a.m. Freedom Trail Tour (and lunch in Boston). All are welcome to join us for a \$20 fee (to cover train tickets and any cover chares) plus lunch.

6:30 p.m. All-Parish Pot Luck Supper with History & Culture Discussions at First Religious Society of Carlisle, 27 Church Street. R.S.V.P., Volunteers appreciated for set-up and clean-up.





**9/24 - Wed:** Rest day with hosts

**9/25 - Thurs:** 9:30 a.m. Boston and Cambridge Tour

6:30 p.m. All-Parish Vespers and Pot Luck Supper with Beliefs Discussion at First Parish in Bedford, 75 The Great Road. R.S.V.P., Volunteers appreciated for set-up and clean-up.

**9/26 - Fri:** 9:00 a.m. Concord Tour; Afternoon Youth Activities

7:00 p.m. Concord-Carlisle High School Football Game.

**9/27 - Sat:** 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Youth Trip to Six Flags Amusement Park. Fee to be determined. R.S.V.P. Adult volunteers drivers/chaperones would be appreciated for this event.

**9/28 - Sun:** 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Transylvania Thanksgiving Services with coffee hour receptions Volunteers would be appreciated;

1:00 p.m. Sponsorship Luncheon for Keresztúr Student Sponsors (note below). Location to Be Determined, R.S.V.P., volunteers appreciated for set-up and clean-up. Afternoon Youth Activities; Dinner and Evening with Hosts.

**9/29 - Mon:** Packing & Departure

We would again like to thank everyone who has made a donation. Although we have not yet reached our financial goal, these contributions have helped to make this noteworthy visit possible. For those who would like to join them, please submit your cheque to "First Parish in Concord", with "Keresztúr visitors" on the memo line, and mail it to First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Road, Concord, MA 01742.

*Minden jót! (Best wishes!)*

Lillian Anderson & Winslow Pettingell (PCC Co-Chairs) and  
Rodger Matlage (PCC Webmaster)

### **Calling all Transylvania Student Sponsors, Past, Present and Future!**

On September 28, all past and present sponsors who have participated in our Transylvania Student Sponsorship program, plus those considering becoming sponsors, are invited to attend a luncheon with our Keresztúr visitors. Among our Transylvanian visitors will be Emese-Timea Nagy, our liaison at the Berde Mózes Unitarian High School. We invite you to a catered lunch (donations accepted), to meet our visiting youth and to learn more about our worthy program. If you wish to send a small, wrapped package to your sponsored student, bring it to the luncheon and Emese will see that it is delivered. As with all Parish-wide events during our Keresztúr guests' visit please R.S.V.P. with Jamie Atkins, phone: 781-259-0727, e-mail: [jjajna@aol.com](mailto:jjajna@aol.com).

