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Sam reads Stephen an emailed question during our question box sermon!

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First Edition

Sermons

Sunday, January 11, “Beyond Pink and Blue”, Rev. Amy Freedman

Amy writes... “As Unitarian Universalists, we have long been advocates of gender equality. I was raised as a Unitarian Universalist in the 1970’s so my upbringing was deeply influenced by the feminist movement within our faith.

Some people claim that we are now living in a Post-feminist Era. After all, women have reached the top-level of most professions including Unitarian Universalist ministry where over half of our clergy are female. Women no longer need to choose between a career and family but manage both their professions and motherhood.

However right alongside this significant progress, women and girls around the world do not have the same access to education, health care, and financial resources as their male counterparts. Transgender people experience prejudice and violence daily. The food and financial crisis will have a greater impact on women many of whose jobs are less secure. Domestic violence and sexual assault continues to haunt the lives of many today.

Religious feminism is about something deeper and more significant than women taking on traditionally male work wearing high heels and lipstick. The principles of our liberal religious faith, call on us to uncover our own gender biases. How can First Church become a truly inclusive community? What barriers remain to be challenged in society?

Sunday, January 18, “Coming Down the Mountain”, Rev. John Burciaga

John writes... “Many of us recall the heady days of the Civil Rights era when Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke of having ‘been to the mountain-top...’ That was then, this is now, and society finds itself, when not overtly racist, at least confused as to its true stance toward race relations. This will include perspectives from having been a civil rights leader in several states during my ministry.”

Sunday, January 25, “I Don’t Want To Run This Race In Vain”, Sam Teitel

Sam writes... “In this service we will be talking about building relationships across religious boundaries. How can we as individuals form meaningful relationships with people from other religious traditions? What does it mean for us as a Unitarian Universalist community to form relationships with other faith communities? How can we form these relationships, and why they are important?”

Sanctuary Boston

All are welcome to join in and worship at the Sanctuary Boston Service on January 21st in the Chapel. The service starts at 6:00 PM and is followed by a fellowship. Feel free to ask a staff member for more information, or visit thesanctuaryboston.org.

House Meetings

You are invited to join the FCB Social Justice Community for our second round of small group discussions, or "House Meetings", after church on Sunday, January 25 at 12:15. We'll have lunch and then break up into groups of 8 to 10 people for discussion. We see this as a nutritious:) and thoughtful way to get to know First Church members better- our interests, concerns, worries, and ideas. Please join us! We aim for a 45" minute discussion and to be finished by 1:30/1:45 at the latest.

Connections Over Lunch

Sunday, February 8th, 12:30-2:00pm, Auditorium

Are you looking for ways to connect? Whether you are a visitor, new member or have been attending First Church for years, this is an opportunity to meet people over lunch and get to know one another better. If you have questions about our community or ideas to share, this will be a place to explore and connect. Rev. Amy Freedman will host this lunch conversation in the Auditorium. For more information contact: amy@firstchurchboston.org.



Photos from the Kendrick Open House and the Back Bay Caroling group!
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Lowering of the wreath on January 4th, 2015.
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The Children's Gingerbread Party at Kendrick home on December 13th.
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