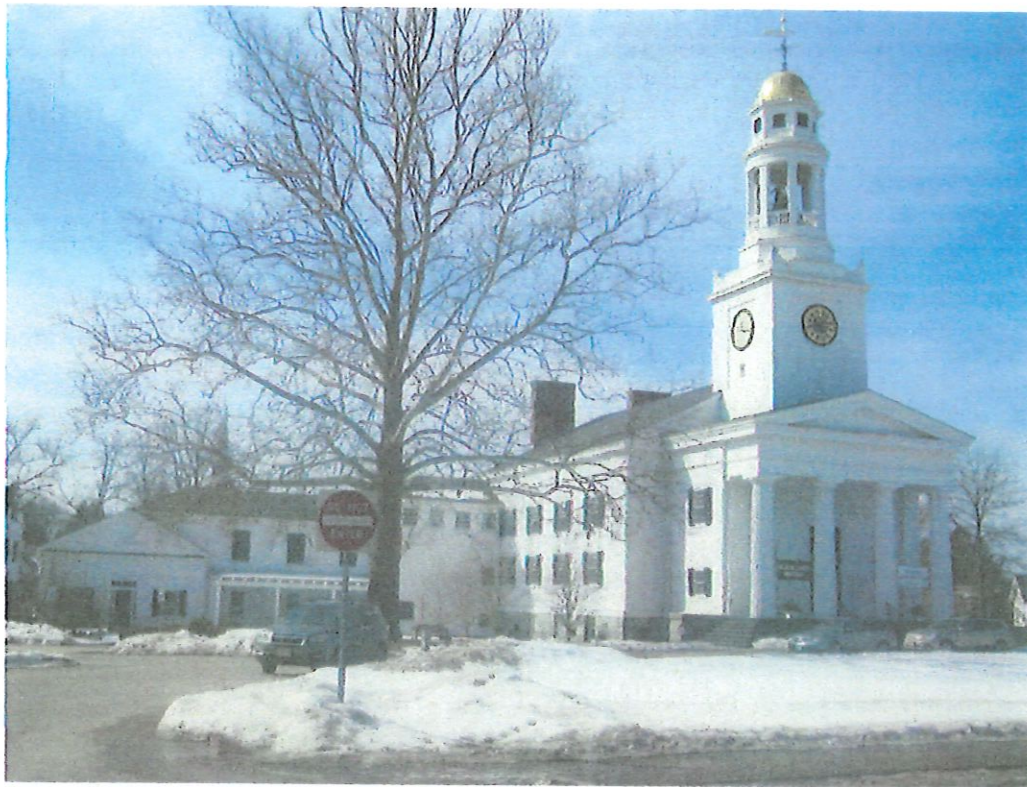


First Parish in Concord Democracy Festival, May 20, 2023 - Narrative



The Democracy Festival will take place on the grounds of First Parish in Concord on Saturday, May 20, 2023 from 10am - 4pm. If there is inclement weather the event will be moved into the church building. Setup will occur starting about 8am, and the event will be taken down by 6pm. Parking will be on the street and in town parking lots. Several spaces on the church grounds will be reserved for handicap parking. We expect 300-500 people to attend, spread out over the six hours.

The goal of the event is to bring people together to have fun, eat good foods prepared locally, and learn about current issues facing democracy, the environment, immigration, racial justice, women's health, and other social justice issues. It is intended to increase civic engagement and build community. Food will be provided by local restaurants, caterers, and potentially licensed food trucks. Exhibits will include social justice booths, some arts and crafts on display, and some games for younger participants. Local government leaders will be invited to participate. There will be opportunities for children and their parents to learn about and experience democracy in action.