



HAPPY FEET!

On October 29 our Parish House was enlivened by a group of young people from Transylvania. As soon as they arrived in their vans from Concord, MA, music filled the room with improvisations on the piano, two violins, and a cello.

After a brief rehearsal and sound check in the Meeting House, the group of dancers, musicians, their Unitarian minister, and adult companions from Hungary and Massachusetts departed for a walking tour throughout the Old Port and along the waterfront narrated by experienced guides Cliff Gallant and Turner Krysman. Oysters in Harbor Fish Market piqued the group's curiosity so a dozen were purchased and then shucked by Laurie Hasty for a few of our visitors who dared to taste this delicacy on the half shell.

The oysters were an appetizer to the delicious meal prepared for the hungry travelers by Lynne Beasley and her able crew. Many thanks to Marianne Hill, Jackie Oliveri, Linda Blue, Janet Puistonon, Lynne Anderson, Taryn Friedman, Francelle Carapetyan, and one of our RE teachers Emily. Thanks to our DRE Toben Cooney-Callnan, some of First Parish's youth were able to join the walking tour and dinner, making new friends from across the world.

The highlight of the day was the scheduled performance of traditional folk dances and songs. For about an hour, our Transylvanian guests sang acapella and with their band, twirled in lines and patterns, and stomped rhythmically on a floor specially laid by Chris Beasley. At the end of the performance, the energy and excitement of the dancers and musicians was contagious as they led the audience of over 100 people down the aisles of the church and out into the Parish House. Gaiety and laughter bridged all language barriers as the crowd entwined, switched partners, and danced together for another hour accompanied by the lively band.

Check out the photos below!

