

First Parish in Cambridge – June 2, 2019
Lost in Translation – Rev. Adam Lawrence Dyer

Welcome to First Parish!

First Parish in Cambridge is a multi-faith, spirit-filled congregation devoted to love and justice. We are moving joyfully into a multiracial, multicultural, justice-making future. We embrace all ages, races, classes, abilities, sexual orientations, gender presentations, and ethnic and religious backgrounds. Honoring all the faith traditions of the world, we support each person's path to wisdom and spiritual growth. Whoever you are, wherever you are on the journey of life, we welcome you into our hearts.

If you're here for the first time, we invite you to fill out a visitor card located in the pew and leave it in the collection plate. We'll sign you up for our weekly e-mail announcements and monthly newsletter.

All are welcome to join us in Helverson Parlor following the service for refreshments.

For those attending with children, you are welcome to worship as a family or children ages 4 and under are welcome in our Nursery. An usher can direct you to RE staff. Registration is required.

Participating in the Service

Rev. Adam Lawrence Dyer, Lead Minister
Rev. Danielle Di Bona, Developmental Minister
Mandy Neff, Director of Religious Education
Carol Lewis, Director of Administration
Jonathan Barnhart, Music Director
The First Parish Choir
Peter Lowber, Welcome Team Leader

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Please join us for a Story for All Ages. Only Spirit Play and Lodestone meet today. Teachers and OWL participants will be recognized during worship this week. Nursery care for children under 4 opens at 9am.

Spirit Play
Lodestone

PreK-1st Grade
6th – 8th Grade

Baldwin Room, Mezzanine
Fuller Room, Mezzanine

Today's Events

The Annual Congregational Business meeting will be held directly after the service. All Members will want to attend for a conversation that will include what First Parish is doing to live into our Mission and plans for restoration of our historic Meetinghouse. Governing Board elections will be held and the 2019-2020 budget submitted for approval.

Shared Offering for June

The Middle East Education Group is pleased to announce that the recipient of the Shared Plate for June is the **Palestinian House of Friendship**. This is a non-profit, non-governmental, politically independent humanitarian organization in the West Bank city of Nablus, Palestine.

The Palestinian House of Friendship is dedicated to serving the needs of children, youth, and their families in the West Bank of Palestine. The area PHF serves includes the city of Nablus, nearby villages, and the surrounding refugee camps. The main goal of PHF is to invest in Palestinian individuals while promoting the ideals of democracy, human rights, and love for the other. The vision is a Palestinian civil society that possesses a generation of young people who are educated in the values of democracy and ready to become leaders.

First Parish Retreat – Saturday, June 8

Please [register](https://forms.gle/jNMyiSM6KFACqyPg6) (<https://forms.gle/jNMyiSM6KFACqyPg6>) to attend the First Parish Retreat at Salisbury Beach State Reservation (a state park) for fun, food and socializing! Everyone is invited! The cost for a pizza and salad lunch is \$10/adult and \$5/child age 10 or lower. (There is also a parking fee of \$14 per car with MA license.) If cost is a concern, please contact Carol Lewis at 617-876-7772 or clewis@firstparishcambridge.org.

We are encouraging everyone to consider providing other salads, side dishes, snacks or desserts, as well as any non-alcoholic beverages your family prefers. Please let us you are coming, by completing the [Registration form](https://forms.gle/jNMyiSM6KFACqyPg6).
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The Cambridge Safer Homes, Safer Community Gun Buy Back

This event will take place on Saturday, June 8 from 9:00 am to Noon at two locations:

- The Pentecostal Tabernacle North, 77 Columbia St.
- Reservoir Church, 170 Rindge Avenue.

The focus of the Gun Buy Back is on getting unwanted and unsecured guns out of homes where they pose a serious risk to children, people with mental illness who may contemplate suicide and those at risk of domestic violence. No questions asked and no identification required.

Cambridge Police and the Middlesex Sheriff's Office will be managing both sites and handling the guns turned in, and the State Police will destroy the guns. Residents turning in guns and ammunition will be given a gift card to a local grocery or restaurant.

This is an interfaith and community-led partnership by Cambridge churches, synagogues and mosques, including First Parish, and by the Cambridge Peace Commission, the Cambridge Police Department, the Cambridge Public Health Department, the Middlesex County Sheriff and State Police.

Please help get the word out to friends and neighbors and beyond so that residents who have or know people who have guns in their homes will consider getting rid of them in this way.

Cambridge Forum

Fake News vs Facts: Living in a Post-Truth World Wednesday, June 12, 7 pm in the Meetinghouse

Are we living in a post-truth world where alternative reality replaces hard facts, and where opinions carry more weight than evidence? Philosopher and author, Lee McIntyre, will discuss his book POST-TRUTH, which traces the roots and considers the ramifications of fake news. Free and open to all.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral Care is available for you. If you would like a pastoral care phone call or visit please let us know. Our ministers are available to support you. Please contact them directly by phone at 617-528-9838 or email at pastoralcare@firstparishcambridge.org

Mark Your Calendars for Gospel Sunday – June 16!

This year's date, **Sunday, June 16**, was chosen to coincide with the week of *Juneteenth* (the commemoration of June 19th of the end of slavery on this day in 1865, when the news finally was announced in Texas - two and a half years *after* the Emancipation Proclamation). Highly acclaimed gospel choir director Linda Brown-San Martin will again be our guest director.

Singing in a gospel choir with Linda is always a joyful and energizing experience. There are two more rehearsals on Thursday evenings: June 6 and June 13, 7:00--8:30 PM. In the gospel music tradition, music will be taught aurally. Attendance is required at these rehearsals along with a "dress" rehearsal on Saturday, June 15, and the usual 9 AM Sunday rehearsal on June 16.

To register, please email Music Director Jonathan Barnhart at JBarnhart@firstparishcambridge.org with your contact information and voice part.

New Modes of Communication and Getting the Word Out!

The June issue of *The Meetinghouse News* will be published on Tuesday, June 4. This will be the last issue in this format. Instead, we'll be moving to more of a quarterly "theme based" communication. We'll continue our weekly announcements and email blasts and use these as our main method of alerting people to what is happening around First Parish. Watch for more information in the summer announcements or contact Carol Lewis at clewis@firstparishcambridge.org.

Get involved!

Do you want to meet more people at First Parish?

A great way to meet people and get involved at First Parish is to **join The Welcome Team Ministry**. Members commit once a month to usher or greet for the hour before church and assist with the collection and other small tasks during the UU Theology Panel in the Barn Room service. Serving on the team allows you to help create a welcoming atmosphere for newcomers. It is a wonderful way to connect with members as well as newcomers. Information is available on the bulletin board in the parlor.

Accompaniment Volunteering

First Parish is a member of the CISC, a coalition of Cambridge-area congregations that is currently hosting a woman and her two children in sanctuary so she can avoid deportation and separation from her family. “Accompaniment” volunteers are needed seven days a week on-site at a church in Harvard Square. We can pair you with an experienced volunteer so you won’t be on your own.

Child Care Volunteering

The CISC childcare team is looking for several new volunteers who can commit to regular monthly outings to ensure that the children (ages 2 and almost 4) are able to spend time outside each day. A simple hour or two of outdoor play means so much in the life of this family we've committed as a coalition to support. Because coverage and consistency are ongoing concerns, we are looking for people who can commit to at least 2 weekday morning or afternoon outings a month.

Please email Rebecca Balder, First Parish’s volunteer coordinator, at BBSF@firstparishcambridge.org to learn more about either of these opportunities.

Groups

Our Elders Group is open and meets on the 1st Tuesday of every month at 2:30 pm in the Chapel. If you are interested, please contact Rev. Danielle at ddibona@firstparishcambridge.org.

The **Young Adult Group (YAG)** is a community for people ages 18-35. YAG meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7pm upstairs in the Nursery and sometimes meets for food and social events on other occasions. Newcomers are always welcome. For more information visit our website cambridgeyag.org.

Spanish Conversation Group

¿Habras español? First Parish's **Spanish Conversation Group** meets on first and third Tuesdays of every month at 6:00 p.m. in the Baldwin Room. Come join us for informal conversation in a relaxed, friendly atmosphere. All levels are welcome and no commitment is required! For more information, email spanish@firstparishcambridge.org. ¡Nos vemos pronto!

Events This Week

Please note that Yoga, Music and Art and Cooking Classes are not First Parish programs. They are run by outside instructors and a fee is associated with the classes.

Sunday

10:30 am
12:00 pm
12:30 pm
12:30 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm

June 2

Sunday Worship
Annual Meeting in the Meetinghouse
Mandarin Class in the Fuller Room
Youth Group in the Nursery
Racial Equity Team in the Chapel
Cambridge Minyan in the Barn Room

Monday

8:30 am
6:30 pm
6:30 pm
6:30 pm

June 3

Cambridge Homeless Court in the Parlor
AA in the Parlor
Art Class in the Chapel
Women Writing Together in the Baldwin Room

Tuesday

9:00 am
2:30 pm
5:30 pm
6:00 pm

June 4

Yoga in the Barn Room
Elders Group in the Chapel
Tuesday Meals in the Parlor
Spanish Conversation in the Baldwin Room

Wednesday

9:00 am
3:00 pm
6:30 pm
8:00 pm

June 5

Yoga in the Barn Room
Sanctuary Worship in the Barn Room
Two Brattle in the Baldwin Room
AA in the Parlor

Thursday

9:00 am
12:00 pm
6:00 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm

June 6

Yoga in the Barn Room
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Gospel Choir Rehearsal in the Parlor
Social Justice Council in the Chapel

Friday

9:00 am

June 7

Groovy Baby Music in the Chapel

Saturday

8:30 am
10:00 am

June 8

First Parish Retreat at Salisbury Beach State Reservation

GSA in the Chapel
Yoga in the Barn Room