

First Parish in Cambridge – May 12, 2019

Happy – 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
Jonathan Barnhart, Music Director
The First Parish Choir
Rob Moir, Welcome Team Leader
Eileen Sullivan, Newcomer Liaison

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Please join us for religious education programs. Nursery care for children under 4 opens on the second floor at 9:00 am.

The following program begins promptly at **10:30**:

OWL 4-5th Grade Chapel, first floor

Today's Events

Although the [Mother's Day Walk for Peace](https://lbdpeace.z2systems.com/fpcambuu) is taking place today, with several members of First Parish walking, it's not too late to donate! Go to <https://lbdpeace.z2systems.com/fpcambuu> and show your support.

Shared Offering for May

Our recipient for **May** is the **Greater Boston Interfaith Organization**. GBIO is a 20+ year old organization that educates, advocates, and uses power to implement social justice and racial equity in our region. Its accomplishments are legion: criminal justice legislation adopted; funds for affordable housing in Boston approved; a STEM high school in Roxbury built; and health care laws enacted.

The current priority is on additional health care reforms including dealing with mental health, cost containment and better access including to children of immigrants. Equally important, GBIO has recently voted to approve a “radical reshaping” of its organization to bring in congregations comprised primarily of people of color and immigrants.

First Parish Church became a member in October 2015 and is a very active participant.

June 2 – Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Congregational Business meeting will be held directly after the service on **Sunday, June 2**. 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. More information will be available in announcements and on the website (firstparishcambridge.org) as we get closer to the event.

Upcoming Events - Save These Dates!

TRAVELERS: *An Evening of Storytelling* – Friday, May 17

Hear real-life stories from your fellow parishioners and share in an evening of fun and entertainment. Featuring our All Star Cast: Laura Heath-Stout, Susan Shepherd, Grey Lee, Mandy Neff, Valerie Fullum, Rashid Shaikh, Larry Childs and more!

Program begins at 7:00 pm Light refreshments at intermission

Tickets: \$12 in advance; \$15 at the door

ADVANCE TICKETS May be purchased by contacting the church office or by following this link

(https://www.eservicepayments.com/cgi-bin/Vanco_ver3.vps...)

and clicking on STORYTELLING EVENT

GBIO Health Care Campaign at First Parish!

- Are you or someone close to you struggling to pay for necessary medicines or other health care?
- Have you or someone close to you suffered from mental health problems and not received the help you or they need?

On **MAY 19** at 12:15 in the Barn Room, come share your stories and learn about the campaign. Last year Greater Boston Interfaith Organization held hundreds of small group discussions to help plan their agenda for change in 2019. Four issues that need action to improve health care in Massachusetts: High Cost of Prescription Drugs; High Out of Pocket Costs; Mental Health Care; Health Care for Immigrant Children. For more information about the event, contact Marcia Hams (marciahams@gmail.com) or Tod Hibbard (hibbard79@gmail.com).

First Parish Retreat

Salisbury Beach State Reservation on Saturday, June 8

Everyone at First Parish is invited to Salisbury Beach State Reservation (a state park) for fun, food and socializing! We have the exclusive use of a large covered pavilion all day. The 16 picnic tables should provide plenty of seating. There is a small beach on the river and a much larger beach on the ocean.

The Retreat Planning Team is pleased to announce that we received many responses to the survey. The largest number favored pizza and salad for lunch. The cost will be \$10/adult and \$5/child age 10 or lower. However, since a significant number of respondents were interested in pot-luck, we are encouraging everyone to consider providing other salads, side dishes, snacks or desserts, as well as any beverages your family prefers.

We are now accepting reservations. To tell us you are coming, please register [here](#). To review the Meetinghouse News article that provides background information, [click here](#).

Mark Your Calendars for Gospel Sunday!

The Music Team is pleased to announce the return of Linda Brown-San Martin to lead another Cambridge area gospel choir at FPC on Sunday June 16. All who love singing are invited to participate, along with the First Parish Choir. Spread the news to neighbors, family and friends! Rehearsals will be held on Thursday evenings, May 30, June 6 and June 13, with a dress rehearsal on Saturday, June 15. More details will follow. If you are interested, please contact Music Director Jonathan Barnhart after worship, or at JBarnhart@firstparishcambridge.org.

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

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 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 10 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. Sometimes volunteer shifts are quiet, and sometimes there is a lot of interaction with the children. We can pair you with an experienced volunteer so you won't be on your own. Volunteering helps in her long process of fighting to stay in the U.S.

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.

Safety Reminder

Please remember that the 3 Church Street door is locked beginning at 10:30 on Sunday mornings to help ensure the safety of our space. If you are entering for worship after the door is locked, please use the Mass. Avenue entrance. Accessible entrance is available at 1 Church Street. If you are entering after 10:30 for Religious Education or other programming ring the buzzer at 3 Church Street and someone will let you in.

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

12:30 pm

6:00 pm

May 12

Sunday Worship

Mandarin Class in the Fuller Room

Sacred Circle Dance in the Barn Room

Monday

5:00 pm

6:30 pm

6:30 pm

May 13

Harvard Extension School in the Barn Room

AA in the Parlor

Art Class in the Chapel

Tuesday

9:00 am

5:30 pm

5:30 pm

7:00 pm

7:00 pm

May 14

Yoga in the Barn Room

Tuesday Meals in the Parlor

Harvard Extension School in the Barn Room

YAG in the Nursery

Finance Committee in the Chapel

Wednesday

9:00 am

6:30 pm

8:00 pm

May 15

Yoga in the Barn Room

Two Brattle in the Baldwin Room

AA in the Parlor

Thursday

9:00 am

12:00 pm

6:00 pm

6:00 pm

May 16

Yoga in the Barn Room

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Ministry Team Leaders in the Chapel

Friday

9:00 am

7:00 pm

May 17

Groovy Baby Music in the Chapel

Storytelling Event in the Meetinghouse

Saturday

8:00 am

8:30 am

10:00 am

6:00 pm

May 18

Cambridge Minyan in the Parlor and the Chapel

GSA in the Chapel

Yoga in the Barn Room

Lodestone Family Night in the Y2Y Space