

First Parish in Cambridge – June 9, 2019
Internship Gratitude – Will Williamson

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

William Williamson, Ministerial Intern
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
Rob Moir, Welcome Team Leader

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Religious Education programs resume in September. To receive information about registration for our fall programs including OWL 7-9/homeschool equivalent, please email mneff@firstparishcambridge.org. Nursery care is available beginning at 9am.

Today's Events

How well do YOU know our middle schoolers? **Join us for a congregation-wide Jeopardy game** offered by the Lodestone class to benefit a local nonprofit. In the Chapel at 12:00 pm.

It's time to refresh our RE library!

The world is constantly growing and changing, just like our children. This year we have added a few new books including The Gender Wheel, Children of Blood and Bone, and La Frontera. Are there other current young adult or children's books we should consider? Do you have the inside scoop on a social justice issue? Is there a family favorite spiritual tale to add to our Spirit Play rotation? We need everyone's input. Please stop by our coffee hour table to suggest additions so we can stay current!

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.

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.

Health Care Action Day at the State House, Wed. June 12

Gather with other Greater Boston Interfaith Organization congregations, Health Care For All and other members of the Massachusetts Prescription Drug Affordability Coalition to:

- Share your stories with legislators.
- Press for action to lower the cost of prescription drugs in private insurance and MassHealth

When:

- 9:30 Registration and Training at Church on the Hill, 140 Bowdoin St., across from State House
- 10:45: Group Picture and Speaking Program from the State House
- **11:00-12:30: Visits with Legislators** (let us know if you can just come at this time)

Please RSVP here if you plan to attend: <http://gbiohc.org/hcad232>

For more information, contact Marcia Hams

(marciahams@gmail.com) or Kate Ryan (kateryan160@gmail.com) or text 5089815743).

Next Sunday is Gospel Sunday!

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. Beloved for her work with many area singers, Ms. Brown San-Martin is the winner of the New England Conservatory's 2009 Gospel Music Award for "longevity in music ministry," and has directed choirs at numerous local churches and colleges after becoming the first Gospel Choir Director at her alma mater, Wellesley College. She has led multiple Gospel Sunday services at First Parish and notes that "in challenging times such as these, the joy, love, resiliency and unity generated by singing gospel music can truly be a healing balm for the soul."

UUA General Assembly Conversation

Karin Lin, First Parish's delegate to UUA General Assembly (GA) this year, will be in the Barn Room on **June 16 after service** to share and receive input on business that will be discussed at GA in Spokane, WA from June 19-23. Come learn more about what's happening in the denomination and find out more about what it's like to attend General Assembly, which will be in Providence, RI in 2020!

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 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.

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

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

¿Hablas 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

- 9:00 am Buddhist Meditation in the Chapel
- 10:30 am Sunday Worship
- 12:00 pm Jr Youth Jeopardy in the Chapel

Monday

- 6:30 pm AA in the Parlor
- 6:30 pm Art Class in the Chapel
- 6:30 pm POC Meetup in the Barn Room

Tuesday

- 9:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room
- 5:30 pm Tuesday Meals in the Parlor
- 6:00 pm Cambridge Forum Board in the Landing Room
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee in the Chapel
- 7:00 pm YAG in the Nursery

Wednesday

- 9:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room
- 4:00 pm Cambridge Forum in the Meetinghouse
- 6:00 pm FP Affiliated Organization Team in the Landing Room
- 6:30 pm Two Brattle in the Baldwin Room
- 7:00 pm EJTF in the Nursery
- 7:00 pm Interplay in the Barn Room
- 8:00 pm AA in the Parlor

Thursday

- 9:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room
- 12:00 pm Yoga in the Barn Room
- 6:00 pm Yoga in the Barn Room
- 6:30 pm Gospel Choir Rehearsal in the Parlor

Friday

- 9:00 am Groovy Baby Music in the Chapel
- 6:00 pm Harvard Book Store in the Meetinghouse

Saturday

- 8:30 am GSA in the Chapel
- 10:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room
- 3:00 pm Gospel Choir Dress Rehearsal in the Meetinghouse