

# The Sunday Teaser

First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Arlington

January 4, 2026

dedicated to encouraging you to look at our full array of activities

## Today

10:00am	Worship
11:30am	Coffee Hour (Vestry)
11:30am	Knitting Circle (Damon)
7:00pm	Men's Group (Zoom)

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### Religious Education this morning:

- Winter term RE classes begin for preK – 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- Nursery care for babies / toddlers (up to age three), 10am-11:30am

### Tonight:

- No OWL. COA Parent Orientation at 5pm, Youth Group 7pm.

### Rev. Stevie's Family Leave beginning this month

Baby Carmody is due to arrive in January, and Rev. Stevie will be taking family leave beginning in mid-January. During his leave, we welcome Rev. Emily Conger as our Adjunct Director of Religious Education. You may reach Rev. Stevie (before leave) or Rev. Emily at [mre@firstparish.info](mailto:mre@firstparish.info).

## Upcoming Events at First Parish

### Red Cross Blood Drive this week!

Wednesday, January 7, 10am – 3pm, Vestry. Come give the gift of life and donate blood. If you'd like to volunteer to help support the Blood Drive by setting up, cleaning up, and anything else, please contact John Hodges.

### Annual Alliance Chowder Supper

Friday, January 9, 6:30pm, Vestry. Join the Alliance for a cozy evening over salad and bowls of chowder. All are welcome to the supper hosted by the Alliance Board. Potluck desserts are welcomed. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages will be served.

### Young Adults Potluck

Friday, January 9, 6:00pm, Parlor. Help us build a vibrant young adult community (ages 18-35ish) at First Parish! Following a wonderful first potluck, Sarah Quick (Membership) and Lillian Povey (Worship Associate) invite you to gather for food, fun, and connection. It doesn't matter if you're a lifelong member or new to the community—we want to see you there! Bring a dish to share, but if you cannot, don't let that stop you from coming!

### Flash Quilting



Saturday, January 10, 10:30am, Vestry. Quilters of all skill levels - join us next Saturday in the vestry for a fun day of sewing and community to work on the 2026 and 2027 Harvest Moon Fair quilts.. Check our website for more information and what to bring (scan this code with your smartphone camera).

### Film Screening: "The Dads"

Sunday, January 11, 11:45am, Parlor. On January 11th, immediately following worship, join Rev. Erica and the LGBTQIA+ Committee for a video screening and conversation. "The Dads" is a 10 minute film about a group of fathers and how they are raising trans children. Join us in the Parlor for what is sure to be a rich discussion.

### Love at the Center Book Discussion

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month, January - June, 7:00pm, Zoom.

Join folks from the Membership Committee to discuss readings from Love at the Center, a collection of meditations on love at the center by UU ministers from around the country. Come to one or come to all - aimed at newer folks, but not exclusive! January 15, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21, and June 18.



## This Week

Mon	<b>Spirit Talk</b> 4:00pm (Zoom) <b>In-person Meditation</b> 6:00pm (Parlor)
Tue	<b>Lectio Divina</b> 7:00am (Zoom) <b>Covenant Gr. Conven.</b> 7:00pm (Damon) <b>Lay Ministry Meeting</b> 7:00pm (Parlor)
Wed	<b>Lectio Divina</b> 9:00am (Zoom) <b>Red Cross Blood Drive</b> 10am – 3pm (Vestry) <b>Evening Chapel</b> 9:00pm (Zoom)
Thu	<b>Lectio Divina</b> 8:00am (Zoom) <b>Older Men's Lunch</b> 12:00pm (Zoom) <b>Social Justice Comm.</b> 7:00pm (Zoom) <b>First Parish Choir</b> 6:45pm (Sanctuary) <b>Women's Book Group</b> 7:00pm (Zoom) <b>First Parish Bell Choir</b> 8:05pm (Sanctuary)
Fri	<b>Art Team Meeting</b> 1:00pm (Parlor) <b>Chowder Supper</b> 7:00pm (Vestry)
Sat	<b>Flash Quilting</b> 10:00am (Vestry)

### From the Membership Team:

You already belong here. Let's make it official! Stop by the Membership table today to learn the easy steps to becoming a FP member.

### Who are UU? Conversations

2<sup>nd</sup> Sundays of the month, January 11 – June 14, 11:30am, Damon Room. Looking for connection? Need a little help getting to know others at First Parish? Want to help others know you? Join First Parish members for Who are UU? a series of guided conversations designed to ease us beyond small talk and learn more about each other. No registration required. Come to one or come to all. Aimed at newer folks, but not exclusive!

# Memorials and Remembrances

January 2026

*On the first Sunday of each month, we remember loved ones who died that month in years past.*

**Harvey Wainstock,**  
husband of  
Lois Wainstock Fine,  
died January 23, 1977

**Lewis Howard,**  
father of Paul Howard,  
died January 3, 1987

**Manny Diaz,**  
father of Inez Folsom,  
died January 4, 1993

**Marie Diaz,**  
Mother of Inez Folsom,  
died January 6, 1994

**Alden Speare Jr.,**  
father of Philip Speare,  
died January 8, 1994

**Terry Morgan,**  
cousin and godmother of  
Mary Fusoni,  
died January 29, 1995

**Mark Folsom,**  
son of Inez Folsom,  
died January 28, 1996

**Jean Tosti,**  
mother of Al Tosti,  
January 19, 1997

**William "Bill"  
Madison Flanagan,**  
father of  
Rev. Marta Flanagan,  
died January 4, 1999

**Joseph Fico,**  
father of Maria Fico,  
died January 24, 2001

**Arlene Dannenberg,**  
sister of Barbara Tosti,  
died January 28, 2001

**Warren Dannenberg,**  
father of Barbara Tosti,  
died January 11, 2002

**Manning "Red"  
Chellis,**  
husband of Kiki Giatis,  
died January 24, 2002

**Patricia Zoeller  
Phillips,**  
mother of PJ Gardner,  
died January 7, 2005

**Harlow Farmer,**  
father of Emily Farmer,  
died January 31, 2007

**Stephen Tavilla,**  
father of Cindy Tavilla,  
died January 1, 2012

**Dorothy May Alseth  
Heller,**  
mother of Peter Heller,  
died January 13, 2012

**Han Quaadgras,**  
father of  
Anne Quaadgras  
died January 26, 2012

**Susan Lee Piaseczny,**  
sister of Bob Rowlands,  
died January 29, 2012

**Carol Newcomb  
Marsh,**  
mother of Susan Marsh,  
died January 31, 2012

**Adriana Pellicari  
Rodriguez,**  
mother of  
Clarissa Rodriguez,  
died January 6, 2013

**Susanna Katharina  
Dressler,**  
mother of  
Rainer Dressler,  
died January 13, 2013

**Constance Lee  
Garvey Duncan,**  
mother of Nina Duncan,  
died January 21, 2013

**William Mapel,**  
father of Sue Mapel,  
died January 23, 2013

**David Walton,**  
brother of Tracy Walton,  
died January 9, 2014

**Julia Bridges Weislo,**  
mother of Celia Weislo,  
died January 16, 2014

**Jimmie Cooley,**  
mother of  
Lorraine Cooley,  
died January 8, 2015

**Morton Rubin,**  
father of Andee Rubin,  
died January 17, 2015

**Helen Modica,**  
mother of Cathy Modica,  
died January 10, 2016

**Nancy Picardi,**  
beloved friend of  
Diane Eisner and  
Jill Fekete,  
died January 3, 2017

**Rev. Charles W.  
Grady,**  
Minister Emeritus of  
First Parish,  
died January 19, 2017

**Dick King,**  
member of First Parish,  
died January 29, 2017

**Mary Elizabeth  
Dooley,**  
mother of Brian Dooley,  
died January 30, 2018

**Joel Newberg,**  
father of  
Helene Newberg,  
died January 31, 2018

**Susan Davis,**  
mother of  
Jennifer Davis Kay,  
died January 9, 2019

**Joseph Donovan,**  
father of Sara Whitford,  
father in law of  
David Whitford,  
died January 12, 2020

**Beatrice "Bea"  
Shriver,**  
mother of John Shriver,  
died January 13, 2020

**Sheila Drew Nowak,**  
mother of Pam Linov,  
died January 24, 2022

**Patti Stark,**  
mother of Rachael Stark,  
died January 27, 2022

**Woody Kay,**  
spouse of Jennifer Davis  
Kay, and father of  
Melanie and Will,  
died January 28, 2023

**Diane Herman  
Heisterkamp,**  
mother of Lisa Davis,  
died January 5, 2024

**Tristan John Spence,**  
son of Cathie and  
David Dejardins,  
died January 11, 2024

**Patricia "Mamie"  
Eaby Renn,**  
grandmother of  
Julia Parker,  
died January 30, 2024

**Philip Gomez,**  
brother of Loren Gomez,  
died January 5, 2025

**Milagros Gonzalez-  
Gomez,**  
mother of Amy Gonzalez,  
died January 22, 2025

*If you would like a loved one remembered in future months, contact [spokenmemorials@firstparish.info](mailto:spokenmemorials@firstparish.info)*