

The Sunday Teaser

First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Arlington

November 16, 2025

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

Today

10:00am	Worship
11:30am	Social Hour (after service ends)
5:00pm	Harvest Moon Fair Setup (Vestry)
7:00pm	Men's Group (Zoom)

Learn more online:
www.firstparish.info/events

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Religious Education this morning:

- Fall term continues for preK – 7th grade
- Nursery care for babies / toddlers (up to age three), 10am-11:30am

Tonight:

- OWL meets as usual; Youth Group meets at 7pm, YAC at 6pm

Upcoming Events at First Parish

“Know Your Rights” Training: What To Do If ICE Enters the Meetinghouse

Monday, November 17, 7:00pm, Zoom. The Defending Democracy Working Group is hosting a Zoom Training for First Parish lay leaders given by MIRA (Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy) on what to do if confronted by ICE in houses of worship. Register online (scan this code with your phone).



Aging Well this month: “The Legacy of Our Ancestors”

Thursday, November 20, 11:00am, Zoom. This topic invites us to reflect on the qualities and traits that we’ve inherited or learned from our ancestors. Together, we can reflect on how those traits have shaped who we are today. How can we pass an intentional legacy to the next generation?

Transgender Day of Remembrance and Resilience

Thursday, November 20, 7:00pm, Front Lawn. In these dire times for the transgender community, we gather to remember those who we have lost to violence and bigotry and celebrate the resilience of this community who has always been here and will always be here. An affinity support event for trans and gender expansive people will precede the vigil at 6:15pm in the Grady Room; pizza will be served.

Thanksgiving Pie and Fellowship

Wednesday, November 26, 1:30pm, Vestry. Join us in the vestry Wednesday Nov. 26th 1:30-3:00pm for some pie, hot drinks, music, games and overall thanks for our beloved shared community. Please RSVP to layministry@firstparish.info.



Unpacking Our Religious Luggage – 2-part workshop

Mondays, December 1 and 8, 7:00pm, Parlor. Join us in the vestry. Join Rev. Stevie, Minister of Religious Education, for a workshop series focusing on unpacking our own religious and spiritual journeys, and the way they come to bear on our lives and experience in religious community today. Register in advance online.



Engage with First Parish!

Enter your individual Skills and Interests into Realm Connect to receive tailored groups, teams and events to choose from. Whether you are new to First Parish or have been around a while, Engage helps everyone to meet new people and explore new opportunities. Learn more using this code. →



Giving First Nominations

The Giving First Task Group is accepting Giving First Nominations now through December 21st. Nominations must be submitted online (scan code with your phone). Questions? Email givingfirst@firstparish.info.



This Week

HARVEST MOON FAIR SETUP
All week at the Meetinghouse

Mon Spirit Talk
4:00pm (Zoom)
In-person Meditation
6:00pm (Parlor)
“Know Your Rights”
ICE Training
7:00pm (Zoom)

Tue Lectio Divina
7:00am (Zoom)
3rd Tuesday Covenant Group
7:00pm (Grady)
Parish Committee
7:00pm (Zoom)

Wed Lectio Divina
9:00am (Zoom)
3rd Wednesday Covenant Groups
7:00pm (1 in Parlor, 2 in Grady)
Evening Chapel
9:00pm (Zoom)

Thu Lectio Divina
8:00am (Grady)
Aging Well
11:00am (Zoom)
Trans Day of Remembrance Vigil
7:00pm (Front Lawn)

Sat HARVEST MOON FAIR
10am-3pm
(setup begins at 7am, cleanup starts at 3pm)



**Harvest
Moon
Fair**

Harvest Moon Fair 2025

Fair Week is upon us! It's not too late to volunteer to help – email fair@firstparish.info.

Stop by the Quilt Raffle table at coffee hour today to buy raffle tickets to win this year's beautiful quilt!

Fair Week Schedule:

Drop off donations (Vestry):
November 16-21
Sorting and Set-up:
November 16-21

Fair Day:

November 22, 10am-3pm

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Weekly & Monthly Events at First Parish

These events are open to everyone. Please reach out by email as indicated below or visit the First Parish website to learn more.

Lectio Divina

Meets Tues. 7am-8am, Weds. 9am-10am, Thurs. 8am-9pm.

Lectio Divina is a method of reading and listening, lingering with, and sharing personal responses to selected biblical texts.

Email lectio@firstparish.info for more information.

Meditation at First Parish

Meets Sun. 9am-9:30am, Mon. 6pm-6:50pm.

Looking for support for your meditation? Beginners and experienced meditators welcome. No ongoing commitment required. To receive information and Zoom Link, please email meditation@firstparish.info.

Spirit Talk

Meets every Monday via Zoom at 4pm.

Weekly Spirit Talk discussions provide an opportunity for a small group to reflect together on a spiritual theme inspired by a different quote each week. Email spirittalk@firstparish.info for the Zoom link.

Wednesday Chapel

Meets Wednesdays via Zoom at 9pm, from October through February.

This is a 25-minute gathering of sharing, silence, poetry, and song. You can come to one or all of them. No need to sign up- just show up. See the FP website for the Zoom link, firstparish.info/events.

Men's Group

Meets every other Sunday, 7:00 pm, Zoom.

Men of all ages and backgrounds connect with and support each other on our spiritual journeys. Email mensgroup@firstparish.info for information.

Older Men Lunch Meeting

Meets every other Thursday, 12 noon, via Zoom.

First Parish's Older Men's group continues to meet, using Zoom. Email oldermen@firstparish.info for more information.

Community Potluck

Monthly, last Wednesday, 6:00pm, Vestry.

A community potluck dinner sponsored by the STAR committee, will be held indoors, in the Vestry, on the last Wednesday of the month.

Email star@firstparish.info.

Grief Support Group

Monthly, fourth Tuesday, 7:30pm, Zoom.

Monthly Lay Ministry led support for individuals who have lost loved ones. Zoom link available on firstparish.info/events.

Women Aging Well

Monthly, fourth Thursday, 11:00 am.

Join our vibrant community of women over 50 as we explore the joys and challenges of aging together. Email: agingwell@firstparish.info.

Women's Alliance: The Alliance is the women's organization in our church, with a mission to support the women in our congregation, and through that support to advance the interests and efforts of our entire church. We meet about once a month, generally on Fridays.

Women's Book Group

Monthly, ex. summer, first Thursday, 7:00 pm, Zoom.

Email womensbookgroup@firstparish.info with questions or for Zoom link. November 2025 book: *Heaven and Hell*, by Jon Kalman Stefansson.

Racial and Social Justice Groups

Racial Justice Coordinating Committee

RJCC continues to further our mission of being welcoming to all and challenging the excesses and injustices of our time. Our working group, Reckoning & Repair, is dedicated to educating ourselves about First Parish's entanglement with slavery in the 18th century and facilitating discussions about what we plan to do about this ugly past. Email: rjcc@firstparish.info

Indigenous Justice Working Group

The mission of the Indigenous Justice Working Group (IJWG) is to explore First Parish's relationship to the grave injustices experienced by the Indigenous people of MA, beginning centuries ago and continuing today. Email: ijwg@firstparish.info

Diversity Book Club

All are welcome, please join us, generally on the third Tuesday every other month on Zoom. Email: diversitybookclub@firstparish.info, for Zoom link.

Defending Democracy Working Group

Our mission is to address issues of living in a democracy consistent with UU values and principles. We are action and education oriented, non-partisan and advocate for policies that strengthen democracy and oppose those that threaten it. We are called to live our faith through action. Email: DefendingDemocracy@firstparish.info

Peace and Justice in Israel-Palestine Working Group

We organize programs, guest speakers, and films for people to reflect on events in Israel-Palestine within a framework of Unitarian Universalist values. Email: PeaceandJustice@firstparish.info