

The Sunday Teaser

First Parish Unitarian Universalist in Arlington

December 7, 2025

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

Today

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| 10:00am | Worship |
| 11:30am | Children's Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary) |
| 11:30am | Baby Carmody Baby Shower (Vestry) |
| 11:30am | Knitting Circle (Damon) |
| 12:00pm | Art Show Opening (Parlor) |
| 2:00pm | Palestine Holiday Bazaar (Vestry, Sanctuary) |
| 7:00pm | Men's Group (Zoom) |

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Religious Education this morning:

- Final week of fall term 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

Upcoming Events at First Parish

TODAY! Baby Shower for Rev. Stevie and Liz

Sunday, December 7, 11:30am, Vestry. Join us to celebrate with food, music, and cake. Bring a favorite new or gently used children's book to start Baby C's library. Financial gifts also welcome (text "FPUU babyc" to 73256 or donate via check – put "Baby Carmody" in the memo of your check).

TODAY! Congregational Art Show Opening

Sunday, December 7, 12:00pm, Parlor. Once or twice a year, the Art Team hosts Congregational Art Shows featuring work of First Parish artists. The next show opens today in the Parlor. Light refreshments will be served.

TODAY! Holiday Bazaar for Palestine – Market and Performances

Sunday, December 7, 2:00pm, Vestry and Sanctuary. Join Community Encampment for Palestine and the First Parish Peace and Justice in Israel-Palestine Working Group for a community-filled afternoon of fundraising and solidarity with vendors, baked goods, performances, and MORE!

Embrace the Darkness Worship Service

Friday, December 12, 7:00pm, Sanctuary. Parish Minister Rev. Erica Richmond will lead us in worship and Diane Taraz will offer music. This service will be an opportunity to acknowledge the darkness that surrounds the light of this festive season.

Conversations with the Ministers

Saturday, December 13, 10:00am on Zoom and Sunday, December 14, at 11:45am in the Sanctuary. Curious to know more about the work of our three ministers? Join Rev. Jonipher, Rev. Erica, and Rev. Stevie for a look behind the scenes, after which you are warmly invited to share your thoughts about what you look for from our ministers and your hopes during this period of Interim Ministry and beyond.

Singing the Children Out on Sundays

As part of our ongoing experiments this fall, we are going to try a different song to sing the children out after the Time for All Ages. The song is called "As You Go", (by Rev Suzelle Lynch and Ruben Piiarainen - UU Church West - Milwaukee, WI) We will try it for two months, starting next Sunday 12/14 and see how it feels for us and our children!

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

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| Mon | Spirit Talk 4:00pm (Zoom) In-person Meditation 6:00pm (Parlor) Unpacking Luggage 7:00pm (Parlor) |
| Tue | Lectio Divina 7:00am (Zoom) 2nd Tuesday Covenant Groups 7:00pm (1 in Damon, 2 in Parlor) Membership Comm. 7:00pm (Grady) Worship Arts Meeting 7:00pm (Shinn) |
| Wed | Lectio Divina 9:00am (Zoom) 2nd Wednesday Covenant Groups 1:30pm (Zoom) 7:00pm (Parlor) Evening Chapel 9:00pm (Zoom) |
| Thu | Lectio Divina 8:00am (Zoom) Older Men's Lunch 12:00pm (Zoom) Music Committee 6:00pm (Parlor) First Parish Choir 6:45pm (Sanctuary) First Parish Bell Choir 8:05pm (Sanctuary) |
| Fri | Embrace the Darkness 7:00pm (Sanctuary) |
| Sat | Conversation with the Ministers 10:00am (Zoom) |

Reckoning and Repair at FP

The First Parish Reckoning & Repair working group has started a fund-raising campaign to support the UU Urban Ministry's Roxbury



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empowers youth to create pathways to social and economic success by offering learning experiences, leadership skills development, and knowledge of the history of racial injustice.

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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, except summer, first Thursdays, 7:00 pm, Zoom.

Email womensbookgroup@firstparish.info with questions or for Zoom link. The book for January 2026 will be *The Yellow House* by Sarah Broom.

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