

First Parish in Cambridge January 20, 2019

Lessons from Bayard Rustin

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
Danielle Di Bona, Developmental Minister
Mandy Neff, Director of Religious Education
William Williamson, Ministerial Intern
Jonathan Barnhart, Music Director
The First Parish Choir
Peter Lowber, Welcome Team Leader

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Please join us at the beginning of worship for a Time for All Ages, then RE programs. Nursery care for children under 4 opens at 9am.

Nursery	Children under 4	Nursery, 2 nd floor
Spirit Play	PreK-1st Grade	Baldwin Rm, Mezzanine
Theme Group	2 nd – 6 th Grade	Barn Room
Lodestone	6 th – 8 th Grade	10:30 , Fuller Room
Youth Group	High School	Noon , Nursery

Shared Offering for January

Our recipient for January is **On The Rise**. **On The Rise** was founded on the ideal that dependable relationships catalyze healing and transformation. Our programs seek relationships with chronically homeless women that are long-term and relevant to their entire life experience, not just singular challenges. Each year, about 450 women engage with On The Rise, with more than 12,000 contacts: at the Safe Haven near Central Square, through street outreach, and in apartments and other locations in Cambridge and surrounding communities – building relationships and community, taking care of basic tangible needs in a safe, supportive environment, and engaging in advocacy and assistance that address complex, long-term issues like housing and health. Since 1995, On The Rise has helped hundreds of women move from surviving on the streets to living and thriving in their own housing. Please contact keyton.sheely@ontherise.org if you would like to explore volunteer opportunities or arrange a visit.

Today's Events

"White Supremacy Culture" - Sunday, January 20, 2019 12:15pm-1:45pm, in the Chapel

Please join the Racial Equity Team for a light lunch and discussion of "White Supremacy Culture" - a short (8 page) article by Tema Okun found [here](#). Please read and reflect on the article in advance of the discussion. Child care will be provided.

Questions? Contact Charlene Galarneau at charlene.galarneau@gmail.com. If you plan to attend, we'd appreciate knowing ahead (for food estimation), please email Charlene by noon, Friday, January 18. Even without advance notice, you are most welcome on the 20th.

Upcoming Events

Social Justice Breakfast

What are First Parishioners doing for social justice these days? What else might we be doing? Come to a yummy breakfast on **Sunday, January 27, at 9:00 am in the Parlor**, and be part of an informal and informed conversation about our work for community engagement, climate action, racial justice, interfaith organizing for change, education about the Middle East, and immigration advocacy. This is a chance to celebrate victories, share concerns and ideas, and talk about what to tackle in the year ahead to help make First Parish even more of a positive force to be reckoned with.

The Board Wants to Hear From You

Share your views on how well First Parish is living into its mission. Join the Governing Board and fellow congregation members at a **congregational conversation, Sunday Jan 27, 12:15 to 2:00**. A light lunch and childcare will be available.

Your experience and judgment will help the Board and senior staff as they plan for the next church year. What role do you, or the ministry team you belong to, play in ensuring that First Parish activities manifest the values and intentions expressed in our mission?

If you have questions, email Governing Board chair Rashid Shaikh at rshaikh20@gmail.com

Prayer Vigil at the Boston ICE Detention Center

Sunday, January 27, 2-3 pm

Boston-area congregations are organizing regular prayer vigils at the ICE Detention Center at the South Bay House of Corrections (20 Bradston Street in Boston) in solidarity with those detained there by ICE. Join members of First Parish as we come together to make a public statement that people of faith stand up for the rights of undocumented people. If you are interested in traveling over with a group, please email Peter at płowber@hotmail.com to coordinate.

UU History 101!!!

Our Ministerial Intern, William Williamson is offering a new adult enrichment opportunity. On **Sunday February 10th (12:30 to 2)**, we'll try to answer the question of where Unitarian Universalism came from! Content is appropriate to both people new to UU, and people who are very familiar with the basics. By the end of this class folks will know the major milestones in UU history, Unitarian history, and Universalist history. Although an RSVP is not needed, for the sake of adequate snacks please let William know if you might come at wwilliamson@firstparishcambridge.org.

First Sunday Potluck: get ready for the return of a great tradition! The Membership Team is hosting a potluck lunch on **February 3** immediately following worship services. This will enhance the traditional social hour - we request everyone to bring a dish to share and we'll sit down in the Parlor to enjoy good old-fashioned fellowship. We are especially encouraging our newcomers to attend to get to know folks who have been in the congregation longer. **The Building Team is holding a discussion forum at 12:30**, right after we eat, so plan to stick around to engage with the planning process for the entry way renovations of First Parish along Mass Ave. For more details, contact John Shaw at Js@jfds.net.

Safety Reminder

Please remember that First Parish is a public building used by many different people and groups. To ensure protection of your belongings, please don't leave belongings unattended.

Pastoral Care

Sometimes life can become stressful and hard. You may be facing a job loss, the end of a relationship, a serious illness, a family transition or a difficult conversation that you're worried about. 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

Build Community and Support First Parish

There are spots remaining in workshops sponsored by the Auction including one spot for a couple in the Partner Massage Workshop (Tuesday, Feb 12th at 7pm). There are also available spaces in the Storytelling Workshop on Feb 10th and the Tarot Evening on March 8th. There are also spots at the Pizza and Games Night on March 9th, the Italian Baked Pasta Dinner on March 16th and the Saturday Brunch on April 13th. All dinners are at First Parish in the parlor.

Check out all the available items

at <http://www.firstparishcambridge.org/connection/community-auction/>

If you would like to participate or would like more information, email the auction team at Auction@Firstparishcambridge.com. Participating in the auction events is a great way to get to know people at First Parish while raising funds to support First Parish.

From the Building Ministry Team

The church's Building Ministry Team is eager to hear from you as we begin to plan and design improvements to our front Mass Ave entrance (facade, doors, landscaping, window, and steeple).

Specifically, what do you mean by the following ideas that have been expressed as desirable? What ideas and feelings do you want the changes to provide?

- *Appear Welcoming;*
- *Demonstrate attractiveness;*
- *Be accessible;*
- *Provide security;*
- *Reflect sustainability;*
- *Retain historic legacy;*
- *Add value to Harvard Square; and*
- *Be creative.*

Please email your responses to Elizabeth Kline (elizkline@gmail.com), Building Ministry Team

Get involved!

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.

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.

Our GBLTQ-I covenant group is open. This vibrant group meets on the first Wednesday of every month. If you are interested in this group, 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!

Our Generosity — Empowering First Parish

Your financial support is important to empowering the mission of First Parish. Here are ways you can give:

- Donate, one-time or recurring, in our secure system: firstparishcambridge.org/connection/donate
- Drop checks, or cash in an envelope with your name on it, in the Sunday service offering basket or mail to the office.
- Set up First Parish in your bank's online payment system.

Events This Week

*Please note that Yoga, Music and Art Classes are not First Parish programs.
They are run by outside instructors and a fee is associated with the classes.*

Sunday January 20

10:30 am Sunday Worship
12:15 pm Racial Equity Team Discussion in the Chapel
12:30 pm Mandarin Class in the Fuller Room

Monday January 21

6:30 pm AA in the Parlor
6:30 pm Art Class in the Chapel
6:30 pm Women's Writing in the Baldwin Room
7:00 pm CISC in the Barn Room

Tuesday January 22

9:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room
5:30 pm Tuesday Meals in the Parlor
7:00 pm YAG in the Nursery

Wednesday January 23

9:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room
6:30 pm Sanctuary Board in the Nursery
6:30 pm Two Brattle in the Baldwin Room
7:00 pm BBSF in the Chapel
7:30 pm Interplay in the Barn Room
8:00 pm AA in the Parlor

Thursday January 24

9:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room
12:00 pm Yoga in the Barn Room
6:00 pm Yoga in the Barn Room
7:00 pm Beloved Conversations in the Chapel

Saturday January 26

8:30 am GSA in the Chapel
10:00 am Beloved Conversations in the Baldwin Room
10:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room