

First Parish in Cambridge

January 21, 2018

Kindling Resilience – William 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 and children 4 and older are welcome in our Religious Education Program. An usher can direct you to RE staff. Registration is required.

Participating in the Service

William Williamson, Membership Coordinator

Amanda Neff, Director of Religious Education

Jonathan Barnhart, Music Director

Carol Lewis, Director of Administration

Katrina Piehler, Welcome Team Leader

Maria Altamore, Newcomer Liaison

Religious Education for Children and Youth

Please join us for Story for All Ages, then RE programs.

Nursery	Children under 4	Nursery, 2nd Flr
Spirit Play	Pre-K-1st Grade	Baldwin Room, 2nd Flr
Love Will Guide Us	2-3 Grade	Barn Room, 2nd Flr
Bibleodeon	4-5 Grade	Fuller Room, Mezzanine
Building Bridges	6-7th Grade	Chapel, 1st Flr, (at 10:30)
OWL	8-9th Grade	Chapel, 1st Flr, (2:00-4:00pm)

Shared Offering

The Shared Offering recipient for January is **Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE)**. ACE builds the power of communities of color and low-income communities in Massachusetts to eradicate environmental racism and classism, create healthy, sustainable communities, and achieve environmental justice. It is a movement of people who have been excluded from decision-making that confronts power directly and demands fundamental changes in the rules of the game, to achieve a healthy environment. ACE is led by the constituents it serves in Roxbury, Greater Boston and Massachusetts, and its youth empowerment program, REEP, has become a model for nurturing youth leadership in the environmental justice movement. ACE also mobilizes legal and scientific resources in support of organizing strategies and has helped neighborhood groups statewide to block ethanol trains, trash transfer stations, dirty diesel exhaust and asphalt plants. ACE's T Riders Union works for transit justice, including an MBTA Youth Pass. ACE led the advocacy that resulted in the Massachusetts Environmental Protection Executive Order, and has pioneered strategies for environmental justice advocacy that have radically redefined the environmental movement nationwide. <http://www.ace-ej.org/> Please give generously.

Today's Events

Movie screening and Discussion – Noon in the Barn Room

Come see the movie *Harvest of Empire* at **noon on Sunday, January 21** in the chapel. Sponsored by the Beyond Borders/ Sin Fronteras social justice group, this award-winning film focuses on the roots of immigration to the United States by people from Central America. Learn about how United States intervention in Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico and El Salvador uprooted millions of people from their homes. See <http://harvestofempiremovie.com/>. Snacks and discussion are included.

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

Upcoming Events

How is the health care system affecting you? Sunday, January 28

Come share your stories on **Sunday, January 28** at 12:00 in the Barn Room. We will break up into small groups of 5 to 7 people to give everyone a chance to share. As part of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization, we have the opportunity to have these personal stories influence state lawmakers and agencies to improve the health care system. The themes (but not names) that come out of such small group discussions at GBIO's 45 member congregations will help GBIO strategize and plan future public meetings with state officials. You can be a part of those meetings too.

GBIO has made a difference in health care reform before! In 2006 GBIO, Health Care For All and a broad coalition passed landmark health expansions, which became the model for federal law (ACA/Obamacare). Now Massachusetts has the highest rate of coverage in the country. But lack of federal attacks and lack of affordability is undermining this progress. This year the state legislature is working on bills to address this and other issues, such as high hospital and prescription drug costs, and inadequate mental health care and coordination. The voice of the community is vital in passing such new reforms and defending what we already have.

Getting Involved

Support Our Sanctuary Guest and Her Two Children

As a member of the Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition, First Parish is providing volunteers in support of providing sanctuary for a woman and her 2 children. Volunteer opportunities are available seven days/week. Volunteering is easy and rewarding and we'll pair you with an experienced volunteer so you won't be on your own. Please email Rebecca Balder at BBSF@firstparishcambridge.org to learn more.

Safe Congregation

At First Parish we covenant to welcome all people to the table, to nourish and serve each other and to respect and honor the inherent worth and dignity of every person. To achieve these goals it is essential that we maintain a safe environment that protects children and adults from harm while fostering their spiritual growth. We encourage anyone who has witnessed or experienced verbal, sexual or physical abuse at First Parish to contact the appropriate team (adults and children respectively):

SafeCongregation@firstparishcambridge.org or
safechildren@firstparishcambridge.org

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

10:30 am Sunday Worship
12:00 pm Child Care in the Baldwin Room
12:00 pm BBSF Film Event in the Barn Room
6:30 pm Circle Dance Meditation in the Barn Room

Monday

9:30 am Groovy Baby Music in the Chapel
10:00 am Covenant Group in the Nursery
5:30 pm Harvard Extension Drama in the Barn Room
6:30 pm AA in the Parlor
6:30 pm Art Class in the Chapel
6:30 pm Women's Writing in the Fuller Room

Tuesday

9:00 am Groovy Baby Music in the Chapel
9:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room
5:30 pm Tuesdays Meals in the Parlor
5:30 pm Harvard Extension Drama in the Barn Room
7:00 pm Young Adults Group in the Nursery

Wednesday

6:30 pm Two Brattle in the Baldwin Room
7:00 pm BBSF in the Chapel
7:00 pm Sanctuary Boston Board in the Landing Room
7:30 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

Friday

10:00 am Groovy Baby Music in the Chapel
3:00 pm People's Music Network Concert – MH, Parlor, CH

Saturday

8:30 am GSA in the Baldwin Room
10:00 am Teacher Training in the Auditorium
10:00 am Yoga in the Barn Room