

First Parish in Cambridge

January 7, 2018

Resolution or Resolve – 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 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

Adam Lawrence Dyer, Lead Minister
Amanda Neff, Director of Religious Education
Jonathan Barnhart, Music Director
The First Parish Choir
William Williamson, Membership Coordinator
Carol Lewis, Director of Administration
Robin Brown, Welcome Team Leader
Rashid Shaikh, Newcomer Liaison
Sana Saeed, Chalice Lighter & Covenant Reader

Religious Education for Children and Youth

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

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

Shared Offering

The Shared Offering recipient for January is **Action 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

Children's Choir Rehearsal for Installation at Noon in the Chapel.

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

Flowers for Sunday Morning

A reminder that fresh flower bouquets to decorate the Meetinghouse for Sunday worship may be ordered by contacting Office Assistant, Laura Smith, at 617-876-7772 or officeassist@firstparishcambridge.org. Bouquets are \$50. Most upcoming Sundays are available.

Upcoming Events

Ordination and Installation of Adam Lawrence Dyer Saturday, January 13 at Noon

A reminder that we will joyously ordain Adam as a Unitarian Universalist minister and then install him as our Lead Minister in a service of Ordination and Installation next Saturday at Noon. A reception will follow in the Barn Room. Everyone is welcome to join in this celebratory occasion. To help us plan the reception, please RSVP to Carol Lewis at office@firstparishcambridge.org by Tuesday, January 9.

Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 15

Here is the overview:

Cambridge's Annual MLK Day Commemoration and Remembrance Monday, January 15, 2018 • 11:00 AM

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Central Sq., Cambridge

In this time of renewed focus on the challenges of sexism, racism, xenophobia, fear, and threats of violence – and on action for peace, justice, and equality – please join us as we remember and celebrate the life and work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

* 11:00 AM to 12:45 PM: Celebration of Dr. King's Life and Work for Peace, Justice, and Transformation • inside St. Peter's Episcopal Church • 838 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge

* 12:45 to 1:45 PM: Lunch and Gathering at the Church • In the undercroft (basement) at St. Peter's Episcopal Church • 838 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge

Cambridge Forum – January 18 at 7:00 pm

Stories and Literature are much more than entertainment – they shape our world. On Thursday, January 18 at 7 pm Harvard Professor Martin Puchner, leads us on a remarkable journey through time and place to reveal the powerful role that stories have played in creating the world of today. He is General Editor of the *Norton Anthology of World Literature* and teaches a Harvard X online course with students around the globe. Please join us for a fascinating discussion; doors open at 6.30 pm. This Cambridge Forum event is free and open to all. www.cambridgeforum.org

Getting Involved

Volunteer this Winter Season at Y2Y

If you'll be in the Boston or Cambridge area during **Harvard Winter Break, now thru January 23**, volunteers are still needed to help out at Y2Y while their regular volunteers return home. The signup sheet is [here](#), and feel free to sign up or email volunteer.y2y@gmail.com with any questions!

Support Our Sanctuary Guest and Her Two Children

As many of you know, a woman and her two young children are in Sanctuary at University Lutheran. As a member of the Cambridge Interfaith Sanctuary Coalition, First Parish is providing volunteers in support of this effort. 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

Covenant Groups – Get Connected

Elders Group

The Elders group will meet next on Tuesday **January 9th** at 2:30 pm
This is a DATE CHANGE due to the holidays. We will return to the 1st
Tuesday in February.

GBLTQ-I Covenant Group

The new Covenant Group for those who identify as GBLTQ-I will meet
on **Wednesday, January 10** at 7:00 pm in the Fuller Rm. Subsequent
meetings will be on the 1st Wednesday of each month beginning in
February. Peggy Kraft will facilitate. If you have questions or are
interested in participating, contact Rev. Danielle at 617-876-7772 or
devminister@firstparishcambridge.org

Join!

Join a Covenant Group! We gather in covenant groups every month to
examine a topic and discuss how it speaks to us as humans, and as spiritual
beings. Groups covenant to attend each gathering and to stay the course
until the group ends.

Folks who have participated in a Covenant Group have said that they
have connected deeply with each other, have been transformed, and have
grown spiritually.

Currently First Parish has 3 covenant groups that are open and open
ended. If you would like to try one out please contact the Lead
Facilitator.

4th Monday of the month: Valerie Fullum (vfullum@msn.com)

3rd Wednesday of the month: Marcia Yousik (myousik48@gmail.com)

3rd Thursday of the month: Susan Shepherd (sshep352@comcast.net)

If this schedule does not work for you, contact Developmental Minister,
Danielle Di Bona, devminister@firstparishcambridge.org. New groups
will be formed based on interest. All are welcome. Please come and try
one out.

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
12:00 pm
12:00 pm
2:00 pm

January 7

Sunday Worship
Child Care in the Baldwin Room
Mandarin Class in the Fuller Room
OWL in the Chapel

Monday

8:30 am
6:30 pm
6:30 pm
6:30 pm

January 8

Cambridge Homeless Court in the Parlor
AA in the Parlor
Art Class in the Chapel
Women's Writing Group in the Fuller Room

Tuesday

9:00 am
5:30 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm

January 9

Yoga in the Barn Room
Tuesdays Meals in the Parlor
Finance Committee in the Chapel
RE Council in the Barn Room
YAG in the Nursery

Wednesday

6:30 pm
6:30 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm
7:00 pm
8:00 pm

January 10

Sanctuary Boston Board on the Landing
Two Brattle in the Baldwin Room
EJTF in the Chapel
Interplay in the Barn Room
LGBTQ Covenant Group in the Fuller Room
AA in the Parlor

Thursday

9:00 am
12:00 pm
6:00 pm
6:00 pm
7:00 pm

January 11

Yoga in the Barn Room
Yoga in the Barn Room
Yoga in the Barn Room
BASEA in the Parlor
Choir Rehearsal

Friday

January 12

Saturday

Noon

January 13

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