

# ON HERITAGE AMERICANS

by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Sunday, November 30, 2025

“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free” - Emma Lazarus, The New Colossus

Senior Minister SM Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger  
Minister of Faith Development MFD Rev. Annie Gonzalez  
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Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC Nate Sellers  
Music Director MD Brad Conner  
Youth Choir Director LCD Janet Welby  
Steve Sussman, *piano*

## A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Natalie McClaine, Em Bradford, Bob Batt, Margaret Jackson, Carla and Paul Bradford, Lee Vorderer, Carol Epple

## If you are visiting today, Welcome!

After services, all are invited to join us for fellowship and coffee in the Common Room. Stop by the Welcome Table and complete a blue card to be added to our email list.

## Assistance & Accessibility

Hearing assisting devices are located at the back of the Sanctuary and in Page Room. Large print bulletins and hymnals are available. All floors are accessible by our elevator at the Elm St. entrance. If you prefer privacy, the back two rows of pews and the upstairs Bacon room will not appear on zoom. Our masking & fragrance-free room is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Noise cancelling earphones are available. Ushers are on hand to help. Please wear a name tag. New tags can be requested at the Welcome Table.

## Youth

†All children, 4 to 14, are invited to join classes. Childcare for infants and children under 3 is available most Sunday mornings in our downstairs nursery.

## Today's FD Classrooms

PreK - 5<sup>th</sup> Rm L02  
6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Rm 204

# ORDER OF SERVICE

SOUND OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING & FIRST ADVENT CANDLE- Family

OPENING WORDS SM

\*OPENING HYMN

“We Would Be One” No. 318

\*\*UNISON AFFIRMATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES SM

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

May your mind be open to new learning

May your lips bring truth into the world

May your heart know love, and your hands do the work of justice  
as you go your way in peace, as you go your way in peace.

JOYS AND CONCERNS LPCA

MEDITATION HYMN

“Spirit of Life” No. 123

OFFERING WORDS WA

OFFERTORY

READING WA

Letter from Ben Franklin to Peter Collinson (1753)

SERMON SM

“On Heritage Americans” by Rev. Jamie

CLOSING HYMN

“One More Step” No. 168

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

\*\*See back of

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Bedford Lyceums

The second in the new series of Bedford Lyceums will happen in two weeks, on **December 7 at 9 a.m.** just before church. Dean Groves will discuss “My Life in Music”.

## Capital Campaign Update

To assess infrastructure project priorities & values, GreenerU consultants will run a workshop from 11:30 - 1 pm on Tues Dec 2 in Room 204. All are welcome to join this workshop either in-person or via Zoom.

## WEEK AHEAD

THURSDAY	HAPPY THANKSGIVING	
FRIDAY	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY-OFFICE CLOSED	
SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Grief Group
	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
	7:00 PM	Capital Campaign Committee
TUESDAY	11:30 AM	Capital Campaign Meeting
	5:30 PM	Stewardship Committee
	7:00 PM	Meditation
	7:15 PM	AI-Anon Paren Group
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	JYG
	7:00 PM	EJC
	7:30 PM	BFC Book Club
THURSDAY	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
	7:30 PM	Grief Group
FRIDAY	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	2:00 PM	Potluck
SATURDAY	2:00 PM	HOLIDAY ARTISANS MARKET

~check the website calendar for more details~

## OPEN GROUPS & PROGRAMS

### Faith Development

Sunday (PreK - 7<sup>th</sup>) during Sun Service  
Jr. Youth Group (6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>) Wed 3:30 - 5 pm  
Sr. Youth Group (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Sun 2:30 - 4 pm

### Choirs

Adult Choir Thur 7:30 pm  
Sr. Youth Choirs (6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>) Thur 4:00-4:15pm  
Jr. Youth Choirs (3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>) Thur 4:00-4:15pm  
KidSing (age 5-2<sup>nd</sup>) Contact Janet Welby

### Drop-In Meditation Group

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & last Tue 7pm

### Vespers

2<sup>nd</sup> Tue 7 pm

### Women's Book Group

monthly Sun. 6 pm

### Short Story Group

Thur 9:30 am

### Join a Small Group

contact Rev. Annie

### Multigenerational Gaming Gathering

3<sup>rd</sup> Sun 2 pm

### Friday Night Potluck Dinner

1<sup>st</sup> Fri 6 pm

### Immigration Justice Committee

contact Cecile Mercado

## UNISON AFFIRMATION

Love is the spirit of this church  
And service is its law.  
This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek the truth in love,  
And to help one another.

El amor es el Espíritu de esta Iglesia  
y el servicio es su ley.  
Este es nuestro gran pacto:  
Vivir juntos en paz,  
buscar la verdad en espíritu de amor,  
y ayudarnos los unos a los otros.

“Connect” with us to be added to our email list.



Volunteer



Connect



Donate

**Parish Office:** Monday to Friday, 10:AM - 2:00 PM  
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### Church Staff

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Ted Carlson, Peter Cho,  
Wendy Innis, Susan Lincoln

### Church Committee Chairs

**Environmental Justice (EJC):** Ginny Steel  
**Finance:** Wendy Innis, *treasurer*  
Gallery@FirstParish  
**Hospitality:** Maria Green, Doris Smith

**Immigration Justice:** Catherine Van Praagh  
Cecile Mercado

**IT:** Sandy Currier

**Lay Pastoral:** Elizabeth Connors

**Membership:** TBA

**Music:** Lisa Tohline

**Nominating:** Sarah Dorer

**Parish Council:** Bea Brunkhorst

**Partner Church:** Sharon McDonald

**Personnel:** Carol Gregory

**Physical Plant:** Joel Parks

**Stewardship:** Sarah Dorer, Bill Rabinowitz

**Social Responsibility:** Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw

**UU Urban Ministry Delegates:** Cecile Mercado & Robert Schmalz

# FIRST PARISH IN BEDFORD

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST  
CONGREGATION



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**NOVEMBER 30, 2025  
10:00 AM**

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Bedford, MA



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