

## RE-GIFTING HOPE

by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Sunday, December 14, 2025

*"We receive fragments of holiness, glimpses of eternity, brief moments of insight. Let us gather them up for the precious gifts that they are."*

Sarah York

Senior Minister SM	Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
Minister of Faith Development MFD	Rev. Annie Gonzalez
Worship Associate WA	Marya Dantzer
Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA	Lay Pastoral Care Team
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC	Nate Sellers
Choir Director MD	Brad Conner
Youth Choir Director LCD	Janet Welby
	First Parish Adult Choir
	Steve Sussman, <i>piano</i>
	Elizabeth Connors, <i>clarinet</i>
	Carlough Faulkner-Carroll, <i>violin</i>

### A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Bill Rabinowitz, Chris Tohline, Cecile Mercado, Clayton Springer, Linda Conrad, Carla Bradford, Susan Lincoln, Margaret Jackson, Jenn Puhle

#### Focal Point

donated by Rich Suval

*"To the tech team here at FPB, without whose efforts we would be less than we are. Rich and Ellen"*

### 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 & ADVENT CANDLES

LIGHTING MENORRAH

OPENING WORDS SM

\*OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" No. 126

\*\*UNISON AFFIRMATION

TIME FOR ALL AGES DFDC

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

ANTHEM

*Hanukkah Shalom*, Hebrew traditional, arr. Schwartz/Conner

REFLECTION WA

OFFERING WORDS SM

OFFERTORY

SERMON SM

"Re-gifting Hope" by Rev. Jamie

CLOSING HYMN

"Love Will Guide Us" No. 131

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE

*Hine ma tov*, Hebrew traditional, arr. Naplan

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

\*\*See back of

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Over the past year, several potential FPB upgrades have been identified. Projects span different physical needs, community values, and monetary costs. We need your input to choose among many possible options. Everyone is invited to complete the digital survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y5TRVC9>

Please complete this questionnaire about infrastructure problems, solutions and expenses by Jan 5.

### WEEK AHEAD

### HAPPY HANUKKAH!

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	SYG
MONDAY	10:00 AM	Grief Group
	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
	6:00 PM	Bedford VA Holiday Program
	7:00 PM	Capital Campaign Committee-ZOOM
TUESDAY	7:00 PM	Meditation
	7:30 PM	SRC
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	JYG
	6:30 PM	Grief Group
	7:00 PM	Parish Board Meeting
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group - ZOOM
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs
	6:30 PM	Worship Associates
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	5:00 PM	Yin Yoga
	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs
SATURDAY	9:00 AM	Adult Choir Rehearsal

~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  
781-275-7994

### Church Staff

**Senior Minister:** Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger  
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**Parish Board:** Mark Bailey, Bea Brunkhorst,  
Ted Carlson, Peter Cho,  
Wendy Innis, Susan Lincoln

### Church Committee Chairs

**Environmental Justice (EJC):** Ginny Steel

**Finance:** Wendy Innis, *treasurer*

**Gallery@FirstParish:** Maria Green, Doris Smith

**Hospitality:** Catherine Van Praagh

**Immigration Justice:** 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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**DECEMBER 14, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

75 Great Road  
Bedford, MA



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