

TEA PARTIES AND MUD BALL (Stewardship Service)

by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Sunday, March 15, 2026

“As we enjoy these shady trees, our elders had from saplings grown, for those to come we sow our seeds that they may reap what we have sown.”

-Dean Groves

Why First Parish is Important to Me?

“Being at First Parish is an exhale after holding your breath all week.”

Senior Minister SM	Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
Minister of Faith Development MFD	Rev. Annie Gonzalez
Worship Associate WA	Jenn McClain
Lay Pastoral Associate LPCA	Marge Heckman
Dir. of Faith Dev. For Children DFDC	Nate Sellers
Music Director MD	Brad Conner
Youth Choir Director LCD	Janet Welby
Music	<i>Steve Sussman, piano</i>

A Warm Thanks to Today's Volunteers

Bob Batt, Carla Bradford, Paul Bradford, Carol Epple, Bob Dorer, Craig Jackson, Ellen Scheiner, Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw, Clayton Springer, Sara Sullivan & Lee Vorderer

Focal Point Donated by

Melinda Ballou

“In honor of Patrick's, Benji's and Larc's birthdays.”

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 2nd 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 th	Rm L02
6 th -7 th	Rm 204

ORDER OF SERVICE

SOUND OF THE BELL

PRELUDE

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS WA

CHALICE LIGHTING

OPENING WORDS SM

***OPENING HYMN**

“Gather the Spirit” No. 347

****UNISON AFFIRMATION**

TIME FOR ALL AGES SM

“Tea Parties and Mud Ball” by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

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

REFLECTION

“Charitable Giving” by Jenn McClain

OFFERING SM

OFFERTORY

SERMON SM

“Tea Parties and Mud Ball” by Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

***CLOSING HYMN**

“As We Enjoy These Shady Trees” by Dean Groves

BENEDICTION AND EXTINGUISH CHALICE SM

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Irish Celebration Concert: Saturday, March 14th at 5PM!

Stewardship & Capital Campaign Launch - FPB's annual stewardship and capital campaign begin on March 15. Pledge cards for both drives are going out this week. Please consider your contributions to these fundraisers and return completed cards to the office. Pledges may also be submitted online at <https://uubedford.org/get-involved/pledge/>.

This year's Talents & Treasures Auction takes place on the evening of Saturday, March 28 at the church. The catalog will remain open for one more week. So please submit your auction donations at FirstParishBedford.auctria.events. Or point your device at the QR code listed in Friday's digital notices. Thanks!

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	10:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:30 AM	Fellowship & Coffee
	11:30 AM	Budget Presentation
	11:30 AM	SYG
	2:00 PM	Multigenerational Games
MONDAY	1:00 PM	Knot Committee
	7:00 PM	Capital Campaign (ZOOM)
TUESDAY	10:30 AM	Ops. Staff Mtg.
	2:00 PM	In-Person 6 Month SGM
	7:00 PM	Meditation
	7:30 PM	SRC (ZOOM)
WEDNESDAY	3:30 PM	Junior Youth Group
	7:00 PM	Parish Board Mtg.
THURSDAY	9:30 AM	Short Story Group (ZOOM)
	4:00 PM	Youth Choirs Rehearsal
	6:30 PM	Worship Associates
	7:00 PM	Grief Drop-In Space
	7:30 PM	Adult Choir
FRIDAY	5:00 PM	Youth Choirs Rehearsal
	5:00 PM	Public Witness Standout
	6:00 PM	Food for Thought
SATURDAY	10:00 AM	Public Witness Standout
	1:30 PM	Richard Golembeski Memorial

***Please rise in body or spirit. **Please see back of bulletin.**

~check the website calendar for more details~

OPEN GROUPS & PROGRAMS

Faith Development

Sunday (PreK - 7th) during Sun Service
Jr. Youth Group (6th - 8th) Wed 3:30 - 5 pm
Sr. Youth Group (9th - 12th) Sun 11:30 - 1 pm

Choirs

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

Drop-In Meditation Group

1st, 3rd, 4th & last Tue 7pm

Vespers

2nd 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

3rd Sun 2 pm

Friday Night Potluck Dinner

1st 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

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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



ORDER OF SERVICE

MARCH 15, 2026
10:00 AM

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Bedford, MA



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