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Upcoming Sunday Services*

*To join us via ZOOM, click on: <https://www.uubedford.org/worship/upcoming-services/>

Our May theme is "Hope is up to all of us."

Sunday, May 3rd

Title: "It's Music Sunday! We Are ..."

What do you get when you have the adult choir joined by the youth choirs joined by instrumentalists and including a reflection and readings by Revs. Jamie and Annie? It must be Music Sunday! This year's music will truly encompass First Parish's values and focus as we navigate these trying times. It's a collection of music that reflects the diversity of who "we are" while celebrating various cultural and ethnic groups. If you're looking for a bit of happiness and an escape from the cares of the world, this is the service for you!

Sunday, May 10th

Title: "Follow the Goosebumps" (Led by Rev. Ali Jablonsky)

What moments take our breath away and give us goosebumps? Let's explore these moments and how following the goosebumps can help us change our world for the better.

Bio: Rev. Ali Jablonsky is an affiliated minister at Arlington Street Church, an instructor at Harvard Divinity School, and a hospital chaplain. Ali just finished eight years at Tufts Medical Center, where she served as the Spiritual Care Director. Ali loves empowering others to define what is holy. Ali finds holy ground in poetry, in long walks, and in fashion.

Sunday, May 17th

Title: "Coming of Age" (Led by FPB Youth)

This unique service led by the youth who have been in our year-long Coming of Age program will be an uplifting experience as always. Come hear from our 9th and 10th graders about what they believe and value.

Sunday, May 24th

Title: "Sermon Auction Winner - Symptoms and Causes" (Led by Rev. Jamie)

This Sunday's topic is chosen by the 2025 sermon auction winner. We will examine the Trump phenomenon and ask, to what extent is Trump the author of the changes (one might say calamities) we see around us, and to what extent is he the symptom of other longstanding stresses, strains, and dysfunctions in American life that are now manifesting? Is he the cause or the symptom? Both? And then, what do we do?

	Sunday, May 31st Title: "Celebrating Our Multigenerational Connections" (<i>Led by Rev. Annie</i>) This month's theme is "hope is up to all of us" and in this all ages service we will celebrate the adults who make our children and youth programs possible along with our senior youth bridging into young adulthood. Come find hope in the community connections found at First Parish in Bedford.
Next deadline is May 25th	The Parishioner is published monthly. Deadline is generally the last Monday of each month. Send submissions to: editors@uubedford.org.

A Note from Jamie

Dear First Parish Members and Friends,

It is a beautiful spring day here in Bedford, as picture perfect a spring day as one could ask for. And we are coming out of another bruising weekend of bad and upsetting news, our national life once again punctuated by chaos and violence. I offer you as a partial antidote a favorite from Mary Oliver.

When I am among the trees,
especially the willows and the honey locust,
equally the beech, the oaks and the pines,
they give off such hints of gladness,
I would almost say that they save me, and daily.
I am so distant from the hope of myself,
in which I have goodness, and discernment,
and never hurry through the world
but walk slowly, and bow often.
Around me the trees stir in their leaves
and call out, "Stay awhile."
The light flows from their branches.
And they call again, "It's simple," they say,
"and you too have come
into the world to do this, to go easy, to be filled
with light, and to shine.

The month of May at First Parish will be full of art and nature and fellowship—Music Sunday, Ferry Beach, the Plant Fair, and much more. Let's go slowly and bow often. May the beauty inside us and the beauty around us be, at least in part, an answer and a balm offered for this hurting world.

Peace,
Jamie

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie".

Parish Board Notes

April school vacation is like the top of a slide that delivers you into summer. The ride through the spring is exhilarating and sometimes a bit fast, but at the bottom you land on your feet (hopefully).

The Board's work in May will focus on the annual meeting on June 14: finalizing the budget, preparing to support the implementation of the capital campaign projects, and reviewing new committee candidates. The Board is also excited to help as needed with the development of the support structure for our incoming ministerial intern.

Looking back at March and April (the top rungs on my “spring slide”), the Board has:

- spent time examining and drafting a media policy;
- approved the reconstruction of the Elm Street walkway to occur simultaneously with the Town Common improvements;
- and engaged in many discussions regarding outreach to the community to invite in visitors and newcomers, especially in our youth and young adult programs.

Please read our March minutes [here](#), which include the ministerial reports.

Happy Spring!

-Stacy Chandler, Parish Board President

Office Matters

As we welcome in the very, merry month of May, we start off with “**May Day.**” Please join the Public Witness Team in the Common Room on Friday, May 1st at 10AM. Later that day, we will have our first Friday Potluck dinner in the Common Room at 6PM. On Sunday, May 3rd at 10AM, we celebrate Music Sunday! As the month moves on, we have the Ferry Beach Retreat on Mother’s Day weekend and the 70th Annual Plant & Craft Fair on Saturday, May 16th. As always, please be sure to read further in this newsletter and visit the main [Calendar](#) to see all of our upcoming activities.

***REMINDER: Pledge & Capital Campaign Payments**.....our new 2026/2027 Stewardship campaign and Capital Campaign have officially ended. As you send in payments, **PLEASE** make sure to write the appropriate designation on the memo line of your check (i.e. Pledge Year 26/27 or Capital Campaign). **Also, if you are making an online payment, please make sure to select the appropriate designation from the drop-down menus in Breeze.** These steps will help us accurately credit your pledge and donations. If you have any questions, please email or contact me at the office.

***Reimbursement Requests**.....there are green reimbursement forms in the office, so if you would like to grab a couple the next time you are in the building, please feel free. Hold on to your receipts and submit them (along with the reimbursement form) to the appropriate Committee Chairperson for approval/signature. **Also, it’s very important to check with the Chairperson on which line item in the budget should be debited.** Once it’s complete, please submit everything to me in the office or leave them in my mailbox out back. Also please remember to include the address where you wish to have the check mailed. Typically, I work on accounts payable every Wednesday morning and checks go out in Friday’s mail.

***Booking Rooms/Zooms**.....in an effort to accommodate everyone fairly, I ask that all requests for rooms/Zoom meetings be made in advance by at least 3-5 business days. We understand last minute requests will occasionally happen, but if everyone tries to work within these parameters, we will be more successful in meeting your needs.

***Hybrid Meetings/Technology**.....If you’re having a hybrid meeting, please reach out to the office and request our OWL camera or speakerphone. The camera, phone and all the accessories can be found in the locked cabinet under the mailboxes. Also, we now have ethernet cables (and two types of adapters available) in the following rooms: Common Room, 204 and 203. To book the Owl camera, the speakerphone or request to use one of the adapters, please contact Claudia at the office.

***IMPORTANT REMINDER: Leftover Food Policy**.....with all of the food events coming up, this is a reminder about our leftover food policy we put in place with regards to Memorial Services, receptions, parties, etc.... This policy was created in conjunction with the members of the Hospitality Team to addresses safety concerns (i.e. food allergies) and food waste concerns. Below please find the details:

- Leftover perishable foods can only be served to children/youth the same day;

- Common allergen food labels in bowl/basket to be put out with foods being served to reduce accidental consumption;
- Provide communication to internal/external groups that **all food must be removed after the event**, with the exception of packaged food or one medium tray per item (i.e. one vegetable tray, one fruit tray, etc...);
- Tape/marker will be left in the kitchen for easy labeling of dates on food;
- Ice cream related toppings need to be checked for expiration dates so they don't pile up.

Email Lists.....**please find below an explanation of ***our three email lists for use by the First Parish community. For anyone who would like to join one (or more) of the three email lists, please contact me so I can verify whether or not you're already signed up. If you're not, I can add you with your preferred email address. *(Note: sometimes these messages might end up in your Spam/Junk folders, so please double-check those folders).* As always, we ask that you be mindful of each of their uses, and please remember to be kind and respectful with your communications.

- Parish Business (ParishBiz) List – communicates important news and events from FP staff and leadership to the parish. **We encourage all Parishioners to subscribe to ParishBiz.**
- Announcement (Anno) List – used to *facilitate* announcements of news and events of general interest to the community (i.e. Does anyone know a good chiropractor?).
- Discussion (Disc) List – a means of promoting (*or responding to*) the discussion of issues of general interest to the community.

- Brenda Rybicki, Parish Administrator

Musical Notes

Here's the planned music for 10 a.m. services in the upcoming month:

Sunday, May 3rd: It's Music Sunday! The theme for the morning is "We Are ..." based on the beloved hymn in our teal hymnal. The objective has been to include music that reflects the diversity of our society and include as many different aspects of who "we are" as possible. The adult choir will be joined by the youth choirs and instrumentalists, including Sandra LaBarge-Neumann-organ, Steve Sussman-piano, Carol Epple-flute, Elizabeth Connors-clarinet and Nathan Kimball-cello. Assembling the line-up of music for this Music Sunday has been one of the most intense and rewarding journeys I've ever experienced during my entire 21 years at First Parish. There will be music and poetry by different genders, by members of the LGBTQ+ community as well as people of various beliefs and ethnic backgrounds. All are welcome, because "we are" isn't just about each of us, it's about all of us. More information is on the front page of this newsletter!

Sunday, May 10th: Steve Sussman will be playing piano.

Sunday, May 17th: Steve Sussman will be playing piano.

Sunday, May 24th: Steve Sussman will be playing piano. Elliot Carroll will be singing "You'll Be Back" from Lin Manual Miranda's "Hamilton".

Sunday, May 31st: Steve Sussman will be playing piano. The youth choirs will be singing under the dynamic direction of Janet Welby. This will be the last appearance of the youth choirs for this church year. We look forward to their return in the fall.

Speaking of the youth choirs, as previously announced this past month on ParishBiz by Jamie and me, **Janet Welby** will continue in her position as the Youth Choir Director. I am joined by the Music Committee, the ministers, staff, First Parish Board, parents and members of the congregation in celebrating that she is able to carry on her excellent work

through her inspired leadership. As First Parish continues to focus on the growth of all our youth programs, everyone feels Janet's dedication to the youth choirs will provide needed stability as we move forward.

Mark your calendars! On **Saturday evening, June 20, 2026 at 7 p.m.** the Music Committee will host **An Evening of Jazz**, their final concert presentation of 2025-2026 featuring First Parish performers and special guests. More information is elsewhere in this newsletter and on the First Parish website.

The choir is now winding down for the end of the church year. Maybe now is the time to think about joining next year. Our rehearsals will start in September and some terrific music is being planned. Rehearsals are filled with good singing, humor and many musical rewards. The adult choir is a happy and lively subcommunity within the wonderful bigger First Parish community. If you'd like more information, please e-mail me at bconner@uubedford.org.

Additional information about both the adult and youth choirs is below and on the First Parish website.

If you know parents with children who are looking for a good youth choir for their kids, send them to Janet Welby for any questions youthchoirs@uubedford.org

- Bradford Conner, Music Director

Rehearsal Schedule of First Parish Choirs for All Ages

- **Adult Choir** – every Thursday from 7:30-9:00 p.m. in the sanctuary
- **Senior Youth Choir** (Grades 6-12) and **Junior Youth Choir** (Grades 3-5) – Joint rehearsals will be held every **Thursday** from 4:00-4:45 p.m. **AND** every **Friday** from 5:00-5:45 p.m. (please note that rehearsals are scheduled for 45 minutes); the same material will be covered in each consecutive rehearsal every week and participating youth can choose which rehearsal works best with their schedule; all Thursday rehearsals will be in the common room; for Friday rehearsals, the first Friday of every month will be in the sanctuary and all other Fridays will be in the common room
- **KidSing** (Age 5 through Grade 2) On hiatus; reactivation will be announced in the future

For adult choir information, please contact Brad Conner at bconner@uubedford.org. For youth choirs information, please contact Janet Welby at youthchoirs@uubedford.org

Senior Youth Group

SYG had a chill April with some food, conversations and games. We head into May where we'll celebrate our Coming of Age youth and have a retreat to say goodbye to our seniors.

Sunday May 3rd- 11:30 am - 1 pm Regular SYG

Sunday May 10th - Ferry Beach Weekend - NO SYG

Sunday May 17th - 12 - 1 pm Celebrate our Coming of Age youth!

Sunday May 24th - Memorial Day Weekend - NO SYG

Friday May 29th - Saturday May 30th - Lake House Get Away in New Hampshire, all senior youth invited to join!

Youth FD Programs

We've got a really full (and fun) month ahead in Faith Development for Children.

JYG 2.0 kicks off this Sunday, 5/3, from 11:45 AM to 1:15 PM. It will be a lot like this fall's JYG 2.0 program, with food, games, and time to connect, but we're also hoping to mix in a few small adventures along the way. For now, you can expect a simple, good mix of outside games, good food, and space to just hang out and build community. This will run through May and into the first week of June.

May 3rd is also the final Building Bridges class of the year, and we're ending with a Jeopardy-style review to wrap things up. After that, our middle school group will spend the rest of the month teaming up with our K to 5 kids on a couple of community service projects. It should be a really nice way to build connections across age groups while doing something meaningful together.

You will also see us at the First Parish Plant & Craft Fair. Come find the Faith Development table for an environmental craft and some face painting.

We also have a couple of meaningful Sundays coming up:

May 17th is our Coming of Age Service.

May 31st is Faith Development Appreciation Sunday.

Looking forward to all of it and hope you can be part of it in some way.

-Nate Sellers, Director of Faith Development for Children

Young Adult Picnic

Sunday May 3rd 2-4 pm

Rain date: Sunday, May 17, 2-4 pm

Local UU young adults (graduated high school or equivalent up to early 30's) are invited to a picnic at Walden Pond. Please bring your own picnic and a blanket or chair. You're welcome to bring a partner or friend if you wish. Let's meet at First Parish in Concord, 20 Lexington Road so we can carpool together.



Vespers Services

Randi Currier will lead our second Tuesday Vespers on May 11th at 7 pm in the Bacon Room or on zoom. Come for silence and song, candles and sharing. A brief and soothing service.

Women's Book Group

The May book is "James" by Percival Everett. The book is a reimagining of the "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" told from Jim's perspective. The discussion/potluck will be May 17th at 6 p.m. in the Common Room. Please join us!

Our remaining church year calendar (please note the June meeting has been moved up a week to June 7):

Meeting Date	Book	Author
5/17/2026	James	Percival Everett
6/7/2026	Book Selection for the following year	

SRC Update

*"Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free"*
– Emma Lazarus, New Colossus

According to the American Immigration Council, a record 73,000 people were being held in ICE detention as of mid-January 2026 — a 75% increase in just 1 year — in extremely harsh, abusive, and sometimes fatal detention conditions that include severe overcrowding and a lack of access to food, basic necessities, medical care, and legal representation.

Our May Share the Plate recipient is the Beyond Bond and Legal Defense Fund, a project incubated by the Boston Immigration Justice Accompaniment Network (BIJAN) that is dedicated to freeing people from these horrifying conditions. The Bond Fund raises money for immigration bonds to free people in ICE prisons in Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and elsewhere who will live in Massachusetts upon release. The Bond Fund also supplements legal fees to help people get out of immigration prison and, at times, it provides funds toward legal fees for asylum proceedings.

Half of the Sunday collection from the April 26 service was shared with the Bond Fund to support its good work. You can add your support by contributing online (select "Give to Share the Plate Sunday").

Do you know of another organization making a difference that would benefit from visibility and financial support? While our Share the Plate recipients and most of our grant funds have been finalized for the current church year, we are already collecting ideas for the fall! Propose a recipient using our online forms or reach out to socialresponsibility@uubedford.org and we will be glad to guide you.

- Heather Black on behalf of the Social Responsibility Council



Auction Wrap-up

Thanks to everyone who helped make this springtime's Auction a fun success. A good time was had by all on Auction night. And several wonderful auction-related events will take place over the coming year.

A reminder that auction payments are on the honor system. If you haven't already paid for your winnings, please double check that you received an auto-generated email late on March 28. It contains a web link which can be used to pay online via credit card. Alternatively, send a check into the office with "Auction 2026" in the memo line.

Feel free to direct any auction-related questions to uubedford-auction@googlegroups.com.

Ferry Beach Annual Retreat, May 8-10 (Mother's Day Weekend!)

Our annual retreat to Ferry Beach is upcoming! We'll be sharing our space with North Andover and Keene and are hoping to spend some fun time with them.... A few announcements:

Ferry Beach is now providing linens (sheets, pillowcases, towels, etc.) free of charge! A great help to those of us who have been hauling all those items up the road with us!

A schedule of adult and youth events will be coming out sometime soon: watch for a Polar Bear Plunge, a Star Talk with Alan MacRobert on Friday night (weather permitting), a sing-along with our friend Jim Peale from Keene, the famous SPUD game, a bonfire with S'mores, a Talent/No Talent show from our North Andover friends.... and more!

Climate Event

Will We Still Have Forests in 50 Years? And Why We Should Care.

Dr. William Moomaw, a lead author of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize winning climate report, will be speaking at the Concord Unitarian Universalist Church, downtown Concord, on Sunday, May 3 at 2pm. He will explore the role of forests and other ecosystems in moderating climate change in combination with new technologies and our behaviors. The threats to our forests from climate change and other stresses will be a major theme. The discussion will be moderated by Delia Kaye, Concord's Natural Resources Director.

Join us on in-person on May 3 as we grapple together to address major climate challenges. **RSVP:**<https://thoreaus-trees.eventbrite.com/>

Discussion Groups at Carleton Willard Village

Forum at Carleton-Willard Village with Rev. Jamie, Thursday, May 14th at 1PM

Join us for a discussion of interest to UUs and hopefully everyone. This month we will talk about the cultural and technological changes of the 21st century and to what extent they help explain some of the tension we see in the world around us.

Note: Our last discussion forum at Carleton-Willard before we break for the summer will be Thursday, June 11.

Small Group at Carleton Willard Village with Rev. Annie, Thursday, May 28th

Due to low turnout and the availability of other minister led UU groups, Rev. Annie will be winding up her last small group session this month in May on Thursday May 28th.

Capital Campaign Update

The "It's Our Turn" fundraiser launched in March alongside the annual stewardship drive officially concluded at the end of April. As of its final weekend, \$1.645M had been pledged. This total exceeds the drive's \$1.5M target. So from a fundraising perspective, the capital campaign has been wonderfully successful.

While our financial goal has been met through incredible generosity, our hope for broad communal participation has not yet been achieved. As UUs, we believe every voice matters in our shared future. So we still wish to hear back from all FPB households.

Making a \$50, \$20 or \$5 pledge is completely OK. It's useful communication that helps us understand our community's reach. Because we haven't received responses from about half of FPB's households, our team will reach out individually in the coming weeks. We want to ensure everyone has a chance to be counted.

Work will also move ahead with implementing infrastructure improvements. A major overhaul of FPB's organ is scheduled for this summer. HVAC upgrade planning is also underway so that the church's rear addition will have reliable heating come next winter. These projects and others will be overseen by a successor group to the current campaign committee. The new team will be formed in May.

Finally, we thank the many people who helped plan and run the "It's Our Turn" campaign over the past two years. This once-every-15-year effort would not have been possible without their strong dedication and hard work.

With gratitude...

The Capital Campaign Committee: Joan Bowen, Peter Cho, Bob Dorer, Tom Flannery, Jamie Hinson-Rieger & Jenn McClain

Looking for Summer Gardening Help at First Parish

I could use some help during the summer with weeding and taking care of the church gardens. There are at least 7 beds that need regular weeding and it is too much for one person.

My vision would be that a few people might step forward and "adopt" a bed or two to weed and keep under control during the summer. Ideally, if one goes up every two weeks and spends an hour or two, these gardens stay under control.

The garden beds are:

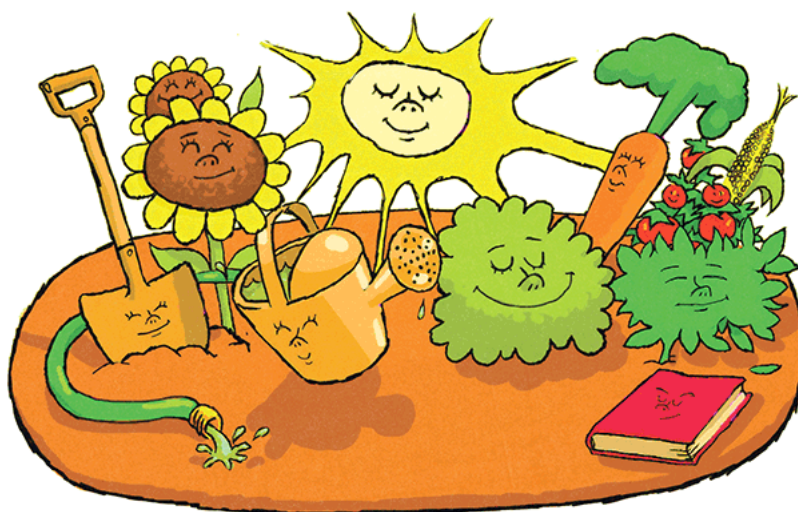
- the two on the back side of the church on either side of the steps from the Common Room
- the Blueberry patch near the Elm Street entrance to the church
- a bed that runs parallel to, and close to, South Road
- the little garden patch under the Wayside Pulpit
- the Memorial garden itself (though I like to take care of it)
- and the two garden beds on either side of the main steps to the church.

If you might be interested, please let me know by emailing me sdorer@aol.com, or speaking to me in person. Hopefully, I will hear back from some of you and once I do, I will set up a time to meet and show you around.

Thanks for your consideration!

Sarah Dorer

ps. If someone wants to grow veggies or flowers in the raised beds, please do. HOWEVER, you must be the one to take care of them and water them during the summer.



First Parish Committees

2025-2026

Parish Board

Stacy Chandler, *President* (2027)
 Mark Bailey (2028)
 Bea Brunkhorst (2027)
 Ted Carlson (2028)
 Peter Cho (2026)
 Susan Lincoln (2026)
 Wendy Innis, *Treasurer* (2027)
 Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger, *ex officio*
 Rev. Annie Gonzalez, *ex officio*
 Nathan Sellers, *ex officio*

Clerk: Rebecca Green Neale
Moderator: Bob Dorer

Leadership Team

Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger, *Sr. Minister*
 Rev. Annie Gonzalez, *Min. of Faith Dev.*
 Nathan Sellers, *Dir. of FD for Children*
 Stacy Chandler, *Board President*
 Bea Brunkhorst, *Parish Council Chair*
 Wendy Innis, *Treasurer*
 Brenda Rybicki, *Parish Administrator*

Parish Council

Bea Brunkhorst, *Chair*
 Rev. Annie Gonzalez
 Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger
 Wendy Innis, *Treasurer*
 [All Committee Chairs]

Social Responsibility Council

Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw,
Chair (2028)
 Pam Foresman, *Treasurer* (2026)
 Heather Black, *Communications*
Officer (2028)
 Doug Denny-Brown (2026)
 John Laferriere (2026)
 Jaclyn Olsen (2027)
 Elise Randazzo (2027)

Nominating

Sarah Dorer (2027)
 Jenn McClain (2028)
 Dave Southard (2026)

Capital Campaign Committee

Peter Cho, *Chair*
 Joan Bowen
 Bob Dorer
 Tom Flannery
 Gene Kalb
 Jenn McClain
 Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Environmental Justice (EJC)

Ginny Steel, *Chair*
 Corinne Doud (*rotating*)
 Ginny Crocker
 Bob McClatchey
 Don MacIver
 Sabrina McClain
 Marjorie Roemer
 Paul Vancutsem

Faith Development

Rev. Annie Gonzalez, *ex officio*
 Nathan Sellers, *ex officio*

Children's FD Team

Christie Martin
 Moriah Tumbleson-Shaw
 Ian Carroll

Jr. Youth Team

Mark Bailey
 Nora Bailey-Black (youth)
 Nina Sonpal (youth)

Sr. Youth Team

Bob Doud
 Jerry Ross
 Carinna Dogan-West (youth)
 Taelor Nichols (youth)
 Nao Okamoto (youth)
 Devin Sonpal (youth)

Adult FD Team

Randi Currier
 Doug Muder
 Jerry Ross

Finance

Wendy Innis, *Chair & Treasurer*
 Vicki Gaw, *Asst. Treasurer*
 Joan Bowen
 Irene Gravina
 Bill Rabinowitz
 Jeff White

The Gallery@First Parish

Maria Green, *Co-Chair*
 Doris Smith, *Co-Chair*
 Bob Batt
 Raquel Bauman
 Stacy Chandler
 Christine Dudley-Marling
 Kati Oates
 Chris Tohline
 Christine Wojnar
 Nancy Willett, *emeritus*

Hospitality

Cath Van Praagh, *Chair*
 Carla Bradford
 Kath McCafferty

Immigration Justice

Cecile Mercado, *Chair*
 Christine Dudley-Marling
 Debbie Flannery
 Tom Flannery
 Sabrina McClain
 Luana Read
 Ellen Scheiner
 Anne Schmalz
 Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Information Technology (IT)

Sandy Currier, *Chair, Lead*
Network
 Renu Bostwick, *Lead Workspace,*
Google Groups
 Craig Jackson, *Lead Website*

Worship Technology Team

Audio Team

Sandy Currier
 Bob Dorer
 Kath McCafferty
 Natalie McClain
 Bill Rabinowitz

Camera Team

Bob Bass
 Bob Batt
 John McClain
 Chris Tohline

Video/Zoom Team

Em Bradford
 Paul Bradford
 Craig Jackson
 Cecile Mercado
 Cath Van Praagh

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Interiors Committee

Erin Dorr, *Chair*
Carlough Faulkner-Carroll

Lay Pastoral Care

Liz Connors, *Chair*
Carol Epple
Clinton Fuller
Marge Heckman
Anita Raj
Art Smith
Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger

Membership

TBA, *Chair*

Outreach Team

Em Bradford
Joanne Glover
Benji Linden
Natalie McClain
Deb Picciuto
Chris Tohline
Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger, *Staff Liaison*

Pathway to Membership Team

Sharon McDonald
Doug Muder
Dave Southard
Rev. Annie Gonzalez, *Staff Liaison*

Sustaining Membership Team

Jenn McClain
Sandy Boczenowski
Carla Bradford
Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger, *Staff Liaison*

Music

Lisa Tohline, *Co-Chair*
Sara Angus
Dot Bergin
Mike Boczenowski
Bea Brunkhorst
Nancy Daugherty
Carol Epple
Karen Frederick
Dean Groves
Cynthia Mork
Bill Rasschaert
Luana Read
Marilyn Richards
Chris Tohline
Lee Vorderer
Brad Conner, *ex officio*
Sandra LaBarge-Neumann, *ex officio*

Partner Church

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Dorothy Africa
Bea Brunkhorst
Brad Connor
Nancy Daugherty
Rich Daugherty
Sarah Dorer
Marge Heckman
Dorothy Johnson
Ben Sears
Ron & Cathy Cordes, *emeritus*

Personnel

Carol Gregory, *Chair*
Bob Dorer
Ed Schwartz

Physical Plant

Joel Parks, *Chair*
Bob Dorer
Brett Leida
John McClain
Christine Rabinowitz, *Parsonage*

Stewardship

Sarah Dorer, *Co-Chair*
Bill Rabinowitz, *Co-Chair*
Irene Gravina
Linda Pollitz
Rev. Jamie Hinson-Rieger, *ex officio*

AD HOC, TASK FORCES & TEAMS

Council on Ministry Team

Ian Carroll
Sharon McDonald
Kiya Nicoll
Joe Pompei

Fundraising Teams

Auction

Peter Cho, *Chair*
Erin Dorr
Rebecca Green Neale
Gene Kalb
Linda Politz
Clayton Springer
Cath Van Praagh

Plant & Craft Fair

Dorothy Africa, *Co-Chair*
Bea Brunkhorst, *Co-Chair*

Chili Cook-Off

Linda Pollitz
Gene Kalb

Memorials Task Force

Carla Bradford, *Chair*
Kath McCafferty
Wendy Innis
Rich Suval

UU Urban Ministry Delegates

Cecile Mercado
Robert Schmalz

Worship Associates Team

Jenn McClain, *Chair*
Ian Carroll
Marya Dantzer
Ron Green
Doug Muder
Joe Pompei
Rich Suval



First Parish Music Committee
PRESENTS



AN EVENING OF **JAZZ**

Saturday, June 20, 2026
7:00 PM

Steve Sussman
PIANO



Dean Groves
ELECTRIC BASS



Buffie Groves,
Cynthia Mork
VOCALS



Dave Southard
SAXOPHONE



Ian Carroll
SAXOPHONE



Emory Carroll
DRUMS

★ **PLUS** a special appearance by **Fretless**:

Alison Weaver, Becky Linton, David Getty, Grant Hicks, Clark Jarvis
VOCALS



Light bar
snacks will
be offered

Net proceeds to benefit First Parish in Bedford
Suggested Donations (*gratefully accepted at the door*)
\$20 for Adults • \$15 for Seniors/Students

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