First Parish 2021-2022 Coming of Age Schedule

Sunday, September 26 4:00 - 5:15 P.M. Zoom	0	Coming of Age Orientation (parents attend) Introductions, information and hopes for this year's program.
Sunday, October 3 3:15 - 7:30 P.M. Berlin, MA	1	Launching Your Spiritual Journey: Boundless Adventures Ropes Course in Berlin, MA Getting to know each other and the roadmap ahead. Releasing judgement and being a neutral observer.
Sunday, October 17 4:00 - 5:30 P.M. First Parish	2	Your Inner Navigation System Tuning into your emotions gives you a personal roadmap to what matters most to you.
Sunday, October 24 4:00 - 5:30 P.M. First Parish	3	Moving Past Your Labels Going beyond who and what people think you are. Practicing mindfulness for greater insight, creativity and kindness.
Sunday, November 7 1:00-5:00 P.M. First Parish	4	Connecting to Nature - Outdoor Solo An opportunity to examine your place in the natural world. How do you respond to Nature (including animals/pets)?
Sunday, November 21 4:00 - 5:15 P.M.	5	Experiencing Service to Others Exploring your response to the suffering in the world. What gets in the way of living generously?
December TBD		First Parish Service Project Managing a First Parish service project to serve local in-need or at-risk populations.
Sunday, December 5 4:00 - 5:15 P.M.	6	Connecting to Science and Humanism How are your values shaped through rational models of the world?
Sunday, December 19 2:00 - 5:00 P.M. First Parish Workshop	7	Connecting to Creative Expression Expressing the magic of inspiration flowing through you!
Sunday, January 9, 2022 4:00-5:15 P.M.	8	Connecting to the Mystery Guests: Rev. Howard Dana and Rev. Liz Weber Some things have no explanation. How do your values serve you when life is a mystery?
Sunday, January 23 4:00 - 5:15 P.M.	9	Roots and Wings (parents attend) Parents write a letter to their youth to share aloud during a special Coming of Age tradition.
Sunday, February 6 4:00 - 5:15 P.M.	10	Connecting to Community (mentors attend) Your experiences with other people give you information on who you are and what you offer. Meet and get to know your mentor!

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Sunday, February 27 4:00 - 5:15 P.M.	11	Your Spiritual Autobiography (mentors attend) Exploring how your personal values are shaped by your life's events.
Saturday, March 12 1:00 - 5:00 P.M. First Parish Workshop	12	Your Spiritual Reflection A visual workshop to explore and express your values.
Sunday, March 20 4:00 - 5:15 P.M.	13	Spirituality and Worship (mentors attend) Forming your intentions for the COA worship service.
Sunday, April 3 4:00 - 5:15 P.M.	14	Credo Workshop (mentors attend) "To this I Give My Heart" - a structured approach to expressing your credo.
Sunday, April 24 4:00 - 5:15 P.M.	15	Finalizing Worship Service (mentors attend) Sharing your draft credo with your mentor.
Saturday, April 30 10 A.M 12:00 P.M.		Technical Rehearsal for COA Service
Sunday, May 1 9 A.M - 12:00 P.M.		Coming of Age Worship Service
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