



First Parish in Concord

Unitarian Universalist | ALL ARE WELCOME!

Rev. Seth Carrier-Ladd, Interim Senior Minister

Rev. Liz Weber, Minister for Congregational Care

General inquiries: contact@firstparish.org

Welcome to First Parish in Concord!

We invite you to “plug in” to a small group as a way to meet others.

For more information about any of the groups or activities below, please reach out to the contact name given. We’ll be happy to hear from you!

Talk with First Parishioners after Sunday Service

- **Worship Sharing Circle** (in person & online)
Discuss the service with others (meeting location & Zoom link given at Sunday service)
- **Coffee Hour** (in person or online)
Visit the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall; or, stay on Zoom after the service and meet others at Zoom coffee hour

Volunteer

- **Help Flower Committee with flowers for sanctuary**
Contact: Ellen Whitney,
ellenhwhitney@gmail.com
- **First Parish office volunteer** (Tue-Fri)
Contact: Darien Smith,
darien@smithquest.com
- **Staff the Sunday welcome tables** (Sundays)
Contact: Liz Rust,
liz@therusts.net
- **Teach a Religious Exploration class** (Sundays)
Contact: Amy Freedman, Minister of Religious Exploration, afreedman@firstparish.org
- **Usher** (Sundays & special events)
Contact: Berni Jenkins,
bernijenkins2@gmail.com
- **Zoom chat host** (Sundays & special events)
Contact: Congregational Life Committee,
CLC@firstparish.org

Participate in Social Action at First Parish and Beyond

- **Advocates for Women’s Empowerment (AWE)**
Contact: Suzie Weaver, skatesuzie@aol.com
- **Amnesty International**
Contact: Kathy Bean,
kathleenbean@gmail.com
- **Diversity Committee**
Contact: Suzie Weaver, skatesuzie@aol.com
- **Environmental Team**
Contact: Gail Kharidia,
gail.kharidia@gmail.com
- **Immigration Justice Task Force**
Contact: Laurie Van Loon,
lvanloon11@gmail.com
- **Racial Justice Action Group**
Contact: Sue St. Croix,
sue@suestcroix.com
- **Reclaim Our Democracy**
Contact: Fred Van Deusen,
fredvandeu@gmail.com
- **Women’s Parish Association**
Contact: Marilyn Lowitt,
Marilyn.lowitt078@gmail.com;
Dian Pekin, pekindc@outlook.com



For a full list of First Parish in Concord committees,
go to firstparish.org/wp/community-life/committees-and-groups/

Try Out an Affinity Group

- **First Parish Choir** (adults)
Contact: Beth Norton, Dir. of Music Ministry, music@firstparish.org
- **Rise Up Singing** (drop-in, adults and youth)
Contact: Beth Norton, Dir. of Music Ministry, music@firstparish.org
- **By Your Side Singers** (singing meditation group)
Contact: Beth Norton, Dir. of Music Ministry, music@firstparish.org
- **Gospel Choir** (Grades 6-12)
Contact: Beth Norton, Dir. of Music Ministry, music@firstparish.org; Anderson Manuel, GC Director, amanuel@firstparish.org
- **Pop-up Choir** (occasional, multi-generational)
Contact: Beth Norton, Dir. of Music Ministry, music@firstparish.org
- **High School Youth Group** (Grades 9-12)
Contact: Dawn Van Patten, Assist. Dir. of Religious Exploration, dvanpatten@firstparish.org
- **Junior Youth Group** (Grades 6-8)
Contact: Amy Freedman, Min. of Religious Exploration, afreedman@firstparish.org
- **First Tuesday Group** (for people 65+ yrs old)
Contact: Annie Fortier, randafortier@comcast.net
- **Partner Church Committee**
Contact: Lillian Anderson, lillianand@comcast.net; Tim Whitney, timothywwhitney@gmail.com
- **Photography Club**
Contact: Fred Van Deusen, fredvandeu@gmail.com
- **Mom's Connection Group**
Contact: Dana Lissy, dana.lissy@gmail.com
- **Spanish Speakers Group**
Contact: Laurie Van Loon, lvloon11@gmail.com
- **Women's AM/PM Book Group**
Contact: Darien Smith, darien@smithquest.com

Attend a Spiritual Affinity Group

- **Buddhist Groups**
Contact: Bill Seaver (Wed. group), bill.seaver@gmail.com
Veronica Brandstrader (Thur. group), jbcadmin@googlegroups.com
- **Humanist Council**
Contact: Andy Puchrik, puchrik@gmail.com
- **Transcendentalism Council**
Contact: Shelley Hawks, shelley_hawks@msn.com
- **Women's Goddess Covenant Circle**
Contact: Darien Smith, darien@smithquest.com

Provide or Receive Support

- **Knit shawls for the shawl ministry**
Contact: Ingrid Wheeler, ingridbw44@aol.com
- **By Your Side Singers** (pastoral choir)
Contact: Beth Norton, Dir. of Music Ministry, music@firstparish.org

Participate in a support group

- Chronic Illness and Lifetime Disability Support Group
 - Caregivers Support Group
 - Parent Support Group
- For more information on any of the support groups, contact pastoralcare@firstparish.org.*