

**Ferry Beach**  
**for**  
**Memorial Day Weekend 2023**  
**Friday, May 26 – Monday, May 29**  
*First Parish in Concord &*  
*First Parish in Lexington*



For many years, we have gathered over Memorial Day Weekend along with parishioners from First Parish in Lexington for a retreat bringing together individuals, couples, and families for fellowship, fun, and renewal. As we have done the last two years, our congregations will again have the opportunity to spend time together at Ferry Beach in Saco, Maine over Memorial Day Weekend, though not for an official retreat. Individuals and families from our two congregations will register directly with the Registration Office at Ferry Beach. Folks will be there on their own, but with others from our congregations who also choose to register. There may be some planned activities (e.g. the Talent Show!) and attendees are welcome to organize as they wish onsite, observing all campus rules and guidelines for the safety of all.

Registration will begin on Monday, March 6. **To register, please call 207-282-4489 x1 to speak to a member of the Ferry Beach registration team.** You must tell them you attend First Parish in Concord or First Parish in Lexington and would like to register for the 3-day Memorial Day Weekend with the special rates they are offering us. (These rates are discounted from the published rates found on [www.ferrybeach.org](http://www.ferrybeach.org). You cannot get these special rates unless you **call to register**.) Note, while you can register from now into May, after April 15, if our congregations have not filled the available spaces, Ferry Beach may open registration to others outside our congregations also. **It would be good to register soon to reserve the space you want!**

Registration is first come, first served, and may fill before April 15 or the weekend.

**Lodging and Meals for Memorial Day Weekend (Friday – Monday):**

**Lodging – for 3 nights, per room or cottage**

*For an explanation of each type of lodging, see [www.ferrybeach.org/lodging](http://www.ferrybeach.org/lodging)*

- Dorm room - \$240 (if two or more people share a room, this would be divided)
- Cross Cottage private room - \$360
- Metz cabin, full cabin - \$420
- Kelley Cottage, full cottage - \$810 (\$270 per room)
- Claflin Cottage, full cottage - \$1080 (\$270 per room)
- Morris Cottage, full cottage - \$1080 (\$270 per room)
- For camping rates, call Ferry Beach registration

**Meal Plan – 7 meals, per person**

**There will be no a la carte meals due to COVID restrictions.**

*Pre-prepared foods are prohibited in the dining hall (e.g. take-out meals) but pre-packaged foods are permitted (e.g. bag of chips).*

The DeWolfe Dining room will not be open Friday evening, but the Dolphin Room

(former dining room in Quillen) will be available for gathering at any time.

**7 meals = 3 meals on Saturday & Sunday, plus Breakfast on Monday (no lunch Monday)**

- Adults (18 years +) – \$105 (for 7 meals)
- Youth (9-17 years) – \$87.50 (for 7 meals)
- Children 8 years and younger – free

**For any questions about lodging and meals, please call Ferry Beach registration. If you don't get a person, DO leave a message.**

The Ferry Beach Retreat & Conference Center will follow the most recent COVID guidelines in Maine. Currently, vaccination and masks indoors continue to be a part of Ferry Beach guidelines, but could change by Memorial Day Weekend. See [www.ferrybeach.org/covid-19.html](http://www.ferrybeach.org/covid-19.html) for the most up to date information.

If you have questions about Ferry Beach, especially if you have never attended before, feel free to contact:

First Parish in Concord: Darien Smith ([darien@smithquest.com](mailto:darien@smithquest.com))

First Parish in Lexington: Deb Weiner Soule ([djweiner101@gmail.com](mailto:djweiner101@gmail.com)) or  
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**If you love Ferry Beach, but can't go or are not comfortable going for Memorial Day Weekend this year, you may want to consider making a contribution to Ferry Beach to help them through this very difficult time. If later in the summer may be possible for you, check out their summer workshops or the possibility of booking your personal retreat time there. To donate or explore summer programs at Ferry Beach, please see [www.ferrybeach.org](http://www.ferrybeach.org).**