



The First Church and Parish in Dedham

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July and August 2019

Sundays in July and August

Lay Led worship in the Dining Room of the Parish House at 10 am.

Summer Preaching Schedule

7/7/2019	Fourth of July Weekend- No Worship
7/14/2019	Allison Staton
7/21/2019	
7/28/2019	
8/4/2019	
8/11/2019	Cindy Jones
8/18/2019	David Calandrella
8/25/2019	Pam Aist
9/1/2019	Labor Day Weekend- No Worship
9/8/2019	Homecoming Sunday in the Meetinghouse, 10:00 am. Rev. Rali Weaver will preach. Water Communion. Picnic to follow worship. Sandwiches, drinks & paper goods will be provided. Salads, sides and desserts are welcome.

Summer office hours starting July 1

Pat Hawkins: Wednesday 12-3
Grace Peña: Wednesday 3-6
Rev. Rali Weaver on phone and by appointment

Calendar of Outside Events

Sunday

5 pm AA Meeting Dedham Village

Wednesday

6 pm Private Women's 12 Step Meeting
2-6 pm Dedham Farmer's Market

Watch the church calendar, weekly email and our website (www.dedhamuu.org) for more details.

Important Sunday Events

June 23 Lay Led Summer worship begins
June 30 and September 1 Holiday Weekends:
No Worship

September 8, 2019: Water Communion service and Picnic on the green following worship. Sandwiches and paper products provided. Drinks, Salads and Desserts are welcome.

Please see our website
For the complete and up-to-date calendar
www.dedhamuu.org.

Mark Your Calendars Homecoming Sunday September 8, 2019 Water Communion

The Rev Rali M. Weaver will preach

We will gather together after our summer apart to celebrate our annual Water Communion.

Everyone is asked to bring some water from their summer to share as part of worship.

Following the service we will have a picnic on the green. Sandwiches and paper products provided.

Drinks, Salads and Desserts are needed.

From Our Minister: The Rev. Rali Weaver



Rali is currently enjoying her summer on a retreat in Iona, Scotland. She has not only checked off another place to visit from her Bucket List, but she has also checked off something to try – flying in a hot air balloon! Please see the pictures below.

She returns to King's Chapel in Boston on Sundays in July and August.

In the meantime, she asked that the following poem be added to her column of the Parish Record:

For a New Beginning
By John O'Donohue

In out-of-the-way places of the heart,
Where your thoughts never think to wander,
This beginning has been quietly forming,
Waiting until you were ready to emerge.

For a long time it has watched your desire,
Feeling the emptiness growing inside you,
Noticing how you willed yourself on,
Still unable to leave what you had outgrown.

It watched you play with the seduction of safety
And the gray promises that sameness whispered,
Heard the waves of turmoil rise and relent,
Wondered would you always live like this.

Then the delight, when your courage kindled,
And out you stepped onto new ground,
Your eyes young again with energy and dream,
A path of plenitude opening before you.

Though your destination is not yet clear.
You can trust the promise of this opening;
Unfurl yourself into the grace of beginning
That is at one with our life's desire.

Awaken your spirit to adventure;
Hold nothing back, learn to find ease in risk:
Soon you will be home in a new rhythm,
For your soul senses the world that awaits you



Rev Weaver is available this summer by appointment. You can make an appointment with her at <https://revaliweaver.youcanbook.me/> 617-459-5979 or raliweaver@dedhamuu.org

If you would like to more formally care for your fellow parishioners, please contact Sue White at 781-690-7071 or Rali at 617-459-5979 to sign up to help with the Parish Community Network, or if you find that you need support,.

From our Director of Religious Education: Grace Peña



During the church year the children had an activity where they wrote down what they loved about their church. During our Children's Service this year, I asked each member of the congregation to write on a sticky note his/her answer to the same question. Here are the responses from all:

- ~ I love the church – Sawyer
- ~ I love the classes – Bennett
- ~ I love the Parish Players – Martha Rose
- ~ I love the Parish Players - Larken
- ~ I love the plays and when we sing together and the stories at the beginning of class - Anya
- ~ Anybody can get what they need to be strong -

Ethan

- ~ I love the church because we have food - Justin
- ~ One of the things I love about church is when we all sing together and it's like we are one person, no matter how different we are! - Miranda
- ~ I love being in the big church - PJ
- ~ Socializing and eating brownies - Jonathan
- ~ My community – Seeing my friends – Singing in Parish Players - Maggie
- ~ I love Spirit Play - Liam
- ~ What I love about our church is the people because they can always be trusted and you can always count on them and you always have help because they always treat you like they want to be treated - Cole
- ~ My favorite part of church is hanging out with friends and participating in Parish Players - Nora
- ~ I like the respect people show to each other.
- ~ Watching all the beautiful children grow.
- ~ Making music together.
- ~ The people.
- ~ The music and community.
- ~ I love our kids.
- ~ The friendships that enrich my life.
- ~ Our loving, fun community!
- ~ The people, the music, just about all of it!
- ~ For being so welcoming.
- ~ Renews our spirits.
- ~ The wonderful and welcoming people.
- ~ Building a loving community for a better world.
- ~ Rali and our wonderful congregants!
- ~ The wonderful Religious Education program over 35 years.
- ~ Welcoming & Supportive & Loving.
- ~ I love having had the room and support to grow in my faith at this church and carrying the values I learned always with me.
- ~ I love being part of a church that welcomes ALL people. I truly feel the love offered here.
- ~ Sense of belonging.

- ~ Music.
- ~ Really good, caring people.
- ~ I love the wonderful people – young, old and in between.
- ~ Community & friendship.
- ~ This church and all the families are always welcoming, always warm and sweet, always in my heart – even if I don't always come ☺
- ~ FRIENDS
- ~ I love First Church for creating a loving, spiritual home for my kids.
- ~ Miss Grace and Miss Judy
- ~ The people.
- ~ The sense of community.
- ~ Friends & Family☺
- ~ Our Green Sanctuary efforts!
- ~ The feeling I belong.
- ~ I love watching the children grow.
- ~ That I can be proud of what our church stands for.
- ~ Universal Love and Caring.
- ~ I love having an hour when I can focus on more important things.
- ~ Making pies!
- ~ The children – watching them grow!
- ~ Sharing memories for the tree that was lost.
- ~ Thank you Grace and teachers! Wonderful children.
- ~ How accepting and loving.
- ~ Our blessed community.
- ~ Community & friends.
- ~ The caring community we create together.
- ~ What I love about his church is the sense of community and acceptance.

We certainly LOVE our church!

Happy summer!!

With love, Grace

Grace has office hours in July & August on Wednesdays, 3pm-6pm.
You may reach her at gracepenadre@dedhamuu.org

Coffee Hour Teams

Our Coffee Hour Teams project has been a great success! This project has helped to create a network of people to provide all of the necessary pieces to this special and “sacred” time in the life of the congregation. It helps to lighten the load and create opportunities to meet and get to know others. Look for news of new coordinators and teams for next church year in the all church email, on our website and in the next Parish Record. Thank you to everyone for making this such a success and creating such wonderful and delicious coffee hours!

If you are not on a team, but would like to participate, please contact the church office at either 781-326-7463 or firstchurch@dedhamuu.org.

Care and Concern

We continue to have parishioners who are not feeling well and/or cannot make it to church and would love to receive a call, a card or a visit.

If you are interested in contacting any of these people please contact Sue White chair of the Parish Community Network at v.berg@juno.com or by phone at 781-326-3723

If you have a care or concern to share, please contact our church office by calling 781-326-7463 or emailing firstchurch@dedhamuu.org.

April & May Parish Committee Minutes

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 1, 2019

Present: David Miller, Allison Staton, Andrea Gilmore, Matt Grady, Liza Arend, Ann Miranda, Audrey Cecil, Jen Atkins, Rali Weaver and Susan White

Meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Matt Grady

Unison Affirmation

Gratitudes

Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting of March 4, 2019

Motion to accept minutes-seconded-SO VOTED

Treasurer's Report

Total income to date is 74.61% of budgeted

Pledges at 66.81% of budgeted

Received \$2,680 toward FY 2020 budget

Plate Collections 6% over budgeted

Expenses:

Parish House sewer and gas have now exceeded budget

Parsonage electric and gas now exceed budget

Two outstanding snow plow bills to be paid totaling \$3,025

Overall we are \$5,975.53 under budget

Motion to accept Treasurer's Report-seconded-SO VOTED

Minister's Report

April 14 Rev. Michelle Walsh will preach

Yard Sale on the Green June 8, 2019

Would like to cancel Mother's Day and encourage people to walk for Louis D. Brown Institute-

Would make sure there is something for people who remain here

Ministry Committee adding a shelter in place portion to the Safe Church Policy

DRE Report

Pretty good attendance

Action Items

Treasurer Role-

PARISH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MAY 6, 2019

Present: Allison Staton, Matt Grady, Audrey Cecil, Cindy Jones, Ann Miranda. Liza Arend, Rali Weaver, Kathy Elefterakis and Susan White. David Miller present on the phone.

Meeting called to order 7:10 by Matt Grady

Gratitudes

Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting of April 1, 2019

Motion to accept minutes – seconded- SO VOTED

Treasurer’s Report Cindy Jones

Correction to Report of April 1, 2019

Pledges of \$2,680 of FY 2020 removed, total is \$3,295.53 under budget

Motion to accept correction of April 1, 2019 Treasurer’s Report seconded- SO VOTED

Treasurer’s Report this month

Total income is 80.30% of budgeted

Pledges at 75.24% of budgeted

Motion to accept Treasurer’s Report – seconded- SO VOTED

Minister’s Report

New members who have signed the book-

Kerri and Katie Torres

Howard Ostroff

Jennifer Tegnell

Georgia Krikorian

Will be working at Kings Chapel on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

Will be here or at the Lake the rest of the time

DRE Report

Kids were delighted with ice cream

Action Items

Treasurer’s role-need to consider hiring a treasurer

Cindy will make an announcement at May 12 service about needing a treasurer

Could have co-treasurers

Cindy would be willing to help through September

Nominating Committee

New Parish Committee members - Peter Lutze and Josh Langmead

Auditors - Oliver Ames and Sharon Lane

Annual Meeting - June 2, 2019 -Jen Greaney will be Moderator

Solar Panel Proposal and discussion after church on May 19, 2019

Parishioner’s Committee

Meeting with the Ministry Committee

Make up of Parishioners Committee

New Business

Motion to welcome and affirm Katie and Kerri Torres and Howard Ostroff

Seconded and SO VOTED

Adjourn 8:10 p.m.

Next meeting: June 3, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Parsonage for potluck

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