



The First Church and Parish in Dedham

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September & October 2018

Worship in September and October Worship at 10:00 am in the Meetinghouse

Sunday, September 9, 2018 The River Flowing in our Souls Water Communion

Rev. Rali M. Weaver will preach

This Sunday we will explore the depths of our spirits and the value of keeping them flowing in and out of all the changes in our lives.

We will celebrate our homecoming with our water communion and a picnic on the church green following worship

Sunday, September 16, 2018 The Wild Beauty of Broken Places

Rev. Rali M. Weaver will preach

The imperfect places are sometimes the most beautiful. This week we will explore how the broken places in our own lives might also create beauty when we look at them in the right light.

Sunday, September 23, 2018 The Art of Cooperation

Rev. Rali M. Weaver will preach

We will look back at the purpose of the Historic Cambridge Platform (1638) and consider the ways our congregational polity might inform our working together.

We will be sharing the plate with the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Sunday, September 30, 2018 Our Fragment of the Perfect Whole

Rev. Rali M. Weaver will preach

How does our place in the world fit into the great universe? This Sunday our Inter-generational Choir will sing. Please join us in the Meetinghouse at 9:30 am for rehearsal. A pet blessing will follow worship. Watch your all-church email and Order of Service for details.

Sunday, October 7, 2018 Expecting Miracles

The Rev John Nichols will preach

Rev. Nichols is the Minister Emeritus of the UU Society of Wellesley Hills where he served from 1977- 2000.

Sunday October 14, 2018 Using the Platform You Have

Rev. Rali M. Weaver will preach

On this fiftieth anniversary of U.S. Olympians Tommie Smith and John Carlos giving the Black Power salute on the medal stand at the Mexico City Olympics, we will explore the power of using the platform you have.

Sunday, October 21, 2018 Gifts of Community

Rev. Rali M. Weaver will preach

With our Church year in full swing and our Holly Faire gearing up, we will explore the truth of the Buddhist story of the mustard seed and how fully engaging in community might help your life flower in unexpected ways.

Sunday, October 28, 2018 The Witch in Us All

Rev. Rali M. Weaver will preach

We will explore the lessons of our UU Pagan community and explore the little bit of witch in us all. This will serve as our All Saints and All Souls celebration, and as part of worship there will be time to share a memento or photo of a loved one who has passed.

From Our Minister The Rev Rali Weaver

It is so great to be back in Dedham, and while things don't always work out the way we have planned, the shifts and changes in our lives can bring us clarity that stasis never can. There are changes in our church lives too, saying goodbye to Donna and Linnea and now hello to Darry (more about him in this Parish Record) will, I hope, offer us new insights of what church means to us. In the coming months in worship I hope to explore the spirit we will need to approach this ever-changing world if we want to affect change. I hope to invite us all into deeper fellowship and engagement as well as feed your souls for your work in the world.

To that end I want to encourage you all to invite your friends and family and co-workers to worship at First Church and in so doing help to grow our congregation. We are not an evangelical congregation, only a gathered community called to share our onward path of life. In this world where so much technology and avarice divide us, let our community serve as a beacon of connection and light.

It is my hope that our Sundays together refuel you for your weeks with worship and music and fellowship and fun. If you have any ideas or dreams for the church, I would be interested to hear them and help them come to fruition.

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Rali

Rev Weaver is in the office Tuesday – Friday 9-2
And by appointment Rev. Weaver
617-459-5979 or raliweaver@dedhamuu.org

From Grace Peña- Director of Religious Education

Welcome back! I am so excited for our new church year and all that our Children's Religious Education program will have to offer!! Lots of our regular classes will continue. We will also have a new class on the roster for our 4th, 5th & 6th graders.

Here is what to look forward to:

Desi and Alexas will be back in our Nursery taking care of our babies and toddlers.

We have some new stories for our Pre-Kindergarten through Kindergarten children in *Spirit Play*.

Our multi-grade class will now be called *UU Explorers* as they start to explore our 7 Principles and our 6 Sources.

Our new class will be *Junior Worship Associates*. The class will learn about the different parts of a service. They will also begin to participate in the services.

Neighboring Faiths class will start the year with the 2nd half of their curriculum and learn about three (3) new religions. The students in this class will then move on to *Our Whole Lives, Grades 7-9* in the 2nd half of the year (end of January-May).

Tom Donaghey and Kerrie Gallagher will be back to facilitate *Our Whole Lives, Grades 5-6* during the 2nd half of the year.

Lastly, we will have our Middle School and High School Youth Groups. I am excited to announce that Frannie McBrian will be helping me out with these groups this year. Welcome Frannie!

As always, we will have our Cool Deeds, Special Activities and Pageant!

So much to look forward to!

Grace

Grace has office hours Tuesday-Friday, 10am-2:30pm
and Sunday 9am-1:30pm.

You may reach her at gracepenadre@dedhamuu.org



If you would like to sing in the choir or contact Darry for any reason, you may contact him at darrycello@gmail.com

Re: Appointment of Acting Music Director for First Church and Parish in Dedham

The Music Director

The Search Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of Darry Dolezal to the position of Acting Music Director at First Church and Parish in Dedham. Darry, an accomplished concert cellist and currently a member of the Thoreau Piano Trio, will bring an extensive and varied background in choral, chamber and concert music to enhance the musical life of First Church. Darry has a wealth of experience as a conductor, and has worked with churches in the various roles of music director, organist and even, much to our delight, handbell choir director! He also has impressive experience in music education, most recently as an associate professor at the University of Missouri.

Darry received the unanimous approval of the Music Director Search Committee and enthusiasm from First Church choristers who participated in his audition. We believe that Darry will prove an excellent choice to support and sustain the role of music in the life of First Church and its community.

Please join us in welcoming Darry to First Church on September 9th. We look forward to collaborating with him on our upcoming musical journey.

For more information about Darry, please feel free to visit his website at <https://www.darrydolezal.com/>

In loving kindness

The Music Search Committee

Darry Dolezal is a veteran concert artist, performing in thousands of venues from Carnegie Hall to the Copacabana Palace. In a wide-ranging career Dolezal has played works for solo cello (many written for him), concertos, a superabundance of chamber music and a smattering of things hard to categorize. A chamber music enthusiast, much of Dolezal's career has focused on chamber ensembles such as the Thoreau Piano Trio, the Esterhazy Quartet, the Artaria Quartet and many others. He believes that if everyone could experience chamber music the world would be a better place. Dolezal is also an ardent advocate for contemporary music – the cutting-edge music of our time. He enjoys collaborating with composers in the creation of sounds that have never been heard before and has given the world premieres of over two hundred works. Darry Dolezal has taught eager and inquisitive musicians for decades, coaching and mentoring cello and chamber music students from beginners to professionals. In addition to faculty positions at Viterbo College and the University of Missouri, Dolezal has been an invited guest for masterclasses at Boston University, Bowdoin College, the Carlos Gomes Conservatory in Belém, Brazil, Florida State University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and numerous other fine colleges and conservatories.

Edited from his website bio which can be found at www.darrydolezal.com

Coffee Hour Pilot Project Update

A Pilot Project is underway to help create a network of people to provide all of the necessary pieces to this special and “sacred” time in the life of the congregation. The model is based off of one that several other UU congregations around our association have been using to lighten the load and create opportunities to meet and get to know others. The framework involves groups of 8 to 10 people with a team leader, these folks then break up the tasks involved in coffee hour: setting up tables and chairs, providing light food/snacks, cleaning up the kitchen and returning the tables and chairs back against the walls at the end. Essentially, First Church is large enough to support 8 teams so every team only serves once every 8 weeks.

The Membership Committee is excited to announce the teams and the **updated** schedule through 12/31/2018:

Coffee Hour Teams:

Team 1

Stephen Brayton (team coordinator)

David and Gail Calandrella

Meg Duncan

Natalie Jensen

Erik and Dale Meyer-Curley

Lisa Pilat

Nora Sotomayor

Becca Vautour

Judy Neiswander

Team 2

Jenn & Liz Otto-Fagan (team coordinators)

Judy Barrington (back-up coordinator)

Susan White

Kerrie Gallagher

Virginia Hickey-Ferentinos

Noreen King

Ann & Mason Miranda

Team 3

Kayla Schneider (team coordinator)

Chris Schneider

Pam Aist

David Miller & Diane Barry

Kathy Elefterakis

Arnold Sacks

Jennie & Steve Wilkinson

Cindy Jones

Geoff Tegnell and Kathy Widger

Team 4

Julia Gecha (team coordinator)

Diane Cullen Moore

Jennifer & Michael Roberts

Meredith & Joshua Langmead

Anne Schiraga

Lynn Flodin

Team 5

Meg & Peter Lutze (team coordinators)

Vicky Berg

Karen & Tom Donaghey

Matt & Anne Grady

Beppy Martin

Denny Peterson

John Tocci

Lisa Seibert

Team 6

Lisa Miller Arend (team coordinator)

Audrey & Steve Cecil

Andrea Gilmore

Jane Kelly

Sam King & Linday Meyer-King

Holly Perry

Allison Staton

Team 7

Paquita Bass (team coordinator)

Steve Davey & Ria Chase-Davey

Kelly Downes

Debbie Harrison

Claudia Leone

Mary Anne Osborn

Eileen Sullivan

Michaela & Russell Stuart

Team 8

Sharon Lane (team coordinator)

Jennifer & David Atkins

Carol Dixon-Hutton & Jeff Hutton

Betsy Hetzler

Kate Martin

Susan & Jack Sennott

Adria & Richard Zessis

Schedule:

September 16: Stephen Brayton – Team 1

September 23: Meg and Peter Lutze – Team 5

September 30: Kayla Schneider – Team 3

October 7, 2018: Julia Gecha – Team 4

October 14: Meg and Peter Lutze – Team 5

October 21: Liza Miller-Arend – Team 6

October 28: Paquita Bass – Team 7

November 4, 2018: Sharon Lane – Team 8

November 11: Stephen Brayton – Team 1

November 18: Liz and Jenn Otto-Fagan – Team 2

November 25: Kayla Schneider – Team 3

December 2, 2018: Julia Gecha – Team 4

December 9: Liz and Jenn Otto-Fagan – Team 2

December 16: Liza Miller Arend – Team 6

December 23: Paquita Bass – Team 7

December 30: Sharon Lane – Team 8

Care and Concerns

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 Susan White chair of the Parish Community Network at sbsw6567@gmail.com or by phone at

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

Civic Engagement

If you are looking for a way to offer support to those in need after any natural disaster or you are concerned about Immigrant Rights, the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee is a good place to start. <http://www.uusc.org/>

Also if you are looking for other ways to get involved and want to make a difference in the world, UU Mass Action is a great way to start. Go to www.uumassaction.org for more details.

Also the UU Urban Ministry helps to serve those in the greater Boston area through afterschool programs, domestic violence support, community development and education. Find out more about UU Urban ministry at <http://www.uuum.org/>

August Parish Committee Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting – June 4, 2018

Held at the home of Andrea Gilmore

Meeting called to order

6:10 p.m.

Present: Audrey Cecil, David Miller, Noreen King, Susan Sennott, Geoff Tegnell, Andrea Gilmore, Kathy Elefterakis, Ann Miranda, Matt Grady, Liza Arend, Allison Staton, Donna Dolham and Susan White

Susan Sennott read a poem
Gratitudes

Minutes of the Parish Committee Meeting of May 7, 2018

Motion to approve- seconded and so VOTED

Minister's Report

- Donna stressed the importance of the Long Range Committee staffing
- Will support leadership
- Two dates still available for summer services

DRE Report

Treasurer's Report Cindy Jones

- Bay State Learning has paid April and May rents-need to have June rent before last deposit of the year
 - Have received \$11,390 of 2018-2019 pledge income
 - Parish House gas has exceeded budget by \$1,756
 - Parsonage gas and electricity exceeded budget by \$900 combined
 - Overall we are \$5,597.49 over budget
- Motion to approve-seconded and so VOTED

New Business

Rali's Letter of Agreement

Motion to approve Letter of Agreement as presented – seconded and so VOTED

A suggestion was made for wording in the future to read: Under 6. Sabbatical Leave. The Parish minister shall be entitled to sabbatical leave with pay on the basis of one month of leave for each full year of completed service OR PRO-RATED YEAR OF COMPLETED SERVICE.

New Business Continued

- Change in signature authority on bank accounts

The authorized signers for the First Church in Dedham bank account at Needham Bank should be:

Audrey Cecil

Matthew Grady

Should be removed from this account:

Noreen King

Susan Sennott

Elected to Parish Committee for 3 years:

-Liza Arend and Allison Staton

-Susan Sennott and Noreen King have completed their term

Elected to Parish Committee as Deacon for 6 years:

-Jennifer Atkins

-Geoff Tegnell has completed his term

Contingency Plan:

-Rali plans to be back full-time by the end of September

-The Parish Committee is working on a contingency plan to provide coverage from the middle of August until the end of September

Dinner-reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

Action Item:

Signage on the green

-Discussion about signs presented at last meeting by Julia Gecha and the need to have the information on the signs advertising events large enough to read from a distance. Also, do we want the name of the church on a sign that would have permanent posts?

-No decisions made

Next meeting: August 6, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Adjourned 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan White, Clerk

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Office Hours for September & October

Church Office Hours
Tuesday – Thursday 9-2
Monday and Saturday Closed

Rev. Rali M. Weaver, Minister
Tuesday-Friday 9am-2pm
By appointment
617-459-5979 or raliweaver@dedhamuu.org

Grace Peña, Acting Director of Religious Education
& Building Use Coordinator
Tuesday-Friday 9am-2pm
Sunday 9am-1pm
gracepenadre@dedhamuu.org

Pat Hawkins, Office Administrator
Monday by appointment. Wednesday 2pm-6pm
firstchurch@dedhamuu.org

Save the Date!

Sunday September 9, 2018
Water Communion Service & All Church Picnic

Saturday September 22, 2018
Church Yard Sale, 8:30am-12pm
Rent a space with a table and chair out on our church green for \$25.00, or just a space
(With your own table/chair) for \$20.00

Sunday September 30, 2018
Pet Blessing on the church green after worship

Wednesday, October 3, 2018
Community Forum on Transgender Equality
Temple Beth David, Westwood * See Flyer

Saturday October 13, 2018
Re-Purposing and Crafts for the Holly Faire
Watch your all church email and next Parish Record for details

Saturday November 3, 2018

John Muratore Concert

Watch your all church email and next Parish Record for details

Saturday December 1, 2018

Holly Faire, 10am-2pm

Sunday December 9, 2019

Christmas Pageant

Monday December 24, 2018

Christmas Eve Service

6pm caroling on the green

6:30 pm service in the Meetinghouse

Ongoing Calendar Events

Fitness Opportunities

Older Adult Fitness

Nora Brown 781-329-3311

Thursday Mornings at 10:30 am*

**Please check with the church office at 781-326-7463 and
firstchurch@dedhamuu.org to confirm class for specific dates
as Nora may take vacation time during July and August.*

AA Groups

Sunday Dedham Village AA Meeting 5-10 pm

Private Women's Meeting Wednesday 6-8 pm

Dedham-Westwood-Norwood Coalition for Transgender Equality
invites you to:

Community Forum On Transgender Equality

Moderated by Danielle Murray,
Westwood parent, Welcoming
School Facilitator, GLSEN Trainer,
and BPS LGBTQ Liaison

Wed, October 3, 7-8:30pm
Temple Beth David
7 Clapboardtree St
Westwood

Join us for a thoughtful conversation about upholding dignity and respect for transgender people, and the threat to human rights for transgender people from the November ballot question that could repeal anti-discrimination laws passed in 2016.



**Brandon Adams, teen advocate
for transgender rights**



**Kelly Jenkins, licensed
middle school educator**



**Tracy McKay, kindergarten
teacher and mom**



**Sawyer Bethel, Executive
Director, OUT MetroWest**



**Rabbi Becky
Silverstein**



**Attorney Christine
Bonardi**

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