

WEEKLY UPDATE and HIGHLIGHTS

Summer Worship Services will meet in **Lyon Chapel** and start at **10:00 a.m.** Following each service there will be a hospitality time with light refreshments and cold drinks. We look forward to seeing you.

Worship Summary for July 23 – The Joy of Adversity - Worship Leader –Whit Larrabee

Monthly Conversation – July 30: Because our last Conversation about "Tradition" was so enjoyable, we decided to try for a summer meeting, and settled on July 30 following the service as the date. We will be sharing thoughts about how we think tradition might fit into UU Religious Exploration for all ages. Because the summer services are earlier, we will begin at 11:30 and end by 1:00, meeting in the Lilac Room downstairs next to the Dana Room. All who value reflective conversation for its own sake are very welcome. For further information, contact Dave Cave, Ann Congleton, Meredith Hall Ritter or Corey Thomas.

EXCITING OPPORTUNITY to HELP LEAD FPB through MULTICULTURAL/EQUITY TRANSFORMATION

Dear First Parish Congregation,

Our Parish Board voted in June to engage Dr. Darnisa Amante and Rev. Eric Jackson of DEEP (Disruptive Equity Education Project <https://digdeepforequity.com/our-approach/>) to help our community work and learn together as we intensify our commitment next year to live into that part of our mission that calls for us to “celebrate multicultural community” and “work together to dismantle racism”. We will use DEEP’s “Equity Framework”, which equips organizations to analyze their institutional structures and helps build an organization’s capacity to engage in a transformative process that leads to increased equity.

Interested members of our congregation are invited to consider serving on a “Core Leadership Team” to work with Dr. Amante and Rev. Jackson, during the coming church year and provide FPB-based leadership for our congregation-wide work on equity. This 15-18-member core leadership team will consist of members from the congregation, as well as representatives from the Parish Board, the Transition Team, and the Diversity Caucus.

This Core Leadership Team” will most likely be counted on to:

- Work closely with Dr. Amante and Rev. Jackson, to learn and help implement the DEEP Equity Framework here at First Parish.
- Attend two workshops in September 2017, and if possible, participate in the four workshops that will be offered for the whole congregation during 2017-2018.
- Help co-facilitate small discussion groups during the workshop sessions, and/or following the workshops.
- Be available to congregation members as we undertake this learning together.
- Be committed to their own and others’ learning as we undertake this work of transformation.

Intrigued? Interested? Want to learn more? Please reach out to Almas Dossa before August 1st

Racial and Immigration Justice: Take Action This Week

<http://firstparishinbrookline.org/social-action/racial-and-immigration-justice/>

We encourage you to save thi link and check it early in the week. Action opportunities will be posted on the website each Monday morning. For more information, contact Martha Leader or Almas Dossa.

CHURCH CALENDAR for the WEEK of 7/20/17 thru 7/29/17

Below is what is on the church calendar or what the **church office has been kept informed of**. **Please note that schedules can change (or will be added) at the very last moment.** Please notify the office should there be any changes or additions to this list as they occur. Thank you.

Fri	7/21	Daybreak Yoga – 6:30 am – Lyon Chapel
Sat	7/22	Search Committee Retreat – Dana Room – all day
Sun	7/23	10am Worship Service – Lyon Chapel <i>Fellowship after service in Peterson Room</i>
Mon	7/24	Search Committee Retreat – Dana Room – 6pm
Tue	7/25	Daybreak Yoga – 6:30 am – Lyon Chapel
Fri	7/28	Daybreak Yoga – 6:30 am – Lyon Chapel