

WEEKLY UPDATE and HIGHLIGHTS

NEWSLETTER Deadline for the combined July and August issue is tomorrow Friday – June 23

Summer Services Have Begun – Worship Services during the summer months are held in **Lyon Chapel** and will begin at **10am** followed by fellowship time in the Peterson Room.

Sunday - June 25 - The Transformative Gift of Summer - Come join us for drumming, classical guitar, bird song, and poetry, as the gifts of summer welcome us into a reflective place. *Worship leaders Jody Leader and Lilly Marcelin.*

Lection Divina Latin for "Divine Reading" – Monday June 26 - 3:30 – 5:00pm. Rev Rebecca's office or outside as weather permits. Join others to explore an ancient spiritual practice. To register contact Jon Hazilla.

Carpet Cleaning – Our yearly carpet cleaning has been scheduled for Tuesday – June 27 in the afternoon. Note it takes time for the carpets to dry and they can be slippery when really wet. Please use caution if you really need to come into FP on Tuesday afternoon or evening.

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) 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” (<https://digdeepforequity.com/our-approach/>), which helps organizations and their leaders in their equity work, 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. A task force composed of representatives of the Board, Transition Team and Diversity Caucus and several “at-large” volunteers worked together over many months to study, research, interview and finally recommend DEEP.

Interested members of our congregation are now 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.

A small planning team has been formed to recruit the larger leadership team, and to work out the preliminary schedule and project plan with Dr. Amante this summer. Our hope is to have our act together and an initial plan ready before September so we can hit the ground running. We will know more details about the Core Leadership Team’s full responsibilities after the planning team meets with Dr. Amante this summer, but members of the larger “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 the 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 6/22/17 thru 7/1/17

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.

Thurs	6/22	EB Meeting – 5:30 pm – Dana Room
Fri	6/23	Daybreak Yoga – 6:30 am – Lyon Chapel Newsletter Deadline
Sun	6/25	10am Worship – Lyon Chapel <i>Fellowship after worship – Peterson Room</i>
Mon	6/26	Lection Divina – 3:30 – Minister’s Office
Tues	6/27	Daybreak Yoga – 6:30 am – Lyon Chapel Carpet Cleaning – afternoon – caution – slippery when wet

Thurs 6/29 **Staff Luncheon** – Noon – offsite – building closed

Fri 6/30 **Daybreak Yoga** – 6:30 am – Lyon Chapel

Note: There are no Summer Services on July 2 – next Summer Worship service will be July 9