



First Parish in Waltham Newsletter

*No matter who you are or
where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*

This Week at . . .



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Upcoming Sunday Services

REV. ELIZABETH "ELKA" CARRIER-LADD

On Our Way Home
Sunday, September 15
10.30am

First Parish in Waltham
Find out more at walthamuu.org

On Our Way Home

September 15, 10.30am

Last week, we were all invited to go on a journey together. This week, we will talk more about our destination. We will explore the various kinds of homes that we seek to create for ourselves and each other here on earth and the home we return to when our journeys here are complete. Join us for an invitation to companion each other on our journeys home!

To accommodate guests who will be coming for the COTW fundraiser and might need accessible parking in the front lot at the church, please use the Elks parking lot or the back parking lot at the church this week. Thank you.



This Week in Youth Faith Formation

This week, our **Chalice Children** and **Jr. Youth** Groups will head downstairs after the Wisdom Tale to begin exploring this month's theme, The Practice of Invitation.

All are invited to join us as we explore what "home" means and how church can be one of our many homes. Each group will use different games, art, and group discussions to create a covenant (a set of promises on how we want to be together and show up for each other at church) of their own. We will also be making chalices to take with us as a way of inviting spiritual practice into our lives outside of Sunday mornings. Children and youth will then join the rest of the congregation for the Coffee Hour.

Leading Chalice Children: Vivian Siegfried and Pam Penton

Leading Jr. Youth: April Rosario and Autumn Sivits-Camara

If you wish to join services virtually, click [here](#).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83014040510pwd=UFHuTktjN2VGSHRIZzBZU2RwbGFFUT09>

Password: FPW101

Upcoming Events



First Parish in Waltham is proud to be supporting Chaplains on the Way with a Silent Auction & Community Barbecue.

September 15
12 PM to 3 PM
in Whitcomb Hall

(Due to the event, we will not hold our usual coffee hour).

First Parish in Waltham members and friends are invited to help by providing sides, beverages, or three volunteers for 30-minute grilling shifts.

We hope you can help, to sign up, go to:

[Signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AABAF29A2FCCF8-50702262-chaplains#/](https://signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4AABAF29A2FCCF8-50702262-chaplains#/)

Kindly sign up by Friday, September 13.

For more information about the event, please visit

<https://www.chaplainsontheway.us>



Friday Sept. 13th, 2024 6:00pm

Our 1st family-friendly potluck this year

NO NUTS OR NUT-FLOUR PLEASE

Come socialize with your beloved community

There will be games aplenty

Story tellers, knitters, musicians, all are invited

We clean up together & leave around 9:00pm

You're welcome to come at any time!

Need a ride? We may be able to help. Special diet? It's best to bring your own food. Need info?

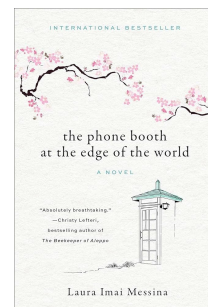
Contact Martha Gallagher!



Book Club

"the phone booth on the edge of the world"
by Laura Imai Messina

September 19th at 1pm.
Meeting in the Harrington Room and online.
All are welcome.



Messages from our Community

Faith Formation Zoom Orientation: Get to Know April and the Program

Everyone, Parents, Caregivers, Kids and Youth, Church Members, and Friends, are invited to join April for our Faith Formation Orientation on Wednesday, September 11, at 7 p.m.



April will be going over what folks can expect each Sunday during youth faith formation, what folks can look forward to in terms of new adult faith formation small groups, and her hopes of adding a nursery and youth group in the near future. There will also be lots of time for folks to ask any questions they have as well as share their hopes and dreams for the Faith Formation Program.

Join Zoom [here](#)
Meeting ID: 843 3297 5146
Passcode: 127658

Partner Organizations and Other News

CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM
ROOTS AND REALITIES

Wednesday Sept. 25, 2024
7:00 PM

Temple Beth Israel
25 Harvard Street
Waltham, MA

ZOOM: Visit tbiwaltham.org
for the link

RSVP Required: See Below

Dr. Christopher Evans explores Christian nationalism, particularly how evangelical Protestant groups claim the US was founded as a Christian nation. He will trace the historical evolution of these beliefs, their rejection of the separation of church and state, and their ties to anti-Semitism. Dr. Evans will also address the paradox of Christian Zionism, where these groups both defend Israel and link its existence to end-times prophecy and conspiracy theories.

Christopher Evans is Professor of the History of Christianity at Boston University. A scholar of American religion, he has taught and published widely on topics related to the history of evangelicalism, religion and American politics, and religion and popular culture. His books include *The Social Gospel in American Religion* (New York University Press, 2017) and *Histories of American Christianity: An Introduction* (Baylor University Press, 2013). He is an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, having served congregations in Central and Western New York state.

Temple Beth Israel

RSVP REQUIRED AT:
<https://bit.ly/drchrisevans>
or scan QR Code



Pastoral Care in Our Congregation during the summer months:

Our Lay Pastoral Care Team is available year-round for compassionate listening and companionship.

Consider reaching out when you or a loved one:

- Have been diagnosed or are living with a serious illness
- Are going into the hospital
- Have a relationship in trouble
- Are coping with a personal loss
- Could use support around your gender identity or sexual orientation
- Have had a death in the family
- Want to discuss an addiction issue
- Are struggling with mental illness
- Want to talk about your spiritual journey
- Have vocational, ethical, or religious questions
- Want to plan your wedding
- Need to plan a memorial service

Please reach out to us if you believe we can help!
pastoralcare@walthamuu.org

Birthdays Among Us!

The Membership Committee is helping us celebrate birthdays as a congregation! Please let us know yours by emailing Brenda Asis:
membership.commissioner@walthamuu.org

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is to be a caring, inclusive, spiritual community committed to using free inquiry and the power of love to achieve peace, justice, and a sustainable world.

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