



MOVING FORWARD **HAND IN HAND**

“It is when we are in transition that we are most completely alive.”

— William Bridges

Reckoning and Repair

UUMass Action membership

‘Join or Die’ film screening

Mussar Group

Community potlucks

Charting the Course

Youth Group Service Trip to WV

Trans Day of Resilience

Coming of Age Sunday

Defending Democracy

Wider Network of Care

Multi-generational post-election gathering

In a world of change and uncertainty, we are thankful for the grounding of our spiritual community.



Join our annual pledge drive to keep First Parish a guiding force of change in a world craving tenderness and connection.

Welcoming Congregation

Family Game Night

ArCS Cluster of Refugee Immigration Ministry

Lectio Divina

Wednesday Evening Chapel

Covenant Groups

Talent Show

Raising the U.S. and Progress Pride flags

Climate Action

Choral Scholars

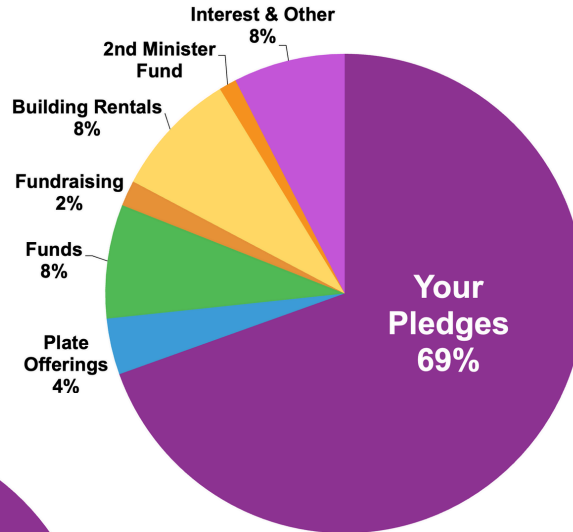
Winter Holiday Children’s Choir

For the past 300 years, First Parish has demonstrated commitment, strength and resilience. 2025 will be no different. Our strong bonds and deep values will guide us through uncertainty.

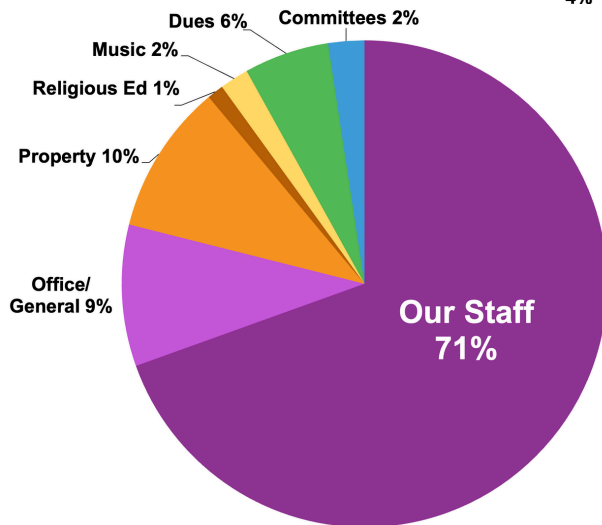
WE ARE ALL FIRST PARISH: WE ARE ALL STEWARDS.

Each one of us in an integral part of our vibrant community.

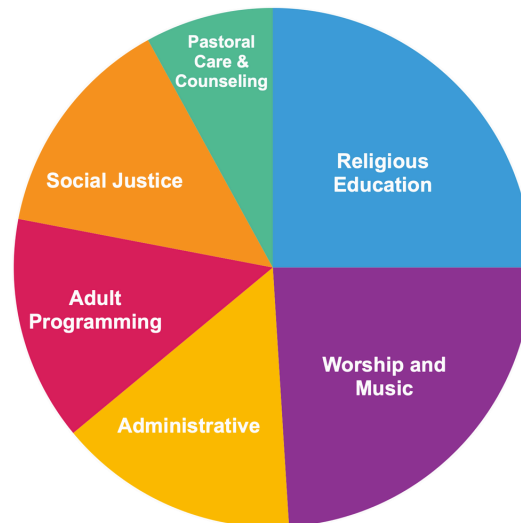
**First Parish is self-funding.
Our pledges account for over
two-thirds of the budget...**



**...that we need to pay our
staff and all the bills...**



**...which translates to the
programs that make us thrive.**



What is pledging?

- Pledging is when you declare and record how much you intend to give in the upcoming church year (July 2025 – June 2026).
- Giving is when you fulfill your pledge. For example, by paying monthly throughout the year or all at once at the beginning of the year.

Why pledge in advance and not just give?

- Pledging allows the church to create a balanced budget in advance so our expenses don't exceed our income.
- During the year, the Treasurer and Parish Committee compare the budget with the actual income and expenses to keep us on track.

How do you pledge?

- Visit firstparish.info/give and tap on the "Pledge for Tomorrow" tab. Put in your pledge, either monthly or a total for the year.

Living our Values through Participation . . .

Participation is an issue of integrity - to acknowledge that you belong to something bigger than yourself. Just like we participate in First Parish programs, every one of us has a responsibility to participate in the financial well-being of our congregation. To remain strong, it is important that every single one of us contributes what we can.

**YOUR FINANCIAL PLEDGE
KEEPS US MOVING FORWARD.**

Pledge today!

