



**Welcome to First Parish Dorchester,  
our Unitarian Universalist religious community.**

We welcome you, whoever you are, whatever tradition, gender,  
race, class, sexual identity, ability, age, or immigration status you represent.  
May you grow in the ways of respect, service, and wholeness.  
And through all your days may you know that you are loved.

**First Parish Dorchester is a spiritual home for all those who seek  
theological and cultural diversity, fellowship, justice and service.**

***Mission Statement***

Rev. Terry Sweetser  
Interim Minister

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Ardis Vaughan, Chair, Board of Trustees

Staff: Dr. Ana Sorina Popa, Music Director  
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## First Parish Dorchester Unitarian Universalist



## Facilities Rental Information

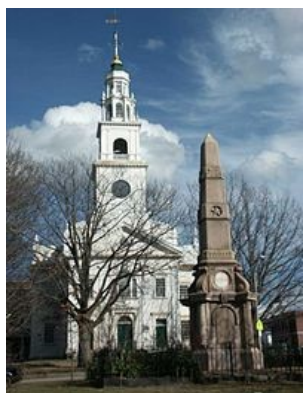
## Thank you for your interest in First Parish Dorchester!

We are a welcoming resource for our congregation and the Boston community at large. Our facilities are available for hosting family-oriented events such as birthday and anniversary parties and for fundraisers appropriate for a church setting. Here you will find some general information about use of the space and how to proceed with booking your rental.

First Parish Dorchester offers many advantages as a function space that are difficult to find, especially in an urban area. In addition to attractive rates and amenities:

- Our church is a registered historic building in a picturesque location.
- We have a parking lot and plenty of on-street parking.
- Our first floor function spaces are fully accessible.
- The Sanctuary accessibly seats 400, plus approximately 200 more on the balcony level. It offers an antique Tracker pipe organ, a piano, and a public address system for basic amplification.
- The Parish Hall offers an 18' x 15' stage equipped with an Estonia grand piano and complimentary use of 15 tables and 85 chairs. In addition, formal tables and chairs are available to rent.
- The Allen Parlor adjacent to the Parish Hall, with sliding pocket doors, is included as a secondary space with rental of the Hall.
- A serving kitchen is available for food preparation.
- We have second floor conference rooms for meeting purposes, as well as a nursery space available.
- Our interim minister is available to officiate at life events. Please contact the minister directly at [minister@firstparishdorchester.org](mailto:minister@firstparishdorchester.org) for availability and fees.
- Note: There are no rentals on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday evenings; or on Sundays.

## Some Facts about Our Building



First Parish Dorchester, Boston's oldest congregation, was founded in March, 1630. The Meetinghouse has been a landmark on Meetinghouse Hill since the 1600's. Today's Meetinghouse was built in 1896 after a fire. We have recently completed the renovation and restoration of our celebrated steeple.

First Parish Dorchester has been a center of the Dorchester community for centuries and continues this tradition today. Our doors are open to many community groups, civic associations, cultural and ethnic organizations, groups from other religious traditions, and educational organizations.

## Requests

Requests may be directed to First Parish Dorchester's Rental Facilities Rental Coordinator at [rentals@firstparishdorchester.org](mailto:rentals@firstparishdorchester.org) or by telephone at (617) 436-0527. Long-term use of the building needs previous approval by the Board of Trustees. Renters may use building resources (e.g. sound system) as available. The applicant has the option of paying for custodial services (if available) to set up and clean up after the event for an additional fee.

## Rental Fees

A 50% down payment and a separate refundable \$150 security deposit are due upon signing the rental agreement. The balance is due two weeks before the event. In the case of cancellation more than two days before the event, the down payment is refunded. The down payment is not refunded if the event is cancelled two days or less before the event. Please make checks payable to *First Parish Dorchester*.



## ROOMS/EQUIPMENT

- Sanctuary
- Parish Hall—including Allen Parlor
- Allen Parlor only
- Conference Room
- Nursery
- Piano
- Kitchen
- Custodial Services (if available)
- Security Deposit (refunded)
- Round tables 60" seats 10
- Bar height tables 32" round, 46" high
- 120" round white table cloths
- Chairs

## RATES

Non Profit	Commercial/Private
<b>Two Hour Minimum</b>	
\$125/hr.	\$125/hr.
\$100/hr.	\$150/hr.
\$75/hr.	\$100/hr.
\$25/hr.	\$50/hr.
\$25/hr.	\$50/hr.
<b>Flat rates</b>	
\$100 flat fee	\$100 flat fee
\$100 flat fee	\$100 flat fee
\$250 flat fee	\$250 flat fee
\$400	\$400
\$9 each	\$9 each
\$9 each	\$9 each
\$16 each	\$16 each
\$2 each	\$2 each