

# Impact Squantum

"Where We Love Kindness"

Spring 2019



## About First Church

First Church is a member-run, member-owned Congregational Church. All the members are neighborhood volunteers and cheerfully donate their time to God, who calls us to make a difference in our community. While the members represent the diversity of the American way of life, many of us live in Squantum and can walk to Church.

## Vacation Bible School August 5–9

Our amazing Vacation Bible School will kick off with a **Roar!** In fact, that's our theme—Roar! We will have a great time learning about animals and God. Peanut-free zone! We provide this as a service to our community.

## New Plans to Address Community Needs

From the beginning, in 1914, the First Church of Squantum was about building and reinforcing community. As stated by Rev. Davison "Squantum is without a hall of any kind, and its social activities have been stunted for this reason.

The fact that the Community Hall is separated from the church proper and its religious work, will tend to make [the] Community Hall available for...the best interests of Squantum." In 1949, the church decided to make a historic move by building an addition that expanded the community and added additional meeting and classroom space.

Now on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of that historic move, the church is striving once again to reach a new level of community involvement. First Church is undertaking a capital improvement program to upgrade our facilities and expand our offerings to the community. We believe our community needs spaces for our citizens of all ages and disabilities to meet.

- ☼ A functional space for the times and the needs of the community.
- ☼ A place for conversations and building relationships.
- ☼ A safe place for our children to meet and develop.
- ☼ An inclusive space open to all residents.

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**Where We Love Kindness**

We are asking **YOU** to join us in Impacting Squantum by contributing to Squantum's community space.

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## How can you help Impact Squantum?

☀ **Make a Contribution**  
Contact Impact Squantum to make a donation at [impactsquantum@gmail.com](mailto:impactsquantum@gmail.com)

☀ **Volunteer** Contact Impact Squantum to offer your time or talents at [impactsquantum@gmail.com](mailto:impactsquantum@gmail.com)

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## Who Shares Our Facility?

First Church has been helping people help others over the years by opening its doors to groups like Boy and Girl Scouts, Brady Irish Step Academy, church basketball leagues, music and arts groups, yoga, community classes, fruit and vegetable co-ops, other churches in need, and the Squantum Community Association.

## How We Will....

### Impact the Community Space

- Handicapped access
- Update the kitchen, for community events
- Improved lighting in our community spaces
- Improved sound systems and audio-visual projection
- Renovated bathrooms, more accessible and with changing tables
- New, more welcoming entryway
- Improved acoustics in Community Hall for large and small groups
- Redesign of Community Hall including partitions
- New, resilient floor

### Impact Our Community

- Helping people help others  
Children's and youth programs  
free of charge to anyone in the community –  
Youth groups- Meeting once a month for fun activities with their friends.  
Families needing bathrooms during community events.
- Connecting with people  
through person-to-person and virtual spaces

## A Tea Celebrating Mothers!

First Church of Squantum  
Saturday, May 11th  
2:30p-4:00p



Cakes, sandwiches, Musical entertainment by Eniko Platteel & family  
Dance performance by the Brady Academy of Irish Dance

Tickets \$15 adults, \$5 children over 7 yrs  
Buy in advance at [firstchurchsquantum.org](http://firstchurchsquantum.org) or church office

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781-956-6795 for questions



## Easter Egg Hunt 2019

We had an amazing time! The oldest ones hid 650 eggs. We gave the littlest ones a head-start to find what they could, then turned the older kids loose to find the rest. Prizes in the eggs included candy, stickers, knick-knacks and other fun stuff.

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## Our vision:

To channel Christ's love into the lives of our neighbors.  
To weave God's grace into the fabric of Squantum.