

First Parish Church: Project to Increase Accessibility and Service to our Community

A Relationship with Brunswick



First Parish Church is a dynamic and diverse institution, with a long and rich history within the Brunswick community. Founded in 1717, it was here before there was a United States, a State of Maine, or even a town of Brunswick. Today, in addition to weekly worship services and a host of church activities, First Parish continues to serve the community by hosting a variety of activities, including scouts, AA, community events, a pre-school and much more.

A Need for Better Access and More Space

First Parish is seeking to expand our partnership with the community by creating more usable space for community use and updating our buildings so they are accessible to all, regardless of mobility.

Particularly, Pilgrim House, located on Cleaveland St., needs to offer improved access to its large meeting space on the second floor and accessible restrooms -- at the very least. In the church Sanctuary, the largest community gathering space outside Bowdoin College, we will be adding ramp access and making other helpful updates.



The Projects:

1. Provide accessible large gathering space, additional meeting spaces, and accessible restrooms within Pilgrim House. This may involve making alterations or adding on to the existing building, or a complete re-build of Pilgrim House.
2. Improve accessibility within the Sanctuary building by providing ramp access to the main worship space, as well as other updates.
3. Improve the energy-efficiency of Pilgrim House through better insulation and more efficient doors and windows. If we decide to rebuild, we envision a Green building.
4. Address necessary repairs and updates to both the Sanctuary and Pilgrim House.

What's Next?

First Parish is planning a capital campaign to commence in 2016 to raise the necessary funds for these projects. In preparation for this exciting initiative, we are seeking input and creative ideas for ways we can partner with local organizations and the downtown Brunswick community.