



Weekly Update Wednesday, September 18, 2019 First Parish in Lexington

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Worship Service at 10:30 AM Sunday, September 22, 2019

Falling Toward the Heart of the World

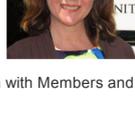
In his poem from "The Book of Hours," Rilke says: If we surrendered to earth's intelligence we could rise up rooted, like trees. But instead, he says, we tangle ourselves up in knots of our own making. Come and explore a pathway back to the gravitation of the earth, so that we can, with Rilke, find our way "toward the heart of the world."

This Sunday we welcome guest musicians Jennifer Morsches (baroque and modern cello), Regie O'Hare Gibson (percussion) and Meg Newhouse (flute). They will join the sanctuary choir in Mark Miller's rousing gospel setting of "What Does the Lord Require of You?" with soloist Chris Hess. The choir will also sing Tom Fetteke's beautiful arrangement of Caccini's "'Holy," with a solo cello arrangement by Rip Jackson. For the centering music, Rip and Jennifer will play Antonin Dvořák's hauntingly serene "Romance No. 1" (from Four Romantic Pieces, Op.75). For the prayer music and postlude, Jennifer will play on baroque cello J. S. Bach's lyrical "Sarabande" and energetic "Gigue" from the Cello Suite No.2 in d minor, BWV 1008.



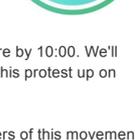
A Note From Rev. Anne Mason

It was wonderful to be back among you all this week. As I begin my fourth year, I was thrilled to be able to remember almost everyone's name as you greeted me on the way out.... but I had to rely on my memory because I hardly saw any name tags. Please consider that everyone appreciates seeing your name tag- whether it is a new comer or someone who needs a little bit of help with memory.... If you need a new name tag, please check in with Members and Friends at the welcome kiosk during coffee hour.



I'm looking forward to a wonderful year together!

Support LHS Global Climate Strikers



Come to the First Parish at 9:25 Friday Sept. 20th

This past Sunday Rev. Anne gave a very powerful sermon calling all of us to join her on the steps of First Parish at 9:25, this Friday. From the church steps Rev. Anne and our Missa Gaia Whiale will lead us across the street to join others in front of Hancock Church then on to LHS playing field to be there by 10:00. We'll hear from LHS student activists and others who've been hard at work to set this protest up on climate change.

On Sunday we heard from Grace Yang who at 14 is one of the key organizers of this movement. She too called on us to be with her and all the other young organizers. She received a standing ovation for her passion and commitment to this cause. Let's be with our youth, let's be with all those from around the world who will be having similar protests on Friday.. Show up for the planet.

Traffic Alert

Due to difficulties experienced by the contractor for the porte-cochere repair, the temporary change in traffic pattern will be suspended until further notice. Please return to exiting as usual on the west driveway and exiting on the east (porte-cochere) side. And do not exit at the rear through the apartment complex. We will inform you when—and how-- there is a change in this usual procedure. Thank you for your help with this! Toni Tasker Building and Grounds Chair

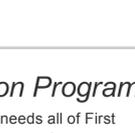
Newcomers Drop -In

Sunday, September 22nd, 11:45 am to 12:30 pm, in the Church Parlor, accessible from Parish Hall: Pick up refreshments and come to the parlor to meet with representatives from the Members and Friends Committee. This will be one of a series of drop-ins for newcomers to learn more about First Parish, to share what brought you to the church, to learn more about Unitarian Universalism, what membership in First Parish brings to the individual, and for you to raise questions of interest to you. As an example of an activity at First Parish, M&F member Karolyn Eisenstein will share information about the group Creative Callings: Fiber Arts Fellowship.

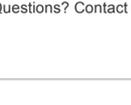
Fall Potlucks

Sign up for our Fall Potluck Suppers!

Those who sign up are assigned to one of several groups of 8-10 people who gather for a potluck dinner in a member's home on a weekday or weekend evening once a month for four months. The dinners are a great way for newcomers to get acquainted with others in the church.



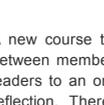
Sign-ups continue through September 30. The small groups will be formed in October and will run through January. Contact [Linda Coyne](#) for more information.



Support Our Religious Education Program

Our growing and vibrant Religious Education program needs all of First Parish to support our young people! Please pick a Sunday or few to volunteer as a 2nd Adult in our Sunday Morning Classrooms. As a 2nd Adult you support our staff teachers in creating a safe and fun environment for our classes. Our staff teachers do all the prep/planning and leading of activities. You bring your open mind, loving heart, and giving hands. We ask parents to volunteer a minimum of 4 times in the church year, and ask other congregants to volunteer at least once. Sign Up and pick your Sundays at this link bit.ly/SundayMorningSignUp

Questions? Contact Lisa Maria email link for dre@fplex.org.

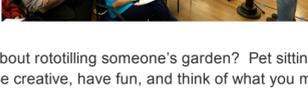


Memory Book for Jane Foley

Please help create a Memory Book for Jane Foley after church this Sunday. Debbie Armstrong will have a table in the Parish Hall during Social Hour with an array of papers, markers, and stickers to write a message expressing our great appreciation for Jane's years of service, support, and smiles!

Dismantling Racism in Our Town

A new course that has been developed specifically for Lexington folks, through collaboration between members of First Parish Lexington and Church of Our Redeemer. We aim to inspire leaders to an ongoing process of transformation through facilitated conversation and individual reflection. There will be 2 groups offered, one on Monday evenings at Church of Our Redeemer from 7-9 pm, the other on Friday mornings at First Parish 10 am to noon. Both sessions start the week of October 14 and run for 6 weeks. For more information and to register, please go to the following link [Dismantling Racism in Our Town](#)



Save the Date!

The biggest night of the year for First Parish is our annual service auction, held this year on **Saturday, November 16**. This is the chance for members to offer their services to people in our community, so please begin to think about what you might want to offer. Some of the most popular things are rides to the airport, themed dinners or concerts, and vacation homes. How about rototilling someone's garden? Pet sitting? Custom scarves? Be creative, have fun, and think of what you might be able to give to support our congregation.

Open Call for Art Created by Children

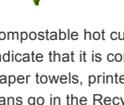
An Open Call for Art Created by Children in the FP Community imagine the gallery walls in Parish Hall filled with children's art—created over the years by the youth at First Parish. Do you have anything to share? Art created last week? Last year? Last decade? We want it! It can be framed or unframed; we can mat it for you—just bring in what you have. We hope to include as many of our young artists as we can, including art created by 10 youth from years gone by. The Children's Art Exhibition will run from November 10 through January 20 with a reception for the artists to follow the concert on November 10. Work will be accepted October 13 through 27, before and after Sunday Services in Parish Hall, and by arrangement.



Contact: Carolyn Fleiss carolynfleiss@gmail.com or Margie Gibbons gibbons5@rcn.com for more information or with questions.

About Hand-in-Hand

A monthly pop-up café has come to town sponsored by LexRAP (Lexington Refugee Assistance Program), in coordination with First Parish Lexington. Local refugee women prepare the meal together and then eat with the guests and enjoy conversation. Our first three dinners were sold out! We are excited to provide guests with the opportunity to build community and understanding. The cooks have been enjoying sharing their cuisine and getting to know the community.



Green Action Corner

First Parish is Turning Greener through Composting

"Confused about what goes into Recycling, Composting, and Landfill bins? Help is on the way. An order has been placed by First Parish for compostable hot cups, cold cups, plates, knives, forks, spoons, and coffee stirrers. Each item will indicate that it is compostable. All of these items, plus food scraps, coffee grounds, napkins, paper towels, printer paper, and newspapers will go in the compost bins. Plastics, bottles, and cans go in the Recycle bin. Anything else, such as a milk carton, goes in the Landfill bin. The order of compostable supplies will arrive in a week or two. When it arrives, improved signage will be posted."

This Week at First Parish

Wednesday, September 18th		
Creative Calling	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
LYFS Executive Team meeting	7:00 p.m.	Green Room
Master Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Thursday, September 19th		
Music Department	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Soul Matters	1:00 p.m.	Common Room
Meditation Group	4:00 p.m.	Parlor
Labyrinth Walking	4:45 p.m.	Parker Hall
Rental	5:45 p.m.	Robinson Hall
Scrabble Club	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Friday, September 20th		
Strike for The Planet	9:25 a.m.	First Parish
LYFS Exec Team Meeting	1:00 p.m.	Green Room
Organs Rehearsal	3:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
OWL Orientation	6:00 p.m.	Parker Hall
Roaring Jelly Contra Dance	7:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Saturday, September 21th		
Parish Board Retreat	9:00 a.m.	Off Site
Munroe Saturday Night Concert	6:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Sunday, September 22nd		
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	Parish Hall
Parents Group	11:45 a.m.	Robinson Hall
Children's Choir Rehearsal	11:45 a.m.	Parker Hal
Newcomer Drop-In	11:45 p.m.	Parlor
Sarasa Concert	3:30 p.m.	Sanctuary & Parish Hall
SHYG meeting	7:00 p.m.	Robinson Hall
Monday, September 23rd		
Music Department	12:00p.m.	Sanctuary
Deborah Abel Dance Class	3:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
Spanish Academy	4:15 p.m.	Staples Hall
Tuesday, September 24th		
Staff Meeting	11:00 a.m.	Minister's Office
Music Department	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Music Committee	3:00 p.m.	Green Room
Deborah Abel Dance Class	4:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Empty Sky Sangha	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Steering Committee	7:30p.m.	Common Room
Wednesday, September 25th		
Music Department	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Deborah Abel Dance Class	3:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
Spanish Academy	4:15 p.m.	Staples Hall



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