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### Worship Service at 10:30 AM Sunday, October 13, 2019

### Love the Hell out of this World



Guest Speaker and Musician Matt Meyer

When the culture around us doesn't encourage us to our best selves, how do we model the kind of world we want to live in? Guest speaker and musician Matt Meyer will reflect on the good and bad of middle school, the time he picked the very best costume for a high-stakes 5th grade costume party, and how we find the skills for beloved community. Matt is a musician and community organizer who has led hundreds of services for UU congregations across the country. He has a degree in hand drumming and has studied abroad in Cuba, Ghana and Central America. He currently serves as Director of Community Life for Sanctuary Boston.

### Among Our Own

We have received sad news from Rhea Nowak that her mother, Barbara "Bobbie" Nowak, passed away in early August. Bobbie was very active at First Parish until she moved to Madison, WI, where she remained an active gardener, and continued to read, to practice Tai Chi, and to enjoy music. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin, The Sierra Club – John Muir Chapter, Congregation Shaarei Shamayim, and Friends of Hawthorne Library. Online condolences are available at [www.caringbridge.org/visit/bobbinowak](http://www.caringbridge.org/visit/bobbinowak).



We are also sad to hear of the passing of long time member, Karen Safford. Our hearts go out to Adrian Leone and all the family at this time of loss. Memorial service will be on December 28th, we will be sure to let the First Parish community know the details once they have been confirmed.

### Volunteers Needed!



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](http://bit.ly/SundayMorningSignUp)

Questions? Contact Lisa Maria email link for [dre@fplex.org](mailto:dre@fplex.org)

### Committee for Ministerial Support

As members of the CMS for Rev. Anne, we three want the First Parish community to know about our availability and role within the church. Our prime goal is supporting Anne in her work as our minister, and in that arena it is extremely important that we hear any feedback from you about your concerns, your joys, and your constructive ideas about how our community is working together.



It's important to know that Rev. Anne wants to be available to speak with you directly. If you'd like to speak with any of us before the direct connection with Anne, please do so and we'll pass the feedback on to Anne, who will then speak with you about it. Nothing can be anonymous as Anne needs to know what is working and not working for you.

Membership in the Committee lasts three years. One of us rotates off each year and is replaced by a new person, so there are always three of us.

We meet monthly and inform Anne about church member feedback as the need arises.

Please feel free to find us at Social Hour, by phone, or by email with your feedback. Thanks for your help.

Lee Jeffers Bрами, Anne Khudari, Bobbie Hodson

### First Parish Art Committee Update

**Are you interested in joining the Art Committee at First Parish?** We welcome all in the FP community to attend our meetings and see if you'd like to join our team.

**What do we do?** We offer inclusive opportunities to display art in Parish Hall created by our members and friends. Rotating exhibits hung by the Art Committee inspire, start conversations, celebrate creativity, and bring us together.



Upcoming meetings — from 12:00 noon to 1:00pm in the Parlor:

Sunday, October 13, 2019

Sunday, December 1, 2019

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Sunday, June 14, 2020

### Voices on the Green

Do you know where you belong? Next **Friday, October 18th, 7:00 PM**: Voices on the Green will explore what it means to belong. Through an evocative and entertaining evening of personal stories and thematically resonant popular songs, members of First Parish and the surrounding community will gather together to begin Voices on the Green's fourth season of Belonging.



The storytellers for the evening include a highly diverse set of perspectives and backgrounds, ranging in age from high school to retirement. Appropriate to the theme, our community partner for this event will be LexRAP, with whom we will share both hosting and revenue.

Recruited from both First Parish, LexRAP, and the larger community, here's the featured storytellers and singers for the evening:

From First Parish: Liz Hartmann, Simon Andrews, David Rose, Regie O'Hare Gibson (Host)

From Our Neighbors in Lexington: Debra Jacoby-Twigg, Jawad Abo-Tabik, Akshay Jha, Neeti Jha

Musical numbers on the same theme of belonging will be sung by First Parish's new tenor, Nate Ramsayer. Marlon Carey will lead a thematically related evening of fun for children, and refreshments will be provided for all. Come where your whole family can belong.

Tickets are available at [Voicesonthegreen.brownpapertickets.com](http://Voicesonthegreen.brownpapertickets.com), at First Parish Church office, or at the door if seats are available. Call (781) 862-8200 for more information

### 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.

### This Week at First Parish

<b>Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup></b>		
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
<b>Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup></b>		
Meditation Group	4:00 p.m.	Parlor
Scrabble Club	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
<b>Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup></b>		
Organ Rehearsal	3:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
<b>Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup></b>		
<b>Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup></b>		
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	Parish Hall
Art Committee Meeting	12:00 p.m.	Parlor
SHYG meeting	7:00 p.m.	Robinson Hall
<b>Monday, October 14<sup>th</sup></b>		
First Parish will be closed for the Holiday		
<b>Tuesday, October 15<sup>th</sup></b>		
Eighty-Plus Luncheon	12:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Deborah Abel Dance Class	4:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Climate Action Team Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Green Room
Empty Sky Sangha	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
<b>Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup></b>		
Deborah Abel Dance Class	1:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
Creative Callings	1:30 p.m.	Parlor
Spanish Academy	4:15 p.m.	Staples Hall
LYFS Exec Team Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Green Room
Master Singer Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary



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