



Weekly Update Wednesday, October 2, 2019 First Parish in Lexington

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Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Sunday, October 6, 2019

Blessing of the Animals



Our All Ages Worship will be a festive celebration of our UU principle that honors the "interconnected web of all existence." Bring an animal friend—be it a real "live" one (leashed or in a carrier), a stuffed animal, or a photo of an animal you love. Pet-free seating will be available for those who wish to enjoy live animals from afar.



For this Sunday's "Blessing of the Animals" service, the children's choir will sing (and dance!) Bill Staines invigorating "A Place in the Choir," with soloists Sarah Beuttell, Caroline and Cecilia Kvaal and David Meharry. Mark Therieaux (guitar), John Royer (electric bass) and Regie and McKenna O'Hare Gibson (percussion) will accompany them. Youth soloist Adelle Cowen-Therieu will sing Alan Menken's passionate "Colors of the Wind" (from Pocahontas). For the centuring music, Julia Jaffe and Elizabeth Walsh will sing Rossini's joyful "Duetto Buffo Di Due Gatti" (Cat Duet). And the sanctuary choir will sing Jim Scott's beautiful "Let Us Go Forth in Peace" (from Paul Winter's Missa Gaia: A Mass for the Earth) and John Rutter's inspirational "For the Beauty of the Earth."

Sunday Services Reminder

On Sunday mornings at 10:40 am the front door will be closed and locked in order to have a secured building; if you arrive after that time, please enter through the back doors were somebody will be available to direct you to access the Sanctuary.

Mezzo Soprano Julia Jaffe in Concert

with harpsichordist Rip Jackson and a Baroque string trio
Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 3:30 PM – Free Will Offering
First Parish UU in Lexington

On Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 3:30, First Parish in Lexington will present Belarus native mezzo soprano in a concert of Baroque arias, Russian Folk songs, spirituals, Broadway ballads, 19th-century art songs and instrumental trio sonatas. Ms. Jaffe will be joined by Rip Jackson on piano and harpsichord with baroque violinists Asako Takeuchi and Emily Hale and baroque cellist Jennifer Morsches.



Julia Jaffe was born in Minsk, Belarus where she attended a specialized music school. She immigrated to the USA as a teenager and studied voice and literature at the University of Utah. In Boston, Julia had a career as a linguist and pursued post graduate studies in voice at the New England Conservatory of Music. She has performed as a soloist with the Lowell House Opera and Commonwealth Lyric Theatre as well as an ensemble member of Utah Opera, Opera Tampa, and the Odyssey opera. Julia experiences singing as direct conduit between the spiritual and corporeal realms. She feels blessed to sing at the First Parish UU in Lexington where she has had opportunities to sing music of dizzying variety under the leadership of Rip Jackson.

A free will offering will be taken. For more info visit <http://bit.ly/fp-julia2019>.

Barbara Hills' Gallery Reception

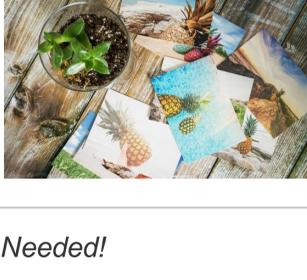


Join us for Barbara Hills' gallery reception this **Sunday, October 6, 5:00- 6:00** following Julia Jaffe's concert. Barbara's portraits, still lifes, and landscapes, now featured in the First Parish Gallery, celebrate her lifelong interest in the world around her.

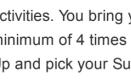
"I have enjoyed drawing and painting all my life. Although I did not attend art school, I did take classes at the Albright Museum in Buffalo. After I moved to the Boston area, I took classes at the Cambridge Center for Adult Education, the De Cordova Museum, and the Lexington Arts and Crafts Society. I have also taken workshops with various artists, including Robert Douglas Hunter and Connie Pratt. There are always challenges and something new to learn and explore...currently I'm exploring watercolor with Linda Dunn out here at Carleton-Willard. I just keep going." ~Barbara Hills

Climate Action Team

The Climate Action Team sees opportunities to pass favorable state legislation, and plans a quick postcarding action after the service on Sunday. Each congregant will be asked to complete two postcards asking our statehouse representatives to aggressively support climate bills under active consideration.



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.

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

Unity Group

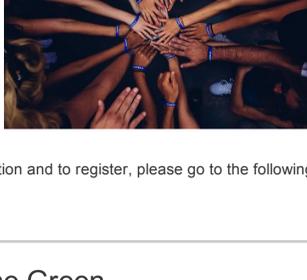


All are welcome to the first Unity Group luncheon of the year on Monday, October 7th at noon! This gathering of (mostly) women (though men are welcome) meets on the second Monday of each month (excepting October) for socializing, lunch, and a program. Please bring your own sandwich or salad. Dessert will be shared.

This month's program is "Our First Jobs." Would you be willing to tell us a little about your's? Please join us at noon in Parker Hall.

Dismantling Racism in Our Town

New course that has been developed specifically for members of First Parish through collaboration between Lexington 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 the week of information and to register, please go to the following link: [Dismantling Racism in Our Town](#).



Voices on the Green

On Friday evening, Oct. 18, the popular storytelling and music series "Voices on the Green" will begin its fourth season at First Parish Church on Lexington's Green. Doors open at 6:30. Refreshments available both before the event and during intermission. The theme for this event will be "Belonging" and seven storytellers will explore their personal struggles and successes in finding how and where to belong.



Each Voices on the Green program partners with a not-for-profit organization in the community that expresses the values of First Parish Church and its members. The community partner for this event will be the Lexington Refugee Assistance Program (LexRAP). The proceeds of a LexRap will help to provide delicious refreshments for the event and will share in the members as a way for us to support their important work in making Lexington a better community in which to belong.

Tickets are available at Voicesonthegreen.brownpapertickets.com or at First Parish Church office, or at the door if seats are available.

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.

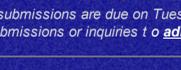
This Week at First Parish

Wednesday, October 2nd		
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, October 3rd		
Music Department	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Meditation Group	4:00 p.m.	Parlor
Scrabble Club	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Friday, October 4th		
LYFS Exec Team Meeting	1:00 p.m.	Green Room
Organs Rehearsal	3:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Saturday, October 5th		
Lex at Home	5:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Sunday, October 6th		
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	Parish Hall
Children's Choir Rehearsal	11:45 a.m.	Parker Hall
Climate Action Team	12:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Memorial Garden Service	12:00 p.m.	Memorial Garden
Julia Jaffe Concert	3:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
OWL Session	4:00p.m.	Parker & Robinson Halls
SHYG meeting	7:00 p.m.	Robinson Hall
Monday, October 7th		
Music Department	12:00p.m.	Sanctuary
Unity Group Luncheon	12:00 p.m.	Parker Hall
Deborah Abel Dance Class	3:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
Spanish Academy	4:15 p.m.	Staples Hall
Lexington DAR	7:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Members & Friends Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Robinson Hall
Tuesday, October 8th		
Staff Meeting	11:00 a.m.	Minister's Office
Music Department	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Deborah Abel Dance Class	4:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Green Room
Empty Sky Sangha	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Wednesday, October 9th		
Music Department	12:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Deborah Abel Dance Class	1:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
Spanish Academy	4:15 p.m.	Staples Hall
Music Department	5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
LYFS Exec Team Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Green Room
Master Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary



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Weekly Update submissions are due on Tuesdays at 9:00 am.
Please email submissions or inquiries to admin@fplex.org.

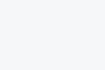
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