

Weekly Update
Wednesday, November 6, 2019
First Parish in Lexington

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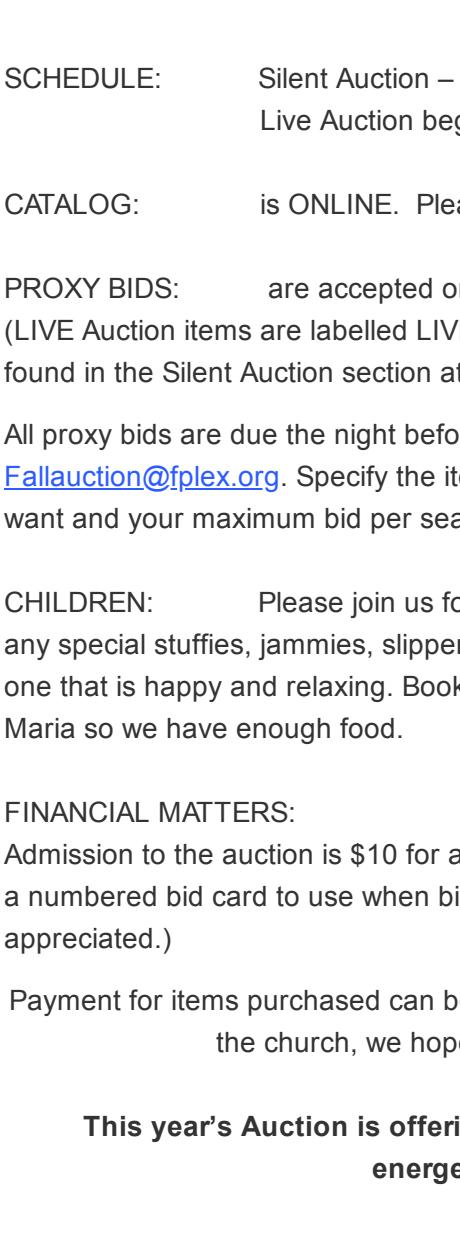
Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Sunday, November 10, 2019

Was Jesus a Marxist?



Today Rev. Anne will preach the Auction Sermon purchased at last year's auction. She was asked to explore the teachings of Jesus on altruism. Did he really mean that if someone asks for our coat, we should give our shirt as well? And where does theology bump up against evolutionary psychology? All this, just in time for this year's auction...



This Sunday guest singers will sing music from the Broadway stage during worship. Natalie Briere will sing the deeply heart-felt "Nobody Seems to Care" from Rip Jackson's original musical *The Beatitudes: A Journey of Compassion, Justice and Love Triumphant*. She will be joined by Mattie Sowards in singing Claude-Michel Schönberg's passionate "I Still Believe" (from *Miss Saigon*). Taylor Ampatiellos and Jamie Willis will sing Stephen Schwartz's lyrical "On the Willows" (from *Godspell*). And Rip Jackson will play Claude Debussy's beautiful piano piece "Claire de Lune" (from *Suite Bergamasque*).

Sermon, November 3, 2019

A Broadway Concert celebrating the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber

Directed by Rip Jackson with the First Parish Festival and Children's Choirs, Soloists and Pit Band

Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 3:30 PM – Free Will Offering

First Parish in Lexington proudly presents an inspirational concert of Broadway music by Andrew Lloyd Webber on Sunday, November 10, 2019 at 3:30 PM. Andrew Lloyd Webber is one of the most celebrated Broadway music composers of all time. This concert, with music from Jesus Christ Superstar, Evita, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, Phantom of the Opera, Requiem, and Sunset Boulevard will feature the First Parish festival and children's choirs, soloists and a full pit band consisting of brass, woodwinds, keyboards, drums, guitar and electric bass. A free will offering will be accepted.

For more information call the church at 781-862-8200 or visit <http://bit.ly/fp-webber>



The Great Fall Auction

incredible edibles, laughs, and ONE-OF-A KIND items for YOU!

Saturday, November 16th
DOORS OPEN at 5:30 pm

SCHEDULE: Silent Auction – 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Live Auction begins at 7:00 pm

CATALOG: is ONLINE. Please go to charityauction.bid/fplex

PROXY BIDS: are accepted only for LIVE Auction items through Friday, November 15. (LIVE Auction items are labelled LIVE in the item title. If the item does not say LIVE, it can be found in the Silent Auction section at the back of the catalogue.)

All proxy bids are due the night before the Auction. To make a proxy bid, email Fallauction@fplex.org. Specify the item title and your maximum bid (or the number of seats you want and your maximum bid per seat).

CHILDREN: Please join us for pizza, a sundae bar, a movie, and more! Feel free to bring any special stuffies, jammies, slippers, or cozies that will help to make your evening downstairs one that is happy and relaxing. Books and sleeping bags are welcome too! Please RSVP to Lisa Maria so we have enough food.

FINANCIAL MATTERS:

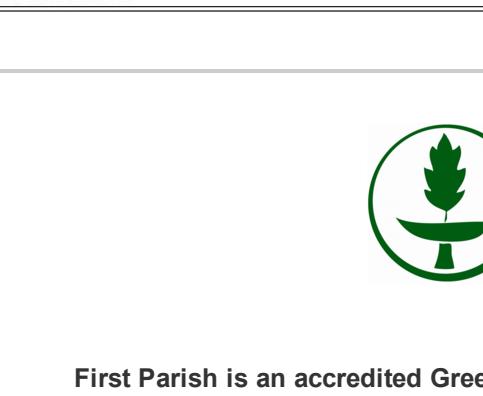
Admission to the auction is \$10 for a family. This is payable at check-in. In return, you will receive a numbered bid card to use when bidding. (Cash of \$10 eases the check-in process and is appreciated.)

Payment for items purchased can be in cash, check, or credit card. (Because credit charges cost the church, we hope you will add a little extra to your payment.)

This year's Auction is offering nearly 100 one-of-a-kind items for discerning and energetic bidders. That can be YOU!

See you there!

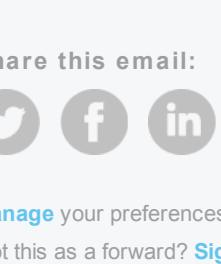
Transgender Day of Remembrance



First Parish is joining with LexPride and the Arlington Rainbow Commission to hold an event on **Sunday November 17 from 4 - 6**. Join us at 4 in Parish Hall to make ribbons, decorate votive candles, share snacks and build community. Then at 5:00 join us in the sanctuary as we celebrate the presence of our Trans Community, lift up the names of those Trans folk who have died in this past year, and recommit ourselves to action in support of LGBTQ people. While there will be moments of sorrow in this day, there will be more moments of celebration and discovery.

If you have any questions, please be in touch with Rev. Anne.

Soul Matters



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Some question to ponder: Just what is attention? How is it related to gratitude, love, and "devotion"?

It's Wreath Season Again!

During coffee hour on November 17 and 24, Ethan Showalter will again be selling 20-inch balsam holiday wreaths in support of Lexington Scout Troop 119. Wreaths are \$15 and will be available for pickup or delivery starting in late November. If you can't make coffee hour on either the 17th or 24th, you can also order and pay for wreaths online at www.troop119.com. Just click on the Wreath Sale icon on the homepage. If you enter Ethan as the referring Scout, he will either deliver the wreath to your home or bring it to Church for pickup as you indicate. Ethan thanks First Parish for its continued support of Troop 119!

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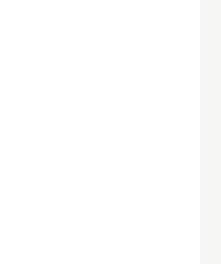
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Lexington Interfaith Thanksgiving

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Wednesday, November 6th		
Deborah Abel Dance Class	1:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
Creative Callings	1:30 p.m.	Common Room
Spanish Academy	4:15 p.m.	Staples Hall
LYFS Team Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Green Room
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Master Singers	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Thursday, November 7th		
Meditation Group	4:00 p.m.	Common Room
Scrabble Club	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Friday, November 8th		
Anti-racism class	10:00 a.m.	Robinson Hall
Saturday, November 9th		
Concert Rehearsal	12:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Sunday, November 10th		
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Concert Rehearsal	1:00 p.m.	Sanctuary
Andrew Lloyd Webber Concert	3:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Minuteman Invisible	4:15 p.m.	Staples Hall
Monday, November 11th		
Deborah Abel Dance Class	7:00 p.m.	Parker Hall
Spanish Academy	7:00 p.m.	Green Room
Tuesday, November 12th		
Staff Meeting	11:15 a.m.	Minister's Office
Eighty-plus Luncheon	12:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Deborah Abel Dance Class	4:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Board Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Green Room
Climate Action Team Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Common Room
Empty Sky Sangha	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
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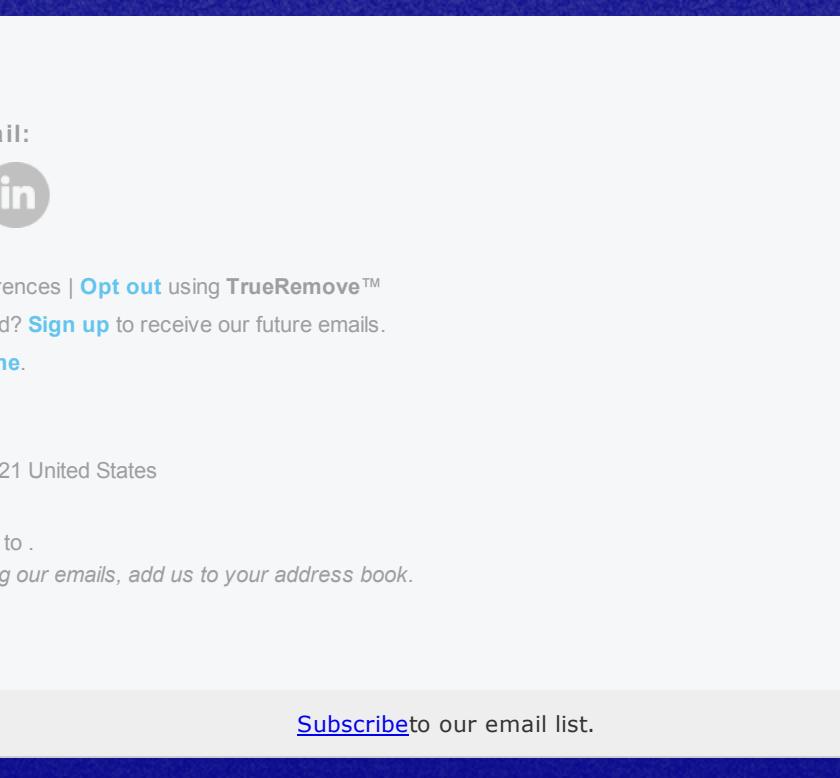
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