

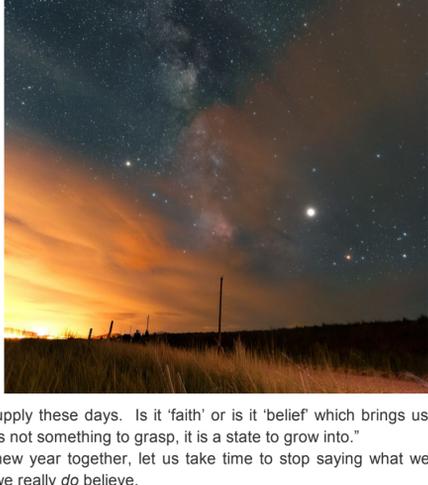
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Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Sunday, January 5th, 2020

Faith Beyond Belief



Faith is in short supply these days. Is it 'faith' or is it 'belief' which brings us up short? Gandhi wisely said "Faith is not something to grasp, it is a state to grow into."

As we begin our new year together, let us take time to stop saying what we *don't* believe, and wrestle with what we really *do* believe.



This Sunday, Chelsea Cannon and Deborah Yardley Beers will be guest musicians along with Rip Jackson in presenting inspirational music for worship. Chelsea will sing Michael Masser and Linda Creed's iconic "The Greatest Love of All" (made famous by Whitney Houston). Along with vocalist Rip Jackson, they will sing Mark Miller's deeply moving "I Believe," which is based on a poem etched into the wall of a concentration camp during the Holocaust. Deborah Yardley Beers will share beautiful piano music from her upcoming recitals. For the centering music and offertory, she will play Julia Perry's lyrical "Prelude for Piano" and Montague Ring's (aka Amanda Aldridge) passionate "Prayer Before Battle" (from Four Moorish Pictures). And for the postlude, she will play Dianne Goolkasian Rahbee's festive "Novelette, Op. 37."



Religious Education Volunteers Needed

We are in need of volunteers for Sunday School, please consider signing up for a Sunday a month to help run the Sunday Religious Education programs smoothly

Sign up [here](#)

Non Fiction Book Group

Mark your calendars!!

The Non Fiction Book Group at First Parish on the Green, is pleased to host Unitarian Universalist minister and author **John Buehrens**. Reverend Buehrens will be speaking in Parish Hall on **January 9, 2020, at 7 PM.**, about his latest book, *Conflagration: How Transcendentalists Sparked the American Struggle for Racial, Gender, and Social Justice*.



As described in Publishers Weekly, Rev. Buehrens maintains that while the 19th century transcendentalism movement is often encountered by Americans through the lens of literature, the lives of transcendentalists demonstrate that their beliefs led them to passionate activism intended to reform—even revolutionize—politics and society. Whether through projects such as the Brook Farm experiment in communal living, urban social ministries, such as a refuge for women fleeing domestic abuse, or organized resistance to the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850, transcendentalists labored to address the social problems of their day.

Rev. Buehrens is a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Divinity School. In addition to serving as a Unitarian Universalist minister for many years, he also was president of the national Unitarian Universalist Association from 1993 to 2001. His appearance at First Parish in Lexington closes a circle as he served as a student minister here before being ordained in 1973.

This book talk is free and open to all. Light refreshments will be served. Parking is available at the rear of the church.

Village Harmony World Music Concert



Friday January 10, 2020 at 7:30 pm at First Parish in Lexington

The Village Harmony Alumni Ensemble, a world music choir of 16 voices, led by Larry Gordon and Carl Linich, presents traditional harmony singing from throughout the world as well as a set of Spanish Renaissance works. The repertoire includes songs from Caucasus Georgia, Bulgaria, Corsica, and South Africa, contemporary and traditional American shape-note tunes and villancicos by Francisco Guerrero. Village Harmony is an organization dedicated to the study, teaching, and performance of harmony singing traditions from across the world, and sponsors an extensive program of traveling singing camps both in New England and abroad. The young alumni singers, ages 19-26, are all veterans of many years of these Village Harmony programs, including overseas tours in South Africa, Macedonia and Georgia. A free will offering will be taken.

Nathan Thorne Griscom Memorial Service

Join the Griscom family on **Saturday, January 11, 2020 12:00 pm** for the Memorial Service of Dr. N. Thorne Griscom. To read his obituary please click the [link](#)

Hand in Hand Cafe



Hand-in-Hand Community Dinners

Tickets are on sale for January 11, 2020 at:

www.bit.ly/HANDinHAND

and for February 1st at:

<https://hand-in-handcafe.eventbrite.com>

For \$30 plus a small service fee

Tickets also now available for: March 7th, April 4th and June 13th. Best way to get tickets is to follow the link from www.lexrap.org



In partnership with LexRAP and First Parish Lexington

Location:
First Parish Lexington
7 Harrington Road
6:00 p.m.

Parking in the rear of the church

About Hand-in-Hand

A pop-up café has come to town sponsored by LexRAP (Lexington Refugee Assistance Program), in partnership with First Parish Lexington. Local refugee women prepare the meal and then join guests for dinner and conversation. Our first five 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.

We hope to see you soon!

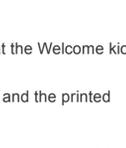
Please note that all meals are Halal and alcohol free. First Parish is a nut-free church.

If you have any questions, contact Naomi at nomirose2880@gmail.com

The First Parish Photo Directory

The holidays are here and are a good time for family photos for our printed and online photo directories!

At this time we have only been able to include 130 out of the 226 families at First Parish. We would like to include a LOT MORE families. If yours is among the 96 missing families and you want to be included, please submit a picture of your family*. If you have more than one person in the picture, please identify them by name.



You can eMail your picture to us at [pictures @ fplex.org](mailto:pictures@fplex.org) or hand a print to us at the Welcome kiosk on any Sunday morning.

The online picture directory will be updated with your photograph immediately and the printed directory will be updated and available by next month.

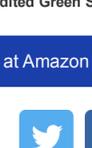
If you want access the online directories, go to the First Parish web page at fplex.org and click on "Members" at the top of the Home page. When the "Protected: Members Page" comes up, type in Green76! You can then access the April 2019 Picture Directory (Desktop Friendly Format) or the September 2019 (complete but text only) directory.

Thank you for your help in creating our directories

*If possible, please submit your picture in landscape orientation (wider than taller). It will fit better into the frame in our picture directory program, even if your picture contains only one person.

This Week at First Parish

Wednesday, January 1st		Happy New Year!
Thursday, January 2nd		
Meditation Group	4:00 p.m.	Parlor
Scrabble Club	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Friday, January 3rd		
LYFS LGBTQ Meeting	5:00 p.m.	Green Room
OWL Parent Orientation	6:00 p.m.	Robinson Hall
Saturday, January 4th		
Sunday, January 5th		
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
OWL Program	4:00 p.m.	Robinson Hall
SHYG Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Robinson Hall
Monday, January 6th		
Deborah Able Dance	3:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
Spanish Academy	4:15 p.m.	Staples Hall
Members & Friends Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Robinson Hall
FM Men's Group Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Common Room
Tuesday, January 7th		
Staff Meeting	11:15 a.m.	Minister's Office
Deborah Able Dance Class	4:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Board Executive Meeting	5:30 p.m.	Minister's Office
Empty Sky Sangha	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Finance Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Common Room
Wednesday, January 8th		
Deborah Able Dance Class	1:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
Spanish Academy	4:15 p.m.	Staples & Green Room
LYFS Executive Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Green Room
UU Climate Collaborative Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Common Room
Master Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary



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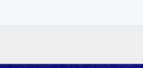
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