



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, September 22nd 2020



Upcoming Worship Service

Sunday Sep 27th @ 10:30 AM — Renewal of Love

In these trying times it might be easy to sequester our love, save our energy, and only look inward. But we are called to love the world - over and over again. Rev. Anne will also welcome the Lexington Farmer's Market Manager as we have a special collection for their Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Livestream: [YouTube.com/C/FPLexington](https://www.youtube.com/C/FPLexington)

MUSIC: This Sunday, our soprano soloist Elizabeth Walsh will sing Leonard Bernstein's poignant "Somewhere" (from *West Side Story*) and Dorothy F. Gurney's serene "O Perfect Love." At the beginning of worship, Rip Jackson will play Enya's meditative piano piece "Watermark" (from the iconic 80's album *Watermark*). For the postlude, he will play Johann Pachelbel's glorious "Fuga in C Major" on the church's magnificent 1898 Hutchings 32-rank tracker organ.

Sunday, 9/27 Collection Special Offering



The Lexington Farmers' Market connects residents with local farmers and vendors, providing greater access to fresh, locally-grown and -produced food to community members

of all income levels.

With funds raised privately, the LFM matches up to \$15 weekly in SNAP dollars, doubling SNAP recipients' purchasing power for healthy, fresh food. Since the start of the pandemic, the LFM has seen a significant increase in the SNAP Match Program, with new SNAP customers arriving weekly. In these unprecedented times, the LFM is committed to meeting the needs in our community, especially for those who are food insecure.

Contribute: <http://www.bit.ly/fplexdonation>. Please put "Lexington Farmer's Market/SNAP" in the comments field.



Did you catch the premiere of DRE FM Radio?

Gather the family around-kids, teens, parents, special grown ups, elders- to watch our new Family Chapel series from our Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry (DRE FM!) Lisa Maria Andreoli Steinberg. This week's message is on **Setting Intention** and includes a guided meditation and a song to learn together as a family.



This series is designed to support our families with children and grandchildren deepen their spirituality, connect with our Unitarian Universalist faith, and grow stronger as families as we do faith development at home together in this time of pandemic. **Even if you don't have children or grandchildren in your life, you might find this series a welcome part of your weekly "re-set".** Watch on the First Parish in Lexington YouTube Channel whenever is convenient for your family throughout the week. New episodes come out on Fridays!

In Faith,

Lisa Maria Andreoli Steinberg

Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry

Children's Choir continues this Sunday!



Sunday, Sep 27th, from 11:30 AM — 12:15 PM, the First Parish Children's Choir rehearses. Rip Jackson will teach songs, music games with a little music history and theory in fun ways. For more info, email Rip at Music@FPLex.org.



Preserving Our Democracy

Apply now if you want to receive a mail-in ballot for November 3rd. Link: [Ballot Application](#)

Reclaim our Vote postcards are now on Michelle Olson's porch at 5 Castle Road. The postcarding will end in early October.

Texting and phone banking will be major emphases for campaigns in October. Learn about texting and try your hand. Short training; then you're set. It's so easy and so fun. Links: [All about texting](#) and for [texting training](#). Texting is the best way to reach the most voters in the least amount of time! **Phone banking** is available almost every day. Some among us do not like phoning in this way. However, the dialer systems are very sophisticated now; calls are connected only when answered; scripts to follow are provided. You can find non-partisan (& partisan) phone banking events here: [phoning events](#) & [Reclaim Our Vote](#).

Want to do something else, a little or a lot, before the election? Check out these websites for up-to-date action initiatives, training on tactics, etc. Links: [Minuteman Indivisible](#), [Concord Indivisible](#), [Together for 2020](#), and [UU the Vote](#). **Questions?** Contact [Debbie Armstrong](#) or [Marty Kvaal](#). **The election is just 6 weeks away!!**

Meeting @ 7:00 PM

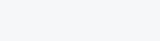
from the **BOARD** soon

The Parish Board will hold a meeting tonight to discuss the following agenda items:

The process for holding Sunday's congregation meeting on zoom, ensuring congregational discussion opportunities and accurate voting procedures.

Moving into **Executive Session**, the Board will address congregational feedback regarding the proposal on 3 Harrington, and finalize the proposal to be presented to the congregation on Sep 27.

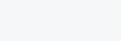
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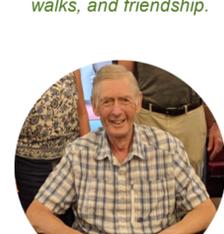


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Among Our Own



Our own Liz Hartmann would like to share with the congregation that she has been going through treatment for breast cancer. She will be finishing her radiation in a few weeks, and expects great results. Liz is grateful for the love and warmth of our First Parish community, and especially for the support of the Sopranos in the choir, who have provided food, walks, and friendship.



A Memorial for Lew Counts will be held via zoom on Saturday, Oct 3 @ 2:00 pm

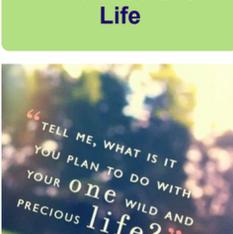
Please mark your calendars and look here next week for the zoom link.



Will First Parish Declare a Climate Emergency? The First Parish Board voted to support CAT's proposed Climate Emergency Declaration that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting on October 18th.

The informational meeting held this past Sunday was well attended and participants share creative ideas for implementing the Declaration. If passed by the congregation First Parish will join thousands of religious organizations around the world who are committing themselves to take bold new actions to address climate change realities.

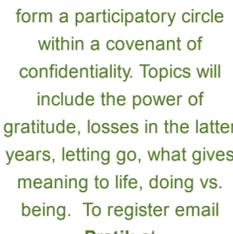
Wild Precious Life



How does one heighten awareness of life's dimensions as we grow into our elder years? Do Mary Oliver's words resonate with you?

"Wild Precious Life" is a NEW group to be offered by Cindy Anderson and Dori Reuss each Wednesday morning from 10:30-11:30, for six weeks between Oct 7 through Nov 11. The group will be limited to ten members who will form a participatory circle within a covenant of confidentiality. Topics will include the power of gratitude, losses in the latter years, letting go, what gives meaning to life, doing vs. being. To register email Pratik at Admin@FPLex.org.

Calling ALL Angels



"Death is not the opposite of life, but a part of it." Haruki Murakami

Did you lose a loved one in 2020? We are planning a special service for All Souls Day. Kindly send us their info so we may honour their legacy.

Full Name, Date of Birth, Date of Death + Photo by Oct 15th to Pratik at Admin@FPLex.org.