



## FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

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### Upcoming Worship Service

Sunday September 6th @ 10:30 AM

Labor Day was founded to give workers and their families a festival day! Besides a festival day for workers, Labor Day has come to signal the end of summer. Sunday we celebrate through poetry by all workers and the end of our summer services! Led by — Elizabeth Gemelli.

Join:

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

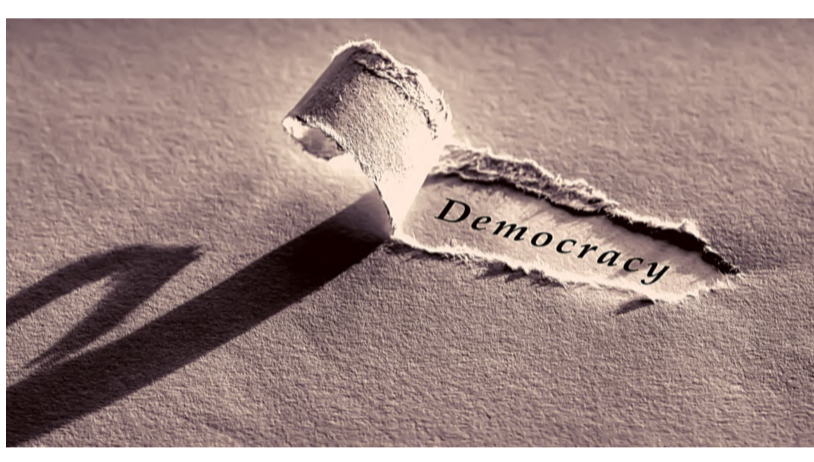
### Among Our Own



Steve Clark

With great sadness we mourn the passing of Steve Clark on Friday, August 28th. Please hold Joan and all the family in your hearts as they grieve the death of an extraordinary man. Steve will be missed for his justice work as an immigration lawyer, for his connections to First Parish and his Covenant Group, and for the brilliance and compassion which imbued his presence. The interment of ashes will be private, and there will be a memorial at First Parish in the future, when we can all be in each other's company once again.

- Rev. Anne Mason



### Preserving Our Democracy

The Reclaim Our Vote ([ReclaimOurVote.org](https://ReclaimOurVote.org)) packets of postcards are now available at Michelle Olson's front porch at 5 Castle Road, Lexington. First Parish has joined several other local UU churches in this non-partisan effort to re-register people who have been removed from voter rolls in states with a history of voter suppression. **We invite you to participate. No experience necessary.**

Ranked Choice Voting for Massachusetts has made it to the November 3rd ballot as Question #2. To learn more about, visit the [website](#).

**Train to be a Super Texter:** The Minuteman Indivisible ( a First Parish partner) will be resuming its successful training program for texters on Thurs, Sep 3rd. See [text training](#).



Edie Ruquist

A virtual service to celebrate the life of Edie Ruquist will be **Saturday, Sep 12th at 11:00 AM.**

Join via [ZOOM](#) or by calling in (646) 876-9923

Meeting ID: 942 9426 0272.

### Taking a Collective Breath



A five-session series built around the elements of the BREATHE Act and created in a collaboration between Side With Love, UU the Vote, and UUSC.

**Tue, Sep 8 @ 7:00 PM**

Webinar 3: Education Allocating New Money to Build Healthy, Sustainable & Equitable Communities for All People.

Register [HERE](#).

### Together We Rise

#### Action Forum



What is racial profiling?

What types do we see in Lexington?

What are the impacts?

How can we take action?

**Thu, Sep 10 @ 7:00-8:00 PM**

To register and/or join the email group, complete this [form](#). A Zoom link will be sent to registrants the morning of the program. At each action forum, presenters will frame the issue, offer examples, and invite participants to share concrete actions to take. Action forums are FREE and open to all.



Tuesday September 8th @ 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Please contact Parish Administrator, Pratik Mamtora for the Zoom info if you would like to attend

#### AGENDA

**7:00 Love** (What binds us together as Board Members)

- Centering and Check-In/sharing: (5 minutes)
- Approve minutes from past meetings (5 minutes)

**7:10 Seek** (What we need to know as Board Members)

- Financial and Facilities Reports
  - Finance Committee (5 minutes)
- Building and Grounds Report (15 minutes)
- Staff Report (Anne): (15 minutes)
  - Memorial Garden fee structure

**7:45 Serve** (Plans and Strategies to serve the congregation and ensure its future.)

- 3 Harrington discussion (25 minutes)
- Minister's Evaluation (5 minutes)
- Social Justice Team update (5 minutes)
- Great Fall Auction (Tom Rich, 5 minutes)
- Ministerial Support Comm nominations & vote (5 mins)

**8:30 Executive session** (as needed)



### Green Action Corner

#### First Parish Climate Action Team

#### Will First Parish Declare a Climate Emergency?

It's up to you to make it happen and give it meaning.

CAT is proposing that the congregation declare a Climate Emergency at its Annual Meeting on October 18th. With this action First Parish will join thousands of religious organizations around the world who have done as a means of hold themselves accountable to the principles of their faith. An all Congregation Meeting will be help following worship on September 20th to discuss the [Declaration](#) and explore what it might mean.

#### Next Climate Action Team Meeting

**Thu, Sep 10 @ 7:00 PM** via [ZOOM](#) or by calling in (646) 876-9923 Meeting ID: 919 6381 0131.

Join us to plan how we will build support for the Declaration and help usset our goals for the coming church year.

### Staff Hours

**Rev. Anne Mason**, Minister  
Schedule an appointment

E-mail:

[Minister@FPLex.org](mailto:Minister@FPLex.org)

**Lisa Maria Andreoli Steinberg**, Director of Religious Education  
Working from home  
Email: [DRE@FPLex.org](mailto:DRE@FPLex.org)

**Rip Jackson**, Music Dir.  
Aug 2 to Sep 6 - Comp, Cont. Ed. and Vacation

**Pratik Mamtora**, Admin  
Mon to Fri: 9:00 - 4:00  
Email: [Admin@FPLex.org](mailto:Admin@FPLex.org)

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