



# FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, October 13th 2020



### Auction Action

First Parishioners,

So far we have **25 donations**, but we need at least **100!** How about offering a **dinner delivered** to someone's house? How about dinners delivered to a group of people who then eat together on zoom?

**What would you like to donate?** Include a description, your minimum bid, and a picture for the online catalog.

Thanks,  
**Tom Rich**, Auction Chair  
[FallAuction@FPLex.org](mailto:FallAuction@FPLex.org)

### Upcoming Worship Service

Sunday Oct 18th @ 10:30 AM — Preserving our Democracy

Our country is in the midst of one of the most **contentious presidential elections** in recent memory and we must do everything we can to help our democracy flourish, even under pressure.

Members of First Parish will lead worship today as we welcome our speaker **Horace Small**, founder and executive director of the **Union of Minority Neighborhoods** and leader of **Black Ballot Power**. He will share with us his perspective and experience of democracy including what we can do. **Black Ballot Power** will be the recipient of this month's Share-the-Plate.

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

**MUSIC:** Our alto section leader **Julia Jaffe** will sing Moses Hogan's passionate arrangement of "Deep River." Our bass section leader **David Meharry** will sing Alice Parker's deeply moving arrangement of "Go Down Moses." For the centering music, **Rip Jackson** will play Scott Joplin's lyrical "Solace" (made famous in the movie *The Sting*). He will also play a piano arrangement of the African American spiritual "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot." And for the postlude, he will play Fred Binckes's powerful "Fanfare for a King" on the church's magnificent 1898 Hutchings 32-rank tracker organ.



### Upcoming Events

**Wed, Oct 21st, 4:00 PM**

Team meeting. All are invited. Join via [ZOOM](#).

**Thu, Nov 4th, 5:00 PM**

Protect the Results Event at Old North Bridge in Concord 11/4 @ 5 PM. More details to follow. See: [Protect the Results](#), [Hold the Line](#) guide and [Toolkit](#). We are building a coalition of voters ready to mobilize if Donald Trump refuses to accept the results of the 2020 presidential election.

#### Election Actions

**Voter Protection:** See [attached](#) email from **Jean Milburn**, our postcard chief, who identifies "ballot curing" as an essential action for ensuring all ballots are counted. You can do this from home.

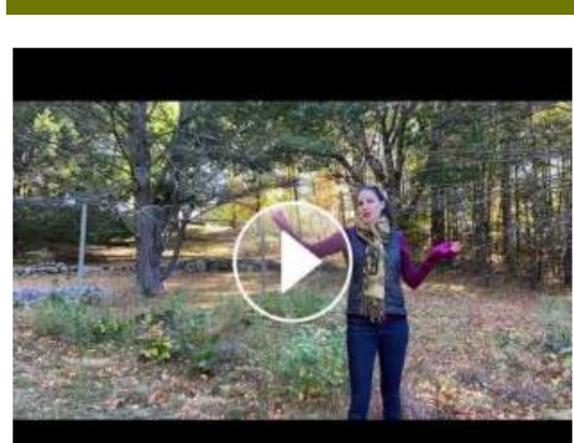
**Texting and phone banking:** Endless opportunities. See [Telephone/Text](#) with Minuteman Indivisible or [UUTheVote](#) or [Together for 2020](#) or [Concord Indivisible](#).

Finally, **IT IS POSSIBLE** to maintain our happiness amidst all the politicking. See: [Happiness while politicking](#).

**THREE weeks to go!** Contact [Debbie Armstrong](#) or [Marty Kvaal](#) with questions/comments.



### Got 10 minutes to re-set your week?



Parent Check-In Group **TONIGHT** All parents and caregivers are invited to our Tuesday evening check-in!

**Tue, Oct 13th 7:30 - 8:30 PM ZOOM**

Catch the latest episode of **DRE FM Radio**! Gather the family around—kids, teens, parents, special grown ups, elders— to watch our **Family Chapel** series from our Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry (DRE FM!) **Lisa Maria Andreoli Steinberg**. This week's message is about living life imperfectly by doing things that are **good enough**, because all of us are enough. This week's message comes to you from the trails of FarandNear in Shirley, Massachusetts. Watch on the **First Parish in Lexington YouTube Channel** whenever is convenient for your family throughout the week. **New episodes come out on Fridays!**

Thank **YOU** for watching!

Yours in Faith and Fellowship, **Lisa Maria**



### Climate Emergency Declaration

Will First Parish Declare a Climate Emergency?

In the past several years **1,788 jurisdictions** and local governments have made Climate Emergency Declarations. They have been joined by large numbers of **civic and religious institutions and universities**. The goal of such declarations is not only to recognize the life destroying climate crisis we are living in, but to make commitments and take actions to address this emergency.

The First Parish Board voted to support **CAT's** call to have the congregation declare a climate emergency. Join us at the **Semi-Annual meeting** this Sunday, Oct 18th and cast your vote for the [Climate Emergency Declaration](#).

**Climate Action Team Meeting**  
**Wed Oct 14th @ 7:30 PM ZOOM**

This past year **CAT** has helped members participate in timely climate change legislative and action. Please join us as we set our goals for this year – bring your ideas, energy and commitment.

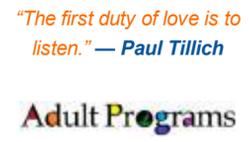


### OCT Theme

**DEEP LISTENING**

*"The first duty of love is to listen."* — **Paul Tillich**

### Adult Programs



**Oct 16th 4:00 - 6:00 PM**

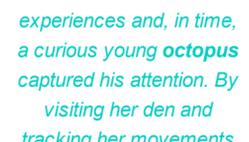
Join via [ZOOM](#)

This **Netflix** documentary shows how, in 2010, **Craig Foster** began free-diving in a cold underwater kelp forest at the tip of **South Africa**. He started to film his experiences and, in time, a curious young **octopus** captured his attention. By visiting her den and tracking her movements every day for months, he won the animal's trust. In the film, Foster describes the impact on his life of his relationship with the octopus.

**Tue, Oct 20, 6:00 - 7:30 PM**

[ZOOM](#)

"First Church Roxbury and the Neighborhood: A History," will be presented by historian and former State Representative **Byron Rushing**. This Community Conversation is sponsored by the **First Church in Belmont, UU** and includes a facilitated Q&A period.



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Join a **UU Urban Ministry webinar** and learn more about this **UU** historic church and community on

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### Staff Hours

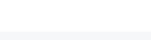
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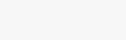
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