



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, October 20th 2020



Upcoming Worship Service

Sunday Oct 25th @ 10:30 AM — Faith Without G_D

In our UU understanding of Spirituality, there are many ways to explore what "Faith" can be without the old definitions of the divine. **Rev. Anne** will offer this year's Auction Sermon on the embrace of Atheism within our denomination and within our congregation.

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

MUSIC: Our wonderful section leaders **Elizabeth Walsh, Julia Jaffe, Nate Ramsayer** and **David Meharry** will sing Thomas Tallis's serene Renaissance a cappella anthem "If Ye Love Me." **Tim Jacoby** will sing John Denver's inspiring 1969 song "Rhymes and Reason." For the centering music and postlude, **Rip Jackson** will play two baroque organ works on the church's magnificent 1898 Hutchings 32-rank tracker organ: Louis Marchand's lyrical "Récit de Nasard" (from *Grand Suite in C Major*) and Johann Sebastian Bach's powerful "Praeludium in c minor BWV 549."



Hello, Halloween Plans!



Parent Check-In Group **TONIGHT** All parents and caregivers are invited to our Tuesday evening check-in! What are your family's Halloween plans? Need **ideas for making Halloween fun** if trick or treating isn't right for your family this year or your kids have aged out of that but parties aren't an option? Come share your plans, ask questions, or just check-in on what your candy tax is on the kids....Almond Joy? 100 Grand Bar? Twix? Starburst? Snickers?

Tue, Oct 13th 7:30 - 8:30 PM [ZOOM](#)

7th and 8th Grade Youth Group Starts October 27th!

Have your Junior High Youth hop on Zoom for JHYG (Junior High Youth Group). We'll meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month 6:00-7:00. [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. This week's episode is about the practice of using **prayer beads**. A great watch with the littles, with a **special guest** sharing how to make and use prayer beads. **Program note:** I'll be attending a virtual conference this week, and so the next episode of **DRE FM Radio** will come out on **Friday, October 30**.

Thank YOU for watching!

Yours in Faith and Fellowship, Lisa Maria

PRESERVING OUR DEMOCRACY

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 [UUtheVote](#) or [Protect the Vote](#).

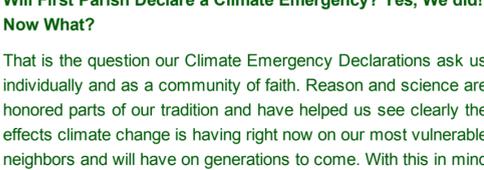
Texting and phone banking: Learn about texting and try your hand. Short training; then you're set. It's so easy and so fun. Links: [All about texting](#) and for [texting training](#). **Phone banking** is available almost every day. Some among us do not like phoning in this way. However, the dialer 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: [phoning events](#). The opportunities are endless. See [UUTheVote](#) or [Together for 2020](#) or [Concord Indivisible](#) or [texting with The Environmental Voter Project](#).

Curing the Ballots: Ever hear of such a thing? Very, very important in ensuring all ballots count. Learn about it at [What is curing a ballot?](#) or [Cure Ballots in Florida](#).

FOR FUN: You're invited to a fun fundraiser for **Horace Small's Black Ballot Power** (last Sunday's speaker / Share the Plate recipient) with Jimmy Tingle among others: See [BBP fundraiser](#).

FINALLY: Want some help or some new ideas? Drop In On Our Action Gurus, offered by Together for 2020. The Action Gurus will be live on Zoom 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM ET **every day** from Oct 21 until Nov 3. They will help you navigate different tactics using your computer, laptop, tablet, or phone. Have you been writing postcards to voters in swing states? Fantastic! We can show you how to switch to a timely, effective way in the few weeks remaining, like texting or making calls. Have you been doing all that, but could use a few tips on making a bigger impact – or a pep talk? The Action Gurus will work with you one-on-one to find the right way to volunteer. **Oct 21 – Nov 3 from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM ET**. Go to: [Connect with an Action Guru](#).

Questions? Contact [Debbie Armstrong](#) or [Marty Kvaal](#). **The election is just TWO weeks away!!**



Climate Emergency Declaration

Will First Parish Declare a Climate Emergency? Yes, We did! Now What?

That is the question our Climate Emergency Declarations ask us individually and as a community of faith. Reason and science are honored parts of our tradition and have helped us see clearly the effects climate change is having right now on our most vulnerable neighbors and will have on generations to come. With this in mind we are called to invite the words of our unison affirmation affirm into our heart – "love is the doctrine of our church" and let them guide us to take bold new actions. CAT invites you to take a moment sometime this week and read aloud what we declared on Sunday, then ask yourself – "what will I do?"

NOW BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, the Congregation of First Parish in Lexington declare that a climate and ecological emergency threatens our city, region, state, nation, civilization, humanity and the natural world;

NOW BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED, that the congregation commit itself and its resources to the development of programs and the implementation of public actions that will: Speed these phase-out of fossil fuel development and use in our town, state, nation and world.

- Encourage the development and use of alternative sources of renewable energy.
- Work with communities and organizations most vulnerable to and affected by climate change and environmental degradation to foster their active participation in the planning and implementation of energy conservation, alternative energy development and enforcement of environmental regulations.
- Communicate our strong commitment to a carbon free world to our town and neighboring communities of worship.

NOW BE IT THEREFORE FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board, staff and program committees include in their annual reports how they have implemented this resolution.



The Long Shadow



To advance racial justice, here's one way you can take action. You can 'call in' your community by inviting friends and family to watch [The Long Shadow](#) today, Tue or Wed and then tune in (optional) to the **Q&A** with the director **Frances Causey Wed**, **Oct 21, 7:30 - 8:30 PM**. The Long Shadow is a moving personal and informative history of anti-Black racism in the US packed with revealing details and analysis and leading us towards understanding, healing, and commitment to work for racial justice. **"A must see for white people concerned about racial equity and social justice"**. Click [HERE](#) to access / share the event.

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Soul Matters
SHARING CIRCLE

OCT Theme

DEEP LISTENING

"Learning is a result of listening, which in turn leads to even better listening and attentiveness to the other person. In other words, to learn from the child, we must have empathy, and empathy grows as we learn."

Listening is not merely not talking, though even that is beyond most of our powers; it means taking a vigorous, human interest in what is being told us."
— **Alice Deur Miller**



Among Our Own

"We are not snuffed out at death but absorbed into a greater flame."

- **Anne Morrow Lindburgh**

*With heavy hearts we mourn the death of **Charles Goodell**, who died suddenly and surprisingly on Saturday.*

*Please keep his wife **Trelawney** in your hearts as she and the family cope with this tragic loss. Charlie was a member of First Parish for many years, and was a much valued member of the **History Committee**.*

***Rev. Helen Cohen** will be officiating a small graveside service.*

— **Rev. Anne Mason**



Share-the-Plate

*Thank you to everyone who made donations to **Union of Minority Neighborhoods (UMN) & Black Ballot Power**, our Share the Plate beneficiary from the October 18th worship service - Together we raised \$2,137!*

Tom Rich, Treasurer
Treasurer@FPLex.org



Adult Programs

Our very own **Nate Ramsayer** — tenor section leader in the First Parish choir, soloist extraordinaire, **archaeologist**, and **Biblical scholar**—will be giving two presentations via [ZOOM](#) on archaeology and the Bible. Nate's in-person talks, originally scheduled for this past March, had to be canceled because of COVID, but Nate has adapted them for Zoom and is looking forward to giving them on the next two successive Thursdays.

Thursday, October 22, 7:00 to 8:30: Nate will discuss biblical archaeology generally—the excavation process, how artifacts and sites are dated, and the differences between good and poor archaeological methods. He will also bring a number of artifacts that are up to 5000 years old.

Thursday, October 29, 7:00 to 8:30: Nate will discuss what archaeology has told us about the Bible and how understanding material culture informs our modern perspective on biblical events.

Please mark your calendars now for these informative events!

[ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: **929 248**

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We hope to see you there!



Fall Auction

NOVEMBER 14 - 21

Yes! The 2020 Great Fall Auction is on!

Like everything else these days, the auction this year will be different – it will be an all-online affair, with an auction website where you'll bid on items. We'll have a one-week bidding period, from Nov 14th to 21st. During the final hour of the bidding period (7-8 PM on the 21st) there will be a live event there will be a live entertainment. You won't want to miss it!

Please help make the **Great Fall Auction** a success by donating items, such as home-delivered meals, hosted meals and events (at a COVID safe time), designer masks, vacation home stays, gift cards, etc. If you have questions or would like to donate an item and thank you for supporting First Parish!

Tom Rich, Auction Chair
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Staff Hours



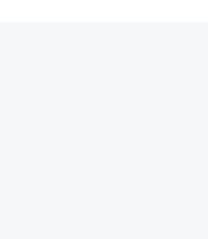
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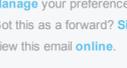


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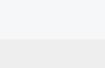
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