



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON

A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, October 27th 2020



Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 1.

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Upcoming Worship Service

Sunday Nov 1st @ 10:30 AM — Honoring All Souls

On this All Souls Day, we will honor those we have lost in our church and in our wider church family as we view the faces of those we love who have died in this past year. We will sing hymns of comfort and Rev. Anne will share her reflections on how we live in love and remembrance.

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

SanctuaryCHOIR

MUSIC: In celebration of "All Soul's Sunday," guest pianist **Deborah Beers-Jones** will play Maria Szymanowska's lyrical "Nocturne in Bb" and Frédéric Chopin energetic "Waltz in F op. 34, no. 3." Our soprano section leader **Elizabeth Walsh** will sing Jeff Silbar and Larry Henley's iconic and emotional 1988 song "Wind Beneath My Wings" (from *Beaches*). And the **Sanctuary Choir** will sing Elaine Hagenberg's soul-touching "You Do Not Walk Alone" as a virtual video prepared beautifully by **Chris Hess**. And **Rip Jackson** will play a piano music meditation during the offertory.



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TODAY: Youth Group + Parent Check-In

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 PM.

Tue, Oct 27th at 6:00 - 7:00 PM on [ZOOM](#)

All parents and caregivers are invited to our **Tuesday evening check-in!** With outdoor fall sports ending for the season and indoor options either on hold or possibly getting more limited, what are your plans to keep your kids active in the coming months? Join us tonight to share your ideas and questions!

Tue, Oct 27th at 7:30 - 8:30 PM on [ZOOM](#)



PRESERVING OUR DEMOCRACY

Upcoming Events

At last, it's the final week of this long campaign! **But there's much more we can do.** Check out: [Together for 2020](#) and [UU the Vote](#).

Want to help out or get some new ideas? Go to 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 tactic 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](#).

Ballot Curing: Mail-in ballots may be rejected on various grounds, such as a missing or mismatching signature. In many states, voters whose ballots are rejected can "cure" them and have their vote be counted. This is very important work, because these aren't potential voters — they're actual attempted voters; and we know Democratic constituencies have their ballots rejected at far higher rates.

In **Florida:** Volunteer to walk voters through the ballot-curing process. Monday-Thursday evenings until Nov. 5. Training provided at the beginning of each session. [JOIN THE TEAM](#)

In **North Carolina:** Join the NC Dems Voter Protection Team phone banks to help cure rejected ballots. Make critical voter protection calls in this MUST WIN battleground state, twice a day, every day (through November 12). New volunteers will always receive training at the start of the shift. [JOIN THE TEAM](#)

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



Election Blues?

How are you coping during this fractious time? Election blues got you down? Ready to celebrate? Need to weep? Whatever the results, we are in this together. Come to find your fellow UUs and share this volatile time with our First Parish family. **Rev. Anne** will begin our time together, and the zoom link will remain open as needed into the evening.

[ZOOM](#) #WeAreInThisTogether



Green Action Corner

From here on out, the single most impactful thing you can do is sign up for a [Get Out The Vote](#) phonebanking shift.

The Good News: With your help, we've already gotten 300,000 first-time environmental voters to vote early in 11 important states!

The Not So Good News: We still have almost 1.6 million non-voting environmentalists to reach and mobilize before Election Day.

But we can do this. We've been message-testing, capacity-building, and talking to voters for almost 4 years just waiting for this moment. Now, all we need is for you to join thousands of other volunteers to call these voters.

Can we count on you to sign up for a GOTV shift today?

Several SLOTS available. See [HERE!](#)

Can't Volunteer? Then Adopt a Phonebanker! If you can't volunteer, that doesn't mean you can't support other volunteers in their crucially important work. **CALLS** cost money, and we need your help over these last few days. [DONATE now](#).



From England to New England

Rev. Anne will be available via ZOOM on **Tue, Nov 3rd** and **Thu, Nov 5th** for Drop in Chat from Noon - 1:00 PM. **LINKS** coming soon!

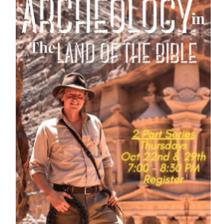
Soul Matters SHARING CIRCLE

Oct Theme

DEEP LISTENING

"One way to practice staying present is to simply sit still for a while and listen. For one minute, listen to the sounds close to you. For one minute, listen to the sounds at a distance. Just listen attentively."

— Pema Chodron



Adult Programs

Our very own **Nate Ramsayer** — tenor section leader in the First Parish choir, soloist extraordinaire, **archaeologist, and Biblical scholar**—will be giving a presentation 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 the event.

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 03705** Code: **296504**

We hope to see you there!



Auction HERO

First Parishioners!

I'm still looking for more auction items - I've got 58 so far, but I want to hit 100!! How about a meal delivered to someone's house? Or a dessert? Or maybe that 20-year old bottle of Port in your basement?

Thanks!

Tom, your Auction Hero
FallAuction@FPLex.org



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Mission of Deeds

This fall, as more and more students are learning remotely in "virtual classrooms", **Mission of Deeds, 6 Chapin Avenue, Reading 01867**, has received an increase in requests for small student desks. **Mission of Deeds** is reaching out to ask if people have any that can be donated. Because their clients, for the most part, are living in small apartments, small desks would be greatly appreciated. All parents and students, and definitely client families, are under a lot of stress at this time. **The donation of a desk will make their burden a little lighter.** Mission of Deeds will expedite the pickup as best as possible. Drop offs are always welcome! We appreciate an email photo of the desk to [Paula Goss](mailto:Paula.Goss@missionofdeeds.org).



Join Us Today

Racial Justice is important faith work for all UUs. Our goal is to "address our own injustices within our church community to become more inclusive, equitable, and diverse, including consideration of resource redistribution (our internal work) and take actions (education, desegregation, and advocacy) working in solidarity, following the lead of, and privileging the voices of those most affected (our external work) to address oppression and systemic racism, intersecting with our other Social Justice teams and collaborating with UU organizations."

Actions our team is leading this year include:

1. Lead the congregation through a process to **adopt the 8th Principle**. Stay tuned for forums after church to become informed
2. Offer a book discussion on **IBram X. Kendi's How to be an Antiracist**
3. Promote **UU Urban Ministry programs** and events for greater FPLex members participation
4. Promote important **legislation** (addressing the Breathe Act, reparations, Indigenous rights in MA)
5. Promote opportunities for education and advocacy in solidarity with Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (**BIPOC**) communities and UU congregations

We meet monthly the second Thursday of the month (November 12, 7pm) on Zoom. We hope you will join us!

JoAnn Mulready-Shick, Chair Questions? [Email](#).

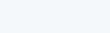
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