



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Tuesday, November 24th 2020



Guest at Your Table



The Meaning of Home

Sunday, November 29th @ 10:30 AM
Rev. Laura Randall \ Rev. Anne Mason \ Sarah Hager

Sunday Nov 29 - The Meaning of Home

Sunday, Nov 29th we celebrate our Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC). Our sermon will be written and presented by Rev. Laura Randall, UUSC's Associate Director of Development for Congregation Relations. Lets get ready to participate as a congregation in "Guests At Your Table" during this Advent Season.

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

MUSIC: Our soprano soloist Elizabeth Walsh will sing Carole King's beautiful heart-warming 1971 song "You've Got a Friend" (From *Tapestry*) and Alan Menken and Stephen Schwartz's emotional 1996 ballad God Help the Outcasts (from *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*). Our guest pianist Sarah Hager will play 3 wonderful George Winston piano pieces: "New Hope Blues" (from *Ballads and Blues* - 1972), "Reflection" and "Thanksgiving" (from *December* - 1982).



Soul Matters

SHARING CIRCLE

Nov Theme: Healing

"As my sufferings mounted I soon realized that there were two ways in which I could respond to my situation — either to react with bitterness or seek to transform the suffering into a creative force. I decided to follow the latter course."
— Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

YAHOO!
Groups



Let's Switch

*In case you missed, Yahoo Group Chat is shutting down... **SOON**. Please make sure to join our replacement group [HERE](#).*



Happy Thanksgiving from Rev. Anne

This holiday my family is staying apart, so that next year we can still be here. For so many of us, Thanksgiving is usually a time to gather, to cook together, to laugh at old stories and even older jokes together. This year many of us will be alone at home, or sharing a small meal over zoom. The chairs at table will be empty. The sideboards which last year were groaning with food will be lighter than usual.

And, perhaps, this is a good thing. Perhaps, this year, we can make Thanksgiving a lighter affair. Perhaps, instead of falling asleep with a full tummy, we can take some long solitary walks, or read a favorite novel, or listen to a symphony together. Perhaps, with a clear spirit, we can focus on the glimmer of hope on the horizon. However it is that you choose to mark this day, know that the Spirit of Love will be with you, and with all of your loved ones, wherever they are. Know that in my heart, I sing for joy with gratitude for you, the people of First Parish.

With blessings for each and every one of you,
Rev. Anne

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Russian Thanksgiving

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. In this week's episode hear the story of Lisa Maria's Russian Thanksgiving, and how we can learn new lessons from holidays being different. You can watch on [YouTube](#) or listen on [Soundcloud](#)!

The next episode of DRE FM will come out on December 4th



Please note that there will be no Thursday Biweekly update this week in lieu of the Thanksgiving Holiday. The next one will be on
 ■ Thu, Dec 3rd!



Can't spell S_CCESS without "U"

The Auction Team wishes to thank all the donors and bidders for helping make last week's Great Fall Auction a huge success. Together, we raised \$32,000 for the church! Special thanks go to our administrator, Pratik Mamtara, for his assistance and, especially, his stunning auction logo.

Gratefully yours,
 Tom Rich, Auction Chair
FallAuction@FPLex.org



UUUM Community Conversations

Lexington Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Lexington Interfaith Thanksgiving: Appreciation
 Tuesday, November 24, 2020 at 7:30 PM

Join us as we give thanks for our community during these most challenging times and raise funds for those who are facing eviction and to support restaurant workers."

Registration is required for the event.
 Click [here](#) to register.

This event is sponsored by the Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association.

Tonight, the **Interfaith Thanksgiving Service** will stream live at the following locations at 7:30 PM:

- 1) LexMedia website www.lexmedia.org
- 2) LexMedia Public Television
 - Comcast Channel 8
 - Verizon Channel 35
 - RCN Channel 3
 - RCN HD Channel 613



A Meal for the Planet

Join us for a new (digital) spin on our history and justice lecture and panel series! [Community Conversations](#) are hosted on Tuesdays (dates below) from 6 to 7:30, and include time for a facilitated Q&A period. Click the title below to be taken to the Zoom meeting for each upcoming conversations.

November 24: "[Closing the Racial Wealth Gap in Boston](#)," presented by [King Boston](#)'s Executive Director [Imari K. Paris Jeffries](#). In his role, Jeffries also oversees the King Center for Economic Justice opening in Nubian Square. Tune in from 6 to 7:30 on the 24th [HERE](#). Special thanks to Conversation sponsor UU Wellesley Hills.

Questions? contact Racial Justice Team members: [Teresa Jacobson](#), [Connee Counts](#), [Jane Beswick](#), and [Lee Brami](#).

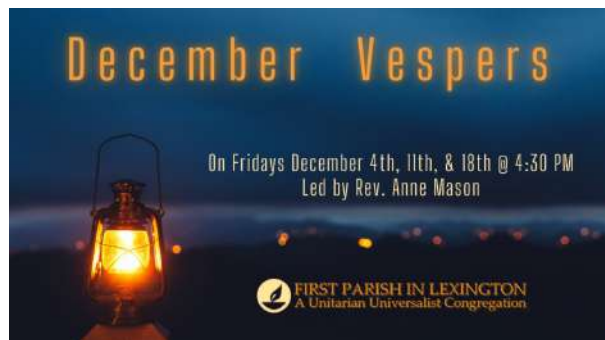


The Holly and the Ivy!

You know me (Maureen Bovet) as a plant person, however in this extraordinary year I am planning to do some extra holiday decorating. I am no expert decorator but I am ready to up my game this year! Let's put our heads and hearts and hands together on two dark early December afternoons to talk about holiday decorating ideas for our homes. I will present some things I'll be doing along with opening up discussions of your ideas. Tuesdays Dec 8th & 15th @ 4:30 PM @ our current community meeting place, Parish Hall of [ZOOM](#).



The Climate Action Team (CAT) warmly welcomes you to our [ZOOM](#) program on **November 24th at 6:00 PM**. Our theme is how do our food choices affect current climate change. How can we act responsibly and do our part to care for this planet? Our hour long program is provocative and thoughtful. Join us at 6:00 with your own home cooked plant based meal. Share with us why you chose your recipe. After our meal we'll look and discuss short powerful videos that may challenge your thinking and expand your knowledge. Before we close our program we will be watching a powerful edited piece from [David Attenborough's](#) video. It will be a most rich evening.



Light Into The Night

Once a week we will join together in the gathering darkness to reflect, to read, to share, and to navigate our preparations for the Winter Holidays with all of the restrictions that are upon us.

Friday afternoons: Dec 4, 11 & 18 @ 4:30 PM via [ZOOM](#)

Led by Rev. Anne Mason.

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