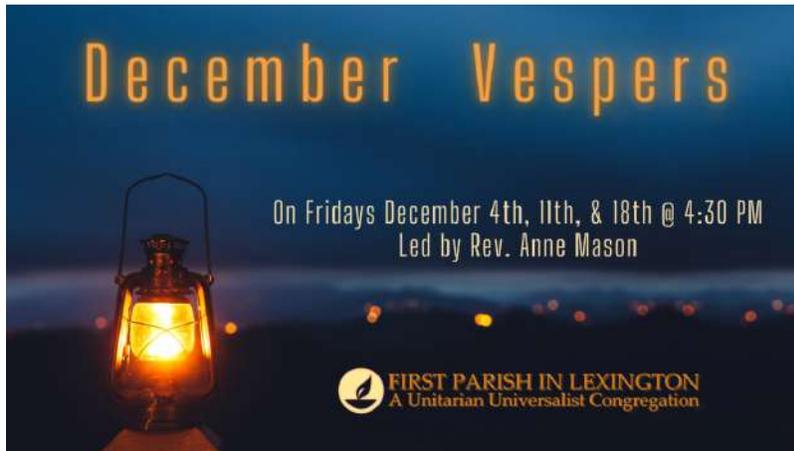




FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON
UNITARIAN  UNIVERSALIST

Tuesday, December 1st 2020



Friday, Dec 4th — *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.



Sunday, December 6th 2020



Soul Matters
SHARING CIRCLE

Dec Theme: Stillness

“Can you be alone without being lonely? Can you spend time by yourself without craving noise or company of other people? Have you discovered the glory of quiet time spent alone, time spent listening to your soul? Solitude brings with it gifts that come from nowhere else.”

— Steve Goodier

YAHOO!
Groups



Let's Switch

Many thanks to those early adopters who helped to test out the new system. Please note that the present Yahoo chat is reported to **go out of existence on Dec 15th.**

In the next several days, everyone at Yahoo Fplexchat who has not yet

The season of Advent is upon us. We wait, with aching hearts, for the sorrows and the struggles of this year to pass away from us. To move through this time, with healing for our spirits, we must first go deeper into the time of darkness. And yet, we are called to Rejoice. Emmanuel shall come within as Love to dwell.

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

MUSIC: Our alto soloist **Julia Jaffe** will sing George Frideric Handel's exhaltant "O Thou That Tellest Good Tidings" (from *Messiah*). **Chelsea Cannon** will sing Jason Robert Brown's passionate "Christmas Lullaby" (from *Songs for a New World*). For the centering music, **Rip Jackson** will sing the ancient French medieval motet "Veni, Veni Emmanuel" (the original rendition of "O Come, O Come Emmanuel"). And for the postlude, Rip will play an original piano piece based on the ancient medieval advent chant "Divinum Mysterium" (the earliest version of "Of the Father's Love Begotten").

signed up for the new groups.io chat will receive an email with instructions for registering. Please note that the new chat is identified as FPlex-chat@groups.io.

I am hoping all goes smoothly, and please let me know if you encounter any problems.

Lee Ostrander

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



Buildings & Grounds — Lot Closure

Today the rear parking lot has been closed off to automobile and foot traffic for the winter. The Finance Committee and Board's goals for this shutdown year included cutting costs, and closing the rear unpaved lot should result in **\$5,000 in savings** on snow removal expenses. The Board, in consultation with the church's insurance company, approved the signage and design, and it was installed today. We've already had one snowfall, and in the interest of safety on ice and snow in future storms, please refrain from entering the rear lot until spring is safely here!

Toni Tasker, B&G Chair



Religious Education & Family Ministry
FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON — A Unitarian Universalist Congregation

Saturday, Dec 19th @ 4:00 – 6:00 PM

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](#).



Join **Lisa Maria Andreoli Steinberg**, our DRE FM (Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry) on [ZOOM](#) to share what your special holiday family sweet treat / dessert is, trade recipes and share the story of why this is special in your family.



One Earth

UUUM Community Conversations



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.

January 26: "What's Happening to Roxbury: A Conversation on Gentrification and Displacement," featuring Roxbury Native, **Marisa Luse**, a life-long Roxbury resident who considers her neighborhood the "village" that nurtured and raised her. She has extensive nonprofit management,

Now that we will soon have our Mass native **John Kerry** as Climate Change Czar — let's do our part in many small ways:

- Turn off the lights when not in use
- Use less hot water
- Drive less (walk and bike more)
- Call our state reps to encourage them to push for better earth saving legislation
- Reduce, reuse and recycle

Pumpkin - Lentil Soup

1 chunk fresh ginger, peeled
13 cloves garlic
2 tbsp. olive oil
1 cup chopped onion
2 tsp. fresh curry powder
1 cup water
4 cups low sodium veg broth
1 lb. red lentils
4 cups packed chopped fresh kale
1 (13.5 oz.) can lite coconut milk
1 (15 oz.) can 100% pumpkin or use fresh cooked

- Peel and mince ginger and mince garlic.
- Heat oil and sauté onion, ginger, garlic and curry powder.
- Add water, scrape pan, and stir in veg broth, lentils, kale, coconut milk and pumpkin.
- Add salt and pepper to taste.
- Cook for 30 minutes on medium and add water.
- Top with parsley or cilantro.

community engagement and civic leadership experience. Tune in from 6 to 7:30 on the 26th [HERE](#). Special thanks to Conversation sponsor First Parish in Lexington & Follen Community Church.

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

IDEAS:

Decorate with LED solar lights.
Decorate dining table with fresh branches from your hike in the woods.
Use real plates rather than paper products.

Please let us know what you decided to do to help our earth. Send us a photo or some words — We'll gladly include them!
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