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UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST

Wednesday, December 16th 2020



But not from us... If you received an email from Rev. Anne asking for a special favour... **It wasn't Rev. Anne!** The email you got has an extra "0" in the email address. **Please mark it as spam and disregard.**

Also, **you didn't miss** the Biweekly Update. We didn't send one yesterday. This week you'll receive only ONE. Our **offices will be closed tomorrow** (and possibly Friday) due to the **winter storm warning**. Stay safe!



Friday, Dec 18th — Light Into The Night

We will join together in the gathering darkness to reflect, to read, to share, and to navigate our



Dec Theme: Stillness

"Stillness is our most intense mode of action. It is in our moments of deep quiet that is born every idea, emotion, and drive which we eventually honor with

preparations for the Winter Holidays with all of the restrictions that are upon us. Led by Rev. Anne Mason.

Friday afternoon: Dec 18
@ 4:30 PM via [ZOOM](#)



Sunday, December 6th 2020

The coming of Solstice is the turning point of the year, as the wheel turns once again. The Longest Night will soon be past, and we will welcome the sun's warmth and energy.

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

MUSIC: We celebrate the winter solstice with music and carols uplifting the returning light. The **Sanctuary Choir** will sing the Vermont composer Peter Amidon's tender heart-warming "Solstice Song," as a virtual video created by **Chris Hess** with soloist **Erin Lashaway**. Soprano **Liz Savir** will sing Loreena McKennitt's Celtic and deeply mystical "To Drive the Cold Winter Away." For the centering music, **Rip Jackson** will sing Paul Winter's mystical "Solstice Night" (from *Solstice Live*). And for the postlude he will play a festive jazz piano arrangement of "Go Tell it on the Mountain."

Save The Date: Thu Christmas Eve Service
Come and celebrate the joy of Christmas with a service prepared by our First Parish staff. With special choral anthems and organ music, readings and reflections. **Rev. Anne Mason** will lead us in worship. This pre-recorded service will be available for you to watch with your

the name of action. We reach highest in meditation, and farthest in prayer. In stillness every human being is great."

— Leonard Bernstein



Saturday, Dec 19th
4:00 - 6:00 PM



Join us on [ZOOM](#) on **Sat, Dec 19th @ 4:00 - 6:00 PM** to share what your special holiday family sweet treat / dessert is! Share recipes and the story of what makes that dessert special in your family.

Led by our very own,
DRE FM Director of Religious Education & Family Ministry,
Lisa Maria Andreoli Steinberg!



Book Group: How To Be An Antiracist

**Sundays, January 24th & 31st + February
7th & 14th @ 2:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

Join via **ZOOM** Meeting ID: **991 3802 5030**

Ibram X. Kendi's concept of antiracism reenergizes & reshapes the conversation about racial justice in America. In his memoir, **How to Be an Antiracist**, Kendi weaves together an electrifying combination of ethics, history, law, and science—including the story of his own awakening to antiracism—bringing it all together in a cogent, accessible form. Join the members of **Racial Justice Team** in this engaging Book Discussion Group.

family beginning at 4:30 on Dec 24th on our [YouTube channel](#).



Action Needed Now

There is great need and still time to push the joint **Senate/House committee** at the Statehouse to enact a strong climate bill during the 2019-2020 session. Please read the [LETTER](#) LexGWAC wrote to Sen. Barrett and ask your representative (Michelle Ciccolo if you live in Lexington) to demand that the committee completes its work!

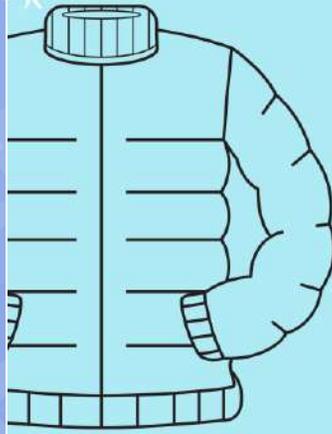
Michelle Ciccolo
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Or if you live elsewhere, you can find contact information for your representative [HERE](#).

Here are a few words from **Bill Mckibben's** recent piece in the New Yorker that put in perspective "who is to blame" for the climate crisis. Let them motivate you to take action today, and every day:

"People caused the climate crisis, of course, but the definition of which

WINTER COAT DISTRIBUTION



DISTRIBUTING COATS
FOR MEN, WOMEN AND
KIDS 2T AND UP
NEW AND
GENTLY USED COATS

THURSDAY
DECEMBER 10
2PM TO 5PM
ST. MARY'S CHURCH
133 SCHOOL ST

QUESTIONS?
CONTACT BRIANNA
BRIANNA@WATCHCDC.ORG



Winter Coat Drive: WATCH CDC

WATCH is hosting a coat distribution on Dec. 10 and 19. Please spread the word that **WATCH can use any gently worn winter coats kids, women and men.**

Coats can be dropped off at the end of the driveway of **Daria Gere, 26 Hillcrest Road, Waltham MA** any time before Dec. 18th!

We can also accept new coats purchased online and shipped to the above address. All will go to low-income Waltham tenants struggling with job loss due to COVID.

people gets more precise over time. Research indicates that the wealthiest ten per cent of the world's population—those with net incomes above thirty-eight thousand dollars a year—account for more than half of all carbon emissions. The wealthiest one percent produce more than twice the carbon that the poorest fifty per cent do. But the effects of climate change are unjustly reversed: the less you did to cause it, the sooner and harder you feel its effects."



A Blue Christmas

The U.U. Urban Ministry is presenting its next **Community Conversation** on Tue, Dec 22nd at 6:00 PM: "A Blue Christmas: Mental Health in the Black Community," presented by Toy Burton, founder of DeeDee's Cry. Get the [ZOOM](#) link and more details at www.UUUM.org. Get Social @ [UUUrbanMinistry](#).

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