



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON  
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

**Tuesday, February 16th 2021**

The blessing of these trying times is that the development of our online presence has opened up yet untapped opportunities to widen circle of the communities we serve. We need the financial support of every member to continue the outreach and provide “multi-channel” access to our programming when we meet again in our church building on the green.



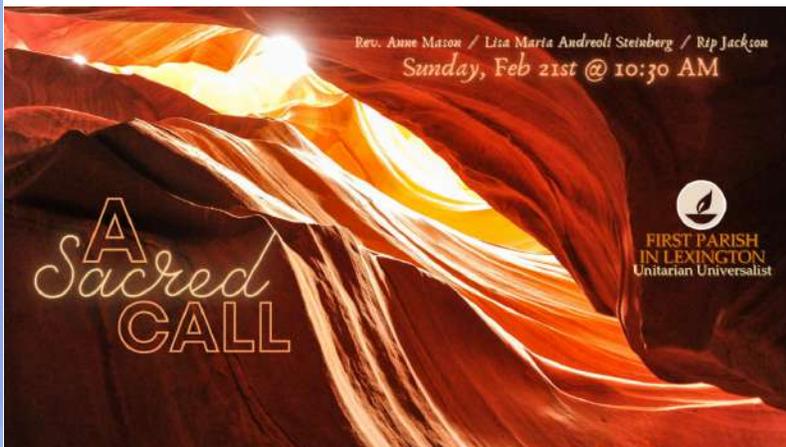
**STEWARDSHIP DRIVE 2021: Giving Actualizes Our Values**

Pledge letters are getting emailed in the middle of February. By making a generous pledge we will be celebrating the covenant we have with each other to fund our values-based work. By making our pledge before our special service on March 14th, we are showing gratitude to our Board and Finance team for the time they invest in careful planning to create our upcoming budget.

Many questions are answered in our [Pledge FAQ](#).

There are **NO PLEDGE CARDS** to mail. Just use this link to make your pledge in [ONLINE!](#)

Got questions or comments? Contact the **Stewardship Planning Team** by sending email to [Stewardship@FPLex.org](mailto:Stewardship@FPLex.org).



**Soul Matters**  
SHARING CIRCLE

February Theme:  
Beloved Community

**UPCOMING Worship: Sunday, Feb 21st**

The Christian season of Lent calls us to look deep within ourselves. Why do we turn away from the Love which will not let us go? Let us take time, this holy season, to wonder, to delve, and to seek spiritual healing.

Livestream: [YouTube.com/C/FPLexington](https://www.youtube.com/C/FPLexington)  
Or join via [Facebook LIVE](#) Event



### AFTER WORSHIP FORUM

STAY after Church to learn more about First Parish's **8th PRINCIPLE proposal for adoption** at First Parish. Our hope is that every First Parish member will attend these forums prior to our congregation vote later this Spring 2021.

**David Horton, Elisabeth Jas, and Katie O'Hare Gibson** will lead this month's forum, providing all with important background info — the **WHERE, WHAT, HOW, WHEN, WHO, WHY**, and, importantly, **Why NOW!**

We will also break into smaller groups for deeper dialogue during this **45 minute program**. Learn more about the 8th Principle at [Eighth Principle background](#).

Questions? Email: [JoAnn Mulready-Shick](mailto:JoAnn.Mulready-Shick)



*"We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color."*

– Maya Angelou



### Green Action Corner

Feb 23rd @ 7:30 PM  
CAT Meeting  
Email [Admin@FPLex.org](mailto:Admin@FPLex.org)  
for ZOOM link.

### Help Electrify Lexington's School Buses

*Please reach out to your school committee members to encourage them to move forward now with a fast transition to electric school busses. The school committee is responsible for the school bus contract and will be making a decision about a new contract this year. It would be a tragedy if we extend the use of diesel busses into the future when switching now to electric will benefit public health, climate change, and also save the town money.*

*Diesel exhaust is internationally recognized as a cancer causing agent and is classified by the US EPA as a likely carcinogen. **Transitioning to all electric school buses***

The UU Urban Ministry presents:

# Community Conversations

**Equity in Education**  
featuring historian Joseph D. Feaster, Jr. Esq., speaking on the NAACP and Urban League's work in Boston

Tuesday, February 16, 2021  
6 - 7:30 pm  
Lecture and Facilitated Q&A

Join the Meeting: [bit.ly/UUUMccFeb](https://bit.ly/UUUMccFeb)  
Call-in details available at [uum.org](http://uum.org)

Special thanks to Alan M. Cody and Edith T. Moricz-Cody

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Find us in John Eliot Square at 10 Putnam St., Roxbury, MA 02119, or online

### UU Urban Ministry: Equity in Education

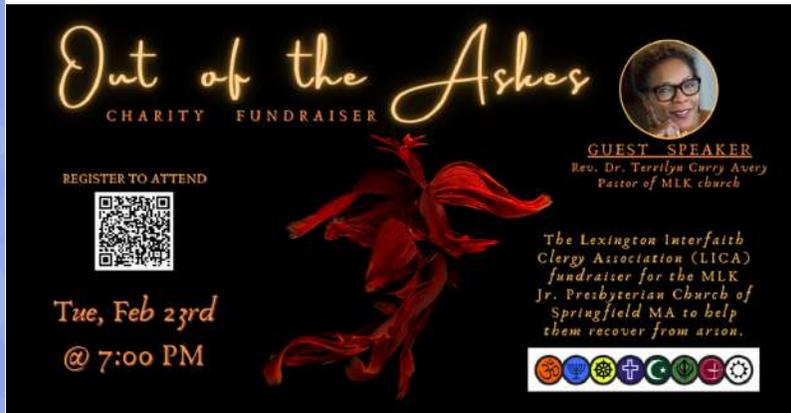
Featuring historian **Joseph D. Feaster, Jr. Esq.**

Speaking on the work of the **NAACP** and Urban League to address equity in education in Boston.

**Tuesday, February 16th @ 6:00 - 7:30 PM**

Click [HERE](#) to join

Special thanks to program sponsors **Alan M. Cody** and **Edith T. Moricz-Cody**.



**Out of the Ashes**  
CHARITY FUNDRAISER

REGISTER TO ATTEND  


**Tue, Feb 23rd**  
**@ 7:00 PM**

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
Rev. Dr. Terrilyn Currey Avery  
Pastor of MLK church

The Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association (LICA) fundraiser for the MLK Jr. Presbyterian Church of Springfield MA to help them recover from arson.



## LICA Fundraiser - Recovery from Arson

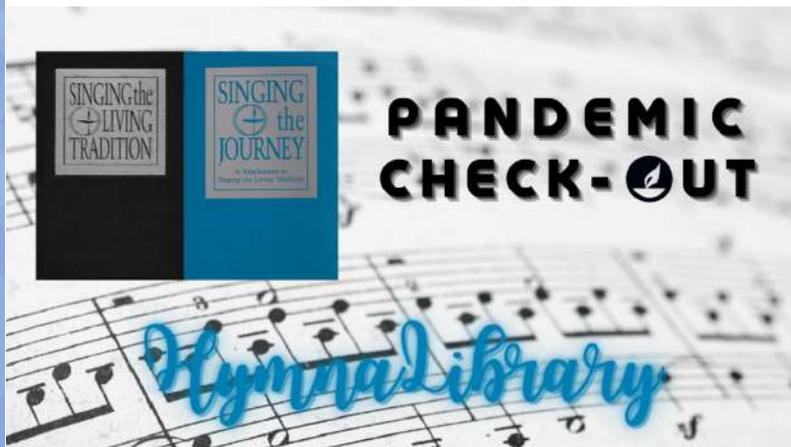
Connect with us as we support the **MLK Presbyterian Church**, a historically African American church in Springfield MA. Help them rebuild after the devastation of arson. **Rev. Anne** and **Rip Jackson** will anchor this event.

**Tue, Feb 23rd @ 7:00 PM**

To attend [REGISTER](#)

Click to [DONATE](#)

Our beloved poet, **Regie O'Hare Gibson**, will deliver his new poem, An Open Letter to Dr. King. You will not want to miss this powerful piece! Also participating will be Lexington Interfaith leaders and clergy from the MA Council of Churches.



**SINGING the LIVING TRADITION** | **SINGING the JOURNEY**

**PANDEMIC CHECK-OUT**

**Hymnal Library**

## Take a Hymnal Home With You

How does attending ZOOM Worship with our UU Hymnals sound? **FPLex Hymnals** are available for purchase if you want to own a set or for "**Pandemic Check-Out**" if you want to borrow a set!

**will keep our air cleaner and our community healthier while saving our school district money.**

Here is the School Committee's e-mail address: [school-com@lexingtonma.org](mailto:school-com@lexingtonma.org)

And the electric bus presentation made to the school committee on February 2nd.

# LEXPRIDE

## A NOTE FROM VALERIE

Hi all,

I hope you are enjoying this winter weekend - and **Valentine's Day** if you celebrate! Attached is LexPride's weekly newsletter, with lots of events and news! Here are [ALL the Upcoming events!](#)

Warmly,  
Valerie

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## SHOPPING MATTERS

Make **FPLex** your preferred charitable organization every time you shop on **AmazonSmile**. 0.5% of your purchase proceeds are donated to FPLex.

Go to **Your Account > Your Lists > AmazonSmile Charity Lists > Type First Parish in Lexington** and click search > Select > Bookmark tab for future!

## STAFF HOURS

**Rev. Anne Mason**, Minister  
Tues & Thurs Drop-in **ZOOM** @ Noon

To **PURCHASE**, the price is **\$54** for the set of 2 books (Grey and Teal). This is the same cost the Parish would pay.

To **BORROW** a set, just sign out a pair with the promise to return them to the Parish when we are able to worship in the building again.

Fill out this [FORM here!](#)  
Curbside pick-up available at FPLex

**Questions?** Contact **Pratik Mamtora**, Parish Admin at:  
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A political & public affairs strategist, consultant, and television commentator  
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Son of Dan Fenn, beloved longtime FPLex member



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## HOWE LECTURE

This presentation is made possible by the Elizabeth Howe Lecture Fund, established by her family to provide for lectures on topics of current interest. Elizabeth Howe was a long-time resident and contributor to the Town of Lexington and a beloved member of FPLex.



A Conversation Between New York Times Writer Jesse Wegman and Political Analyst Peter Fenn

## SHOULD THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE CHOOSE THE PRESIDENT?



Thursday, March 4th 2021 @ 7:00 PM ET

REGISTER: [www.FPLex.org/Howe](http://www.FPLex.org/Howe)



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