



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, February 9th 2021

There is no doubt that this last year has had an enormous impact on how we have interacted as a faith community. When the pandemic hit, without missing a single beat, **our wonderful, resilient, and flexible staff rose to the challenge.** With the support of lay leaders, they “turned on a dime” and began broadening our online content by leveraging a variety of technologies and upgrading the visual impact of our communications. Our congregation has been at the leading edge of providing engaging content for both our congregation and many others not geographically located in Lexington MA.

STEWARDSHIP DRIVE 2021: Giving Actualizes Our Values

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.



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.



UPCOMING Worship: Sunday, Feb 14th

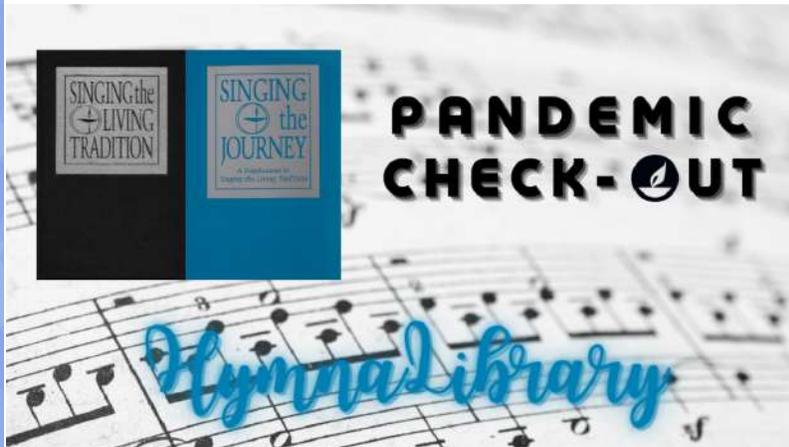
What if to “side with love” meant making bold, faith-full choices? What if it were even a little bit scary? This worship service brings together worship leaders and musicians from across the country to offer hopeful, moving, challenging reminders about what we, as Unitarian Universalists, are called to do, and BE, in the world.

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

Who are the worship service participants? This service is coordinated by **Rev. Erika Hewitt**, UUA Minister of Worship Arts, who recruited a range of UU religious professionals and lay leaders to bring this service to full expression. All of worship participants speak from their lived experience, which is grounded in at least one marginalized identity:

- **Dr. Takiyah Nur Amin**
- **Laura Conkle**
- **Rev. Michael Crumpler**
- **Julica Hermann de la Fuente**
- **Dr. Tuli Patel**
- **Everette Thompson**

MUSIC: Provided by Pastor **David B. Smith** of All Souls UU Church in Tulsa, OK and by the choir of First Unitarian Society of Brooklyn, NY under the direction of **Adam Podd**.



Take a Hymnal Home With You



Soul Matters
SHARING CIRCLE

**February Theme:
Beloved Community**

“Some people think they are in community, but they are only in proximity. True community requires commitment and openness. It is a willingness to extend yourself to encounter and know the other.”

– David Spangler



The Minister is IN!

You are invited to e-Join me on Tue & Thu from Noon to 1:00 PM for my **LIVE Office hours!**

Email: Minister@FPLex.org for **ZOOM** link.

– Rev. Anne Mason



Green Action Corner

On **Jan 31st**, **Ricki Pappo** of **Lexington Global Warming Action Coalition** and **Stella**

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!

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:
Admin@FPLex.org.



MEETING: Thursday, February 11th @ 7:00 PM

Join us for our monthly meeting. Discussion will include our 8th Principle after-church forums, MLK Day Lexington, UU Urban Ministry programs, How to be an Antiracist book read, and more.

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

PRESERVING OUR DEMOCRACY

Where do we go from here?

The **PRESERVING OUR DEMOCRACY** team is choosing its activities for the next few months. At our meeting last week, folks indicated most interest in continuing our work on voting rights (registration, mail-in ballots, etc.) and in exploring the possibilities offered by **Braver Angels**, an organization that brings together Red and Blue Americans in a working alliance to depolarize America (see [Braver Angels](#)). We welcome your input to these decisions. (See a menu of choices at [Democracy actions](#))

We want to hear from you!
[Debbie Armstrong](#), [Marty Kvaal](#), or [Michelle Olson](#).

Carr, Town of Lexington's **Sustainability Director** shared important info on climate actions in our town. Here's a special invite from them:

Tue, Feb 9th @ 7-8:30 PM
Clean Heat for Lexington
(Article 29) via ZOOM
[REGISTER](#)

The Clean Heat Alliance (GWAC, Sustainable Middlesex, Mothers Out Front and LPS Green Teams) is holding its first event on this Warrant Article on Feb 9. We invite Town meeting members, builders, realtors, architects and residents to learn more about current building methods, impact on home valuation and **Article 29**.

Article 29 represents a modest but important step in the transition away from fossil fuels by limiting their use in new buildings and major renovation projects. About one-third of Lexington's greenhouse gas emissions come from fossil fuel combustion for space and water heating in its buildings. By requiring a transition to clean, electric heating, Article 29 is a practical and cost-effective first step toward achieving the goal of net-zero emissions by 2035, a pledge in the Climate Emergency declaration passed nearly unanimously by the 2020 Special Town Meeting.

This event is for everyone. If you know any builders, realtors and developers, please invite them.

www.LexGWAC.org

Lexington Green Action Network's monthly newsletters on their website:
www.LexingtonGreenNetwork.org

JESSE WEGMAN

Member of *The New York Times* editorial board, where he has written about the Supreme Court and legal affairs since 2013
Author of *Let The People Pick The President*



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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



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