



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON  
A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Tuesday, May 11th 2021



**UPCOMING Worship: Sunday, May 9th**

What would it look like for First Parish to truly embrace a diverse multicultural Beloved Community? Can our desire to learn about and value the many religious traditions in our town help us to examine our own limitations? Let us vision together ways that we can live into the beautiful diversity of Lexington. Worship service led by our Minister, **Rev. Anne Mason**.

**ZOOM** Meeting ID: **987 6010 3683** Passcode: **fplex**  
Join by calling in (646) 876-9923  
**LIVE Streaming** [Facebook](#) OR [YouTube](#)

**Music:** We will celebrate the diversity of religions with inspirational music from some of these spiritual traditions broadcasting live from the First Parish Sanctuary. **Rip Jackson, Julia Jaffe, Anne Mason, David Meharry** and **Elizabeth Walsh** will sing Rip Jackson's original composition "Rondo (from *The Beatitudes: A Journey of Compassion, Justice and Love Triumphant*). Julia Jaffe and Elizabeth Walsh will sing Antonio Vivaldi's exuberant "Laudamus Te" (from *Gloria*), Rip Jackson's mystical setting of "Shabbat Shalom" and the ancient and serene hindu song "The Gayatri Mantra." All the singers will lead the congregational in singing the four-part harmony hymns for worship this Sunday. For the postlude, Rip Jackson will play Johann Pachelble's energetic "Fuga in C Major" on First Parish's magnificent 1898 Hutchings 32-rank tracker organ.



**Soul Matters**  
SHARING CIRCLE

May Theme: Story

"With a bucket of Lego, you can tell any story. You can build an airplane or a dragon or a pirate ship - it's whatever you can imagine."

— Christopher Miller



**Mark Your Calendars**

- **Sunday, May 16th**  
Capital Campaign  
Congregational Meeting/vote

# Circle 'Round for — VIRTUAL — UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY



**Justice • Healing • Courage**

## 2021 Ware Lecture: Desmond Meade

The UUA President invites a distinguished guest each year to address the General Assembly as the Ware Lecturer on Saturday, June 26 7:00 p.m. [General Assembly registration](#) is required to view.



- [Adult Registration](#)
- [Youth Registration](#)
- [Volunteer Opportunities](#)
- [Financial Support](#)

In addition to **Stacy Abrams**, the Ware Lecture features **Desmond Meade**, a formerly homeless returning citizen who overcame many obstacles to eventually become the President of the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition (FRRRC), Chair of Floridians for a Fair Democracy, a graduate of Florida International University College of Law, and a Ford Global Fellow. He is the author of [Let My People Vote: My Battle to Restore the Rights of Returning Citizens](#), published by Beacon Press in October of 2020.

Recognized by **Time Magazine** as one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World in 2019, he presently leads efforts to empower and civically re-engage local communities across the state, and to reshape local, state, and national criminal justice policies. Mr. Meade led the FRRRC to a historic victory in 2018 with the successful passage of Amendment 4, a grassroots citizen's initiative which restored voting rights to over 1.4 million Floridians with past felony convictions. Amendment 4 represented the single largest expansion of voting rights in the United States in half a century and brought an end to 150 years of a Jim Crow-era law in Florida.

- **Sunday, Jun 6th**  
Budget presentation
- **Sunday, Jun 13th**  
Semiannual Meeting (8th Principle, Budget, Officer elections)



## Meeting This Thu

Join us for our monthly meeting. **ALL are WELCOME!** Discussion will include preparation for the 8th Principle Proposal vote, our upcoming UUA Common Read: [Breathe](#), initial planning for next year, and more!

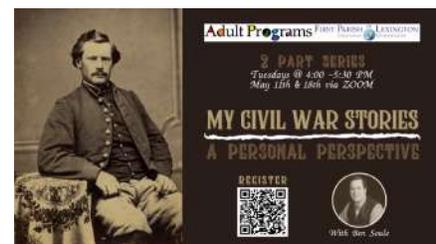
**Thu, May 13th**  
**@ 7:00-8:30 PM**  
Join via [ZOOM](#)

Meeting ID: 952 3700 6379  
Or call in (646) 876-9923

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



## Upcoming Events



**Ben Soule** has had a life-long interest in the Civil War and for anyone living in the United States of America,

# PRESERVING OUR DEMOCRACY

## What's NEXT?

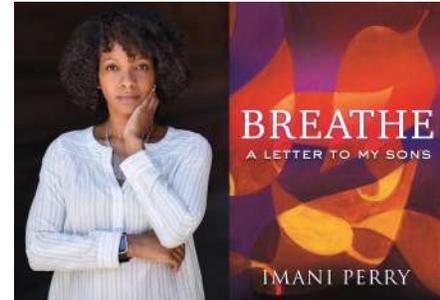
The fuss and fury of the 2020 election is now behind us. Yet American democracy continues to face serious threats. You can affect these issues by taking action now:

1. "[All In: The Fight for Democracy](#)" a documentary featuring **Stacey Abrams**, Tue, May 11th 2021 @ 7:00-8:00 PM. 100% on Rotten Tomatoes. Runtime = 142 mins. [Register HERE!](#)
2. Take action to **disempower FOX News**. Did you know that part of the monthly fee for your cable package goes to support Fox news and that these "carriage fees" provide the bulk of Fox revenues. What can you do? See [this LINK](#) for more information and sample letters to cable companies, legislators and advertisers.
3. **Elections** for State legislatures are not as glamorous as those for Congress, but they are **critically important** (e.g., the States draw the maps for electoral districts).

For more information about the Preserving Our Democracy team, please contact [Debbie Armstrong](#) or [Marty Kvaal](#).

that piece of history is still present. Ben's presentation, "[My Civil War Stories](#)," is about the many moments in his life when the Civil War has reached out from the past and touched him.

**2 Part Series - Tuesdays**  
May 11 & 18 @ 4:00-5:30 PM  
[REGISTER](#) for Zoom Link



This year's UUA Common Read is [Breathe: A Letter to My Sons](#) by **Imani Perry** who is a Princeton University Professor of African American Studies and also has two African American sons.

**Discussion Dates:**  
May 23, May 30, June 6  
Sundays @ 2:00 – 3:00 PM  
[REGISTER](#)

*What does it mean to be a UU?*



**JOIN US**

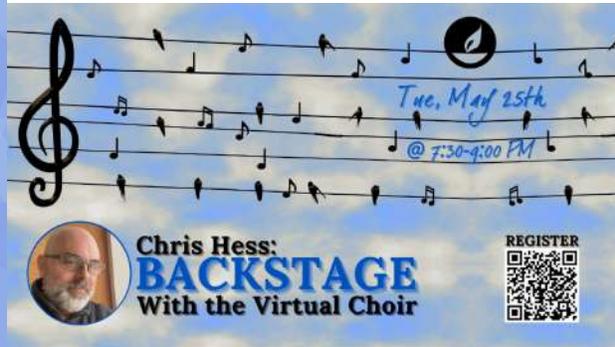


Membership Workshop  
Wed, May 15th @ 7:15-8:45 PM  
First Parish in Lexington - Unitarian Universalist

**Each ONE Reach ONE: Invite Family, Friends, Neighbours and Folks**

The Members & Friends Committee and our Minister, Rev. Anne Mason are offering a **Membership Workshop** on **Wednesday, May 15th, from 7:15 - 8:45 PM**, via Zoom, for all people who either know they are ready to join First Parish as a member or would

like to consider it. Participants at the workshop will focus on the culture of First Parish, its history, governance, the privileges and responsibilities of membership, Unitarian Universalist values, and the opportunities to engage in the life of the church and how to connect to and access them. Please [RSVP HERE](#) by **Friday, May 7th**.



### Backstage With The Virtual Choir

### Sharing a Home As We Age

For a good year now, **First Parish church** services have come to you via Zoom, YouTube, or Facebook. The music—played by **Rip Jackson** and other instrumentalists, sung by the choir, the children's choir, and various soloists—has continued to be a vital part of church. But have you ever wondered how everyone involved has managed to sing or play together when we've all been spread out—**Rip's in Florida, Amy's in DC, Paul's in South Carolina, Mary's in Vermont**—and basically stuck inside for months on end?

**Tue, May 25th @ 7:30 PM**  
[REGISTER](#)

**Chris Hess, the audio and video wizard behind the music**, will describe how this particular bit of sausage is made in the weeks before a piece is part of a service.

Join **Judy Lipperman** as we will learn about some key aspects, benefits, and considerations regarding sharing a home as we age. We will also hear from **Roberta Brown**, a senior in our greater UU community, who will tell us her home sharing story. There will be ample time for questions and discussion.

**Thu, May 27th @ 4:00 PM** [REGISTER](#)

In March 2021 Judy facilitated a similar session via Zoom, which was attended by 21 people who came from a variety of local communities including **Winchester Unitarian Society** and **First Parish in Lexington**. These sessions are being offered as part of an independent grassroots volunteer effort to create a space for conversation, brainstorming, and networking about sharing a home as we age.

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