



Summer Steeple Gazette



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON

Weekly Update - Wednesday Jul 7th 2021



Upcoming Worship Service

How practices of gratitude and grounding ourselves in the here and now, can help us not only to get through hard times but also to find joy in the life we have and not just the life we wish we were living. Life is a gift! First Parish welcomes **Rev. Kate Wilkinson** a life-long Unitarian Universalist, who currently serves as Minister to the Unitarian Universalist Meeting House in Provincetown, MA. Rev. Kate will be joined by our Worship Associate, **Liz Gemelli**.

LIVE Streaming [Facebook](#) OR [YouTube](#)

**For our Summer Worship offerings, there will be NO Order of Service.*



Love & Light

"With a heavy heart I inform you that my brother, Larry died of a ruptured aneurism past Sunday." — **Paul Couture**

Kindly keep Paul and his family in your thoughts and prayers!



B&G Update on Sanctuary Work

The month of June brought architects and engineers to the church to fine tune their measurements and options in order to prepare the final designs for the upcoming structural, electrical, fire suppression, and HVAC/filtration improvements to the sanctuary. First on the list: a safe, new entry to the steeple and sanctuary attic will be installed.

The architects and consultants are also looking into the possibility of installing an improved audio, visual and lighting system that will enhance remote and in-person sanctuary services and events. This was an aspirational goal for the Capital Campaign that was voted on by the congregation, along with the infrastructure noted above. The structural and electrical work will take into consideration these potential changes.

Work has also begun with a surveyor to establish and mark clear boundaries and easements of the church's properties, which will be needed for other aspirational goals of the Campaign: to enhance the front entry to the church, and re-pave and restore drainage to the driveway, as well as to clarify lot lines with our neighbors.



QUOTABuULARY

"The intuition of the moral sentiment is an insight of the perfection of the laws of the soul. These laws execute themselves. They are out of time, out of space, and not subject to circumstance.

Thus; in the soul of man there is a justice whose retributions are instant and entire. He who does a good deed, is instantly ennobled. He who does a mean deed, is by the action itself contracted. He who puts off impurity, thereby puts on purity.

If a man is at heart just, then in so far is he God; the safety of God, the immortality of God, the majesty of God do enter into that man with justice."

**— Ralph Waldo Emerson
July 15, 1838**

Stay tuned for further updates as work progresses, and feel free to direct questions to [Toni Tasker](#), who is the liaison to Spencer, Sullivan and Vogt, the architectural firm designing and managing the project.



1st Annual Quock Walker Day

You are invited to join us for the 1st Annual Quock Walker Day Community Celebration.

Thu, July 8th 2021 @ 7:00 PM via [ZOOM](#)
Meeting ID: 986 9892 0920 Passcode: 757211

Celebrate Massachusetts Emancipation Day - July 8, 1783 Quock Walker, a young man from Barre, MA and of Akan and Ewe lineage, self-emancipated, endured brutality from his former enslaver, fought through the legal system to safeguard his natural freedom, and ended up ending slavery in Massachusetts.

In 2021, State Senator Cindy Friedman filed SD.141 and State Representative Michelle Ciccolo filed HD.272, An Act designating July 8 as Massachusetts Emancipation Day a.k.a. Quock Walker Day.

— Sean D. Osborne, President
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Association of Black Citizens of Lexington

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Summer Office Hours

REDUCED OFFICE HOURS

Begins week of Mon, Jun

28th

Tue = 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Wed = 9:00 AM to 3:00

PM

Thu = 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

(WFH)

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat & Sun

Kindly take care of your requests in advance by emailing at

Admin@FPLex.org.



Post Holiday Weekend

Hi all,

I hope you enjoyed a holiday weekend! Attached is LexPride's weekly [NEWSLETTER](#). Let us know if you have any suggestions for the newsletter or for our programming this summer and next year!

Warmly,
Valerie Overton
(she/her/hers)
LexPride Co-Chair
www.LexPrideMA.org

A promotional poster for Tai Chi classes. The background is dark with a silhouette of a person's hands in a Tai Chi gesture on the left. Text includes logos for 'FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON Unitarian Universalist' and 'NEW LEGACY CULTURAL CENTER 新禧文化中心'. The main text reads 'Outdoors on Sundays 6/13 to 8/29 (No class 4th of July)'. Below this, 'centered EXERCISE breath ENERGY Qi' is written in various colors. A 'REGISTER' button and a QR code are on the right. A list of times and activities is at the bottom right: '8:30-9:15 AM Taste of Tai Chi', '9:15-10:00 AM Beginner Tai Chi'. A yin-yang symbol is inside a head silhouette on the right.

ONGOING: Outdoor Tai Chi

New Legacy Cultural Center and **First Parish in Lexington** will co-sponsor a series of outdoor Tai Chi classes every Sunday morning **until August 29, 2021** on First Parish's side lot adjacent to the Battle Green. There is no charge, but donations will be appreciated. **Mr. Tai-Chun Pan**, a Master Instructor of the traditional Yang style of Tai Chi Chuan, will offer two classes each Sunday morning. [Register HERE.](#)

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