



# Summer Steeple Gazette



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON

**Weekly Update - Wednesday Jun 16th 2021**



**Reminder: Bring Flowers, Chairs...**

For those attending in person please remember to bring your **lawn chairs, picnic blankets, water bottles AND flowers!** Sunday morning weather forecast says **77-86°**. We are looking forward to welcoming you at this **FIRST in-person**. For those joining us virtually our worship service will be accessible via **ZOOM, Facebook & YouTube**.



**Soul Matters**  
SHARING CIRCLE

**June Theme — Play**

*"Play is always a fantasy, but once you get into the frame, it is quite real, and everything you do is real. You put acres and acres of real movement and real action and real belief in it."*

**— Brian Sutton-Smith**



### Upcoming Worship Service

Weather permitting, we will meet outdoors on 3 Harrington! Bring your lawn chair and your mask — and bring a flower for our annual Flower Ceremony! We will also livestream the service, but if you feel able, please come and be together in worship!

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

**Music:** The Sanctuary Choir will sing beautiful music outside. This will be their first time singing together since early March 2020 before the pandemic. They will sing Elaine Hagenberg's emotionally deep "O Love," Thomas Morley's spirited renaissance madrigal "Now Is the Month of Maying," and Vermont composer Gwyneth Walker's passionate "Tree of Peace." For the postlude, they will present a wonderful and festive medley of music by Abba from the movie "Mamma Mia" arranged by Mac Huff with soloists Chelsea Cannon, David Meharry, Elisabeth Walsh and Jamie Willis. For the centering music, Rip Jackson will play Ludwig van Beethoven's passionate "Andante Cantabile" (from Pathétique Sonata, Op. 13).

### A Note from Our Director of Music

Dear Parishioners,



### Summer Office Hours

Next week, our Parish Administrator, **Pratik Mamtora** will be attending AUUA Professional Training & the General Assembly 2021.

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**Mon, Jun 21st to Fri, Jun 25th**

**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 1:00 PM**

*Kindly take care of your requests in advance by emailing at [Admin@FPLex.org](mailto:Admin@FPLex.org).*



### Celebrations Continue

Hi all,

We had a super fun weekend of Pride

I will be working through **June 27th**. After that, I will then begin my summer period where I will be away quite a bit. For some of the time, I will be offline enjoying vacation and comp time.



I will also be attending two continuing education workshops between late July and early September. And finally, I will be doing

some work off-site beginning to prepare and plan for next year's music and concerts. **I am available via email/phone until June 27 and also between August 1-15.** I am looking forward to another wonderful year at First Parish beginning in September!

— **Rip Jackson**  
[Music@FPLex.org](mailto:Music@FPLex.org)

events! We hope you were able to attend at least one. Either way, please check out our **NEWSLETTER** — more great Pride events coming up!

Warmly,  
**Valerie Overton**  
(she/her/hers)  
LexPride Co-Chair  
[www.LexPrideMA.org](http://www.LexPrideMA.org)



**ONGOING: Outdoor Tai Chi**



**Community of Communities**

First Parish joined many UU churches in congregational meetings on **June 13** in adopting the **8th Principle**, including Cambridge and Amherst. Enjoy this [short video](#) created by our Phoenix UU church prior to their vote. **Ms. Paula Cole Jones** congratulates First Parish members, writing, **“This is the Community of Communities in action, who we are and who we can be!”**

Thanks to everyone for learning together this past church year; we look

**New Legacy Cultural Center and First Parish in Lexington** will co-sponsor a series of outdoor Tai Chi classes every Sunday morning from **June 13 until August 29, 2021** (except July 4) 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.

forward to continuing the journey together in our year ahead.

## — The 8th Principle Task Force



### End Solitary Confinement in MA

Massachusetts imprisons people in solitary confinement for up to 10 years per incident. The 2018 Criminal Justice Reform Act mandated basic reforms that remain largely unimplemented. Join UU Mass Action's **Massachusetts Against Solitary Confinement Coalition's** petition [HERE](#) in demanding the end of state-sponsored torture. Learn more at a **Women's Forum: The Impacts of Solitary Confinement** on Tue, Jun 22nd @ 3:30-5:00 PM on Zoom. To attend register [HERE](#).



The first class, "A Taste of Tai Chi," from 8:30 AM to 9:15 AM will include warm-up, stretching, balance, Qi Gong exercises, and a bit of theory. "A Taste of Tai Chi" is open to all levels, and drop-ins are welcome.

In the second class, "Beginner Tai Chi" from 9:15 to 10:00 AM, students will learn a structured sequence of Tai Chi movements. Each week of "Beginner Tai Chi" will build upon the previous week's lessons, and registration is requested. [Register HERE](#).

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