



# Summer Steeple Gazette



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON

Weekly Update - Wednesday Jun 30th 2021



Happy Birthday to Rip Jackson



Dear Rip,

A Birthday is one of a million moments,  
Each holding a promise of fulfillment of  
your dreams,

And accomplishments of some special  
plans...

**Wishing you a very Happy Happy  
B'day!!**

Receive this simple gift wrapped with  
sincerity, tied with care, and sealed  
with a prayer to keep u safe and  
happy always!!



Soul Matters  
SHARING CIRCLE

June Theme — Play

"Trust allows you to give,  
Giving is abundant.  
Trust allows  
the experience of bliss.  
Bliss is awakefulness.

Trust allows you to laugh.  
Laugh at the richness,  
the beauty and the  
**playfulness** of the  
universe.

Apply consciousness  
to this process and  
all roads will lead to  
home."

— Gary Zukav



**Upcoming Worship Service**

To move forward in the United States, we must look back and confront the difficult history that has shaped widespread injustice. Revisiting a significant yet overlooked piece of the past, **Hasan Kwame Jeffries** in his TEDx talk, emphasizes the need to weave historical context, no matter how painful, into our understanding of modern society — so we can disrupt the continuum of inequality massively affecting marginalized communities. Please join Worship Associate, **Elisabeth Jas**, as we wonder how the celebration of July 4th could benefit from same modern introspection that currently is in place for Columbus Day and Thanksgiving.

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

*\*For our Summer Worship offerings, there will be NO Order of Service. Kindly follow along with our Worship Associates.*



**Summer Office Hours**

*Our Parish Office will be open on Tue and Wed. Pratik Mamtora will be working remotely on Thu to update our website. See hours below:*

**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](mailto:Admin@FPLex.org).*



**Celebrations Continue**





### Catch up on Community Conversations

The monthly Community Conversations webinar series was created to highlight and discuss issues of concern to **Boston's communities of color**, which also were educational for suburban communities, such as Gentrification, closing the racial wealth gap, and the role of our Meetinghouse in Roxbury. **Looking for something to watch?** Please see the [VIDEO LIBRARY](#) of past Community Conversations.



### 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

Hi all,

Here is LexPride's last [NEWSLETTER](#) of Pride month 2021! We hope you enjoy the mix of events, news, and initiatives.

Did you know that we love ideas, suggestions, and feedback? Please share any thoughts you have about improving the newsletter, our programming, or ways to engage with the group!

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



### 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 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.

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 2020, the Massachusetts Senate unanimously adopted a resolution to recognize July 8 as Massachusetts Emancipation Day aka Quock Walker Day.

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  
Association of Black Citizens of  
Lexington**

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**Pause, Celebrate and Recommit**

**Mr. Tai-Chun Pan**, a Master Instructor of the traditional Yang style of Tai Chi Chuan, will offer two classes each Sunday morning.



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.](#)



## **Roadmap Bill in Legal Effect**

Massachusetts' breakthrough climate law takes legal effect on June 25, 90 days after its signing by Gov. Charlie Baker. The new climate statutes have significant consequences for the Draft 2022-2024 Energy Efficiency Plan. Once the bill becomes law, the current Draft Plan must be re-written to comply.

— **Claire B.W. Müller (they/them)**  
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