



# the Steeple Chronicle



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON

Wednesday Weekly — Oct 6th 2021



UPCOMING Worship: Sunday, Oct 10th

We believe in caring for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things. **St. Francis of Assisi** (1182-1226) was a Roman Catholic monk who was known for his special connection to animals. Unitarian Universalists honor St. Francis and the Catholic tradition of blessing animals, particularly pets. Please bring your furry, four legged, feathered or finned pet to our **OUTDOOR** service which will focus on the bond we have with animals. You may also bring a photo of a beloved pet who has crossed the **Rainbow Bridge**. Our young ones are encouraged to bring their favorite stuffed animal for a special



Oct Theme:  
Cultivating  
Relationship

*"Treat your  
relationship  
As if you are growing  
The most beautiful  
sacred flower.  
Keep watering it,  
Tend to the roots,  
And always make  
sure  
The petals are full of  
color  
And are never  
curling.  
Once you neglect  
your plant,  
It will die,*

blessing. Join us at [3 Harrington Rd](#) across the Battle Green at 10:30 AM.

**In-person OUTDOORS**  
**NO ZOOM / NO Facebook**  
Watch on [YouTube LIVE Streaming](#)

This Sunday, we celebrate “The Blessing of the Animals” with our tenor soloist **Jamie Willis** and guest pianist **Sarah Hager**. Jamie will sing Leonard Bernstein’s ethereal “Simple Song” (from Mass) and Elton John’s iconic and joyful “The Circle of Life” (from The Lion King). Sarah will play 3 movements from Camille Saint-Saëns’s wonderful Carnival of the Animals: “The Swan,” “The Aquarium” and “The Elephant.”

**A Note from our NEW Office Manager**



Mia grew up in Lexington and attended Colby College. For the last 35 years she has worked in high tech sales for Lotus, SPC, Symantec, Nuance, and Claris. Mia has been married to Larry Roop for 35 years and has two children and two dogs. The Roop family started attending First Parish services and religious education in 2007. Mia was a First Parish Greeter and Greeter Coordinator for many years, served on the First Parish Personnel Committee in 2014, and is currently a member of the Racial Justice Team. She is excited to help out as **Interim Office Manager** and looks forward to working alongside her beloved FPLex community.

*As will your relationship.”*

— **Suzy Kassem**,  
poet, philosopher, &  
filmmaker of  
**Egyptian heritage**



**Office Hours**

FPLex is open  
**Mon - Fri**  
**9:00 AM to 3:00 PM**

**Mia Roop**  
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**Sundays RE only**



**Sunday Collection**

Dear **Parishioners**,



Religious Education  
**COMMITTEE**  
First Parish in Lexington

**To All Adults at FPLex**

The **RE program** is looking for adults to volunteer to participate in the Sunday morning programming. Even one Sunday would be a great help. Come share something that interests you. Come with a friend to spend time together. Give voice (and a chance to play) to **your inner child**. All are welcome. Please reach out to any one of us on the RE committee to learn more.

**The Religious Education Committee**  
Connie Herbstman, Laura Rosen,  
Rita Bourne and Tony Siesfeld.  
Email us: [REC@FPLex.org](mailto:REC@FPLex.org)

Thank you for your generous contributions to **Smart from the Start**. We collectively raised **\$1,290**.

Sincerely,  
**Tom Rich**, Treasurer  
[Treasurer@FPLex.org](mailto:Treasurer@FPLex.org)



**Partner News**

Hi all,

Happy LGBTQ+ History Month! I hope you enjoy this [newsletter](#) to start the month!

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

## OPEN AIR ART EXHIBIT

Part of the UU Urban Ministry's  
Roxbury Artist Amplification Project

**WHEN:** Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021

**TIME:** 11:00am - 6:00pm

**WHERE:** UU Urban Ministry  
10 Putnam St. Roxbury, MA

\*Light refreshments will be served

### ARTISTS TO INCLUDE:

**Lisa Lee Keyse Angelo Malika Crichlow**  
& other artists from the UUUM Artist Directory

**For info about the event:**

**VISIT OUR  
WEBSITE:**

[uum.org/attend](http://uum.org/attend)

**EMAIL  
BITHYAH ISRAEL:**

[bisrael@uum.org](mailto:bisrael@uum.org)



**Save The Date(s)**



Lights, Camera,  
Auction... is just  
around the corner!  
Kindly mark you  
calendars:

**Kick Off = Sat, Nov  
13th  
LIVE Event = Sat, Nov  
20th**

**Riches of Roxbury Art**

Join **Director E. Barry Gaither** for an exploration of the history of the museum of the **National Center of Afro-American Artists** and a look at what is in store for its future role in the community. The museum is a jewel in the heart of Roxbury, and Mr. Gaither, a renowned expert on Black art, is an engaging and exciting speaker. This Zoom presentation is free. Sponsored by **Follen Church's** Urban Ministry Congregational Team and **First Parish in Lexington's** Urban Ministry Group.

**Thu, Oct 28th @ 7:00 PM**

To register and get a zoom link email [UrbanMinistry@Follen.org](mailto:UrbanMinistry@Follen.org) and state your name and congregation, organization or town.

*\*Kid painting above: Fun and play at the museum*



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