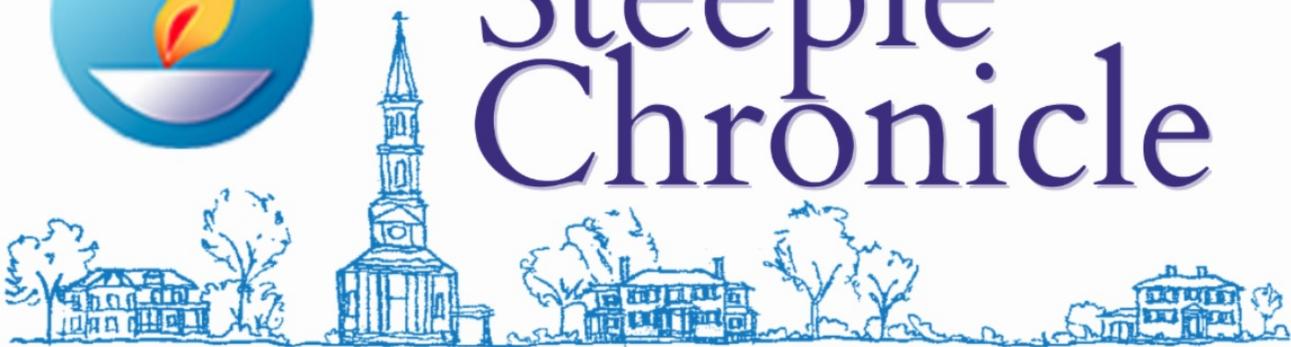




the Steeple Chronicle



FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON

*Wednesday Weekly — January 12th
2022*



*This Sunday in
Worship*

What do these people have in common — Abraham Lincoln (16th US president), Frederick Douglas (social reformer & abolitionist), Martin Luther King Jr. (civil rights activist)? They were all influenced by Unitarian Minister Theodore Parker whose childhood church home was First Parish in Lexington. We honor Dr. King and ask the question, "Does the arc of the universe bend



Soul Matters
SHARING CIRCLE

Jan Theme: Living
with Intention



*That's the sacred intent of life,
of God — to move us*

toward justice?" Sabbatical Minister, Rev. Kathleen Hepler preaches and leads worship alongside Worship Associate, Larry Roop.

NO IN-PERSON SERVICES FOR JAN

Watch LIVE on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#)

Music: This Sunday, guest soloists Tim Jacoby and Tim Levesque will join Jennifer Burks, Julia Jaffe and David Meharry in singing inspiring music celebrating Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy and dreams for Justice. They will sing Greg Jasperse's arrangement of James Taylor's beautiful song "Shed a Little Light" (Tim Jacoby, soloist and Ruth Rose, percussion) and Bob Chilcott's serene and passionate arrangement of "MLK" (Tim Levesque, soloist). Jennifer Burks will sing Margaret Bonds's dramatic arrangement of "He's Got the World World in His Hands." And for the centering music and postlude, Rip Jackson will play Scott Joplin's meditative "Solace" (from *The Sting*) and joyful "The Maple Leaf Rag."

*continuously toward growth,
toward recovering all that is
lost and orphaned within us
and restoring the divine image
imprinted on our soul.*

— Sue Monk Kidd



Poinsettia Pickup

If you ordered a Christmas poinsettia, please feel free to come by to pick it up. Parish offices are open Mon - Fri from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

In observance of MLK Day offices will be closed on Mon, Jan 17th.



Jan 16th and Jan 30th

NEW COMER

Meet & Greet

First Parish in Lexington, Unitarian Universalist

The graphic features a bright cyan background with a pink speech bubble containing the text 'NEW COMER' in bold blue and pink letters. A pink mouse cursor arrow points to the text. Below the speech bubble, the words 'Meet & Greet' are written in a white cursive font. At the bottom left, the text 'First Parish in Lexington, Unitarian Universalist' is displayed in white, accompanied by a small circular logo of a green leaf.

*Invite Your Friends and
Neighbors*

We are introducing a virtual Newcomer Meet & Greet that will take place during the Zoom Worship service "social hours". We will have a named Zoom breakout room that you can choose to join.

Sundays, Jan 16th & 30th
@ 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM EST
Signup at [this LINK](#)

The focus of these 20-minute meetings is around you as new friends of First Parish in Lexington getting to meet each other; you will also have the opportunity to ask members in each session questions about what's happening at church.



Preserve Our Democracy

As we welcome a new year, conflicting political forces continue to surge in our midst. Building Bridges, subgroup of 'Preserving Our Democracy', will gather in an effort to better understand the reasoning behind views



OPENINGS: Small Group Ministry

'Soul Matters' small groups at First Parish, (aka 'Covenant Groups' or 'Chalice Circles') are facilitated circles for developing trust and deep listening. We have evening and daytime groups, 6 to 10 people, meeting monthly or twice a month with a facilitator. A theme is provided each month, designed as a companion program to our congregation's worship and religious education ministries. We do have openings so if you'd like to join or know more please contact [Jane Beswick](#).



Mark your Calendars: Jan 17th

Lexington's Martin Luther King Day of Service ([MLK Day of Service](#).) is scheduled for Monday, January 17th! Thanks to the work of many amazing volunteers a full slate of opportunities for learning, volunteering and engaging with our community is ready for your participation. Many of the offerings are on Zoom, including the annual Conversation on Race from 10-12p. This year's topic is "The Purpose of Education - Honoring Dr. King's Legacy with (Racially) Inclusive Curriculum."

with which we might disagree. We have found that informing ourselves about conservative news outlets provides a realistic, at times disheartening, glimpse of what many Americans experience daily.

Thu, Jan 20th
@ 7:30 – 8:30 PM

To that end, we suggest that participants watch a conservative media offering in the weeks ahead (from list below or find your own). At the meeting, our task will be to simply describe those points of view, not counter them or offer our own ideas.

Ben Shapiro – Media Host
(Sep 26, 2021)

It's About Time: Shapiro calls BS on "Preferred" Pronouns (5 min)

Jesse Watters – Fox News
(Dec 11, 2021)

It's Payback Time (10 min)

Mark Dice – Media Specialist
(Dec 21, 2021)

Reporter Gets Surprise LIVE On Air When Patriot Walks By (5 min)



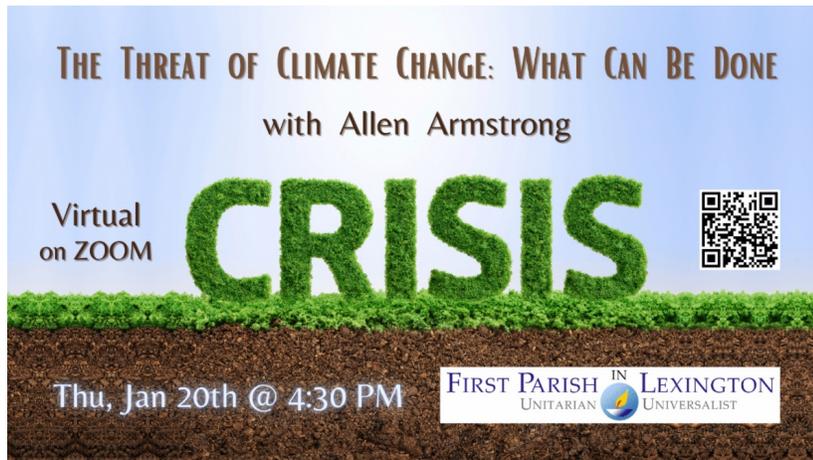
Hi all,

Winter is here! I hope you are cozy and warm (and safe and healthy)! And here is [LexPride's weekly newsletter](#) – with several new events and news items – to read.

Warmly,
Valerie
she/her/hers
(Why is this here?)
LexPride Co-Chair
www.LexPrideMA.org

New this year, look for the **sample session of Dismantling Racism in Our Town**. If you have been curious about the Lexington community series intended to inspire reflective conversation and learning, sign up for the sample session held **on Monday, 17th at 4pm**, also on Zoom. This session will lead by a few of the facilitators and will serve as an introduction to the popular workshop series.

Check out the link to learn more about how you can participate and please share this link widely with everyone you know! [MLK Day of Service](#)



THE THREAT OF CLIMATE CHANGE: WHAT CAN BE DONE
with Allen Armstrong

Virtual
on ZOOM

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Thu, Jan 20th @ 4:30 PM

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Presentation & Talk: Allen Armstrong

Although most of us have come to appreciate the existential threat posed by climate change, we feel powerless to affect it. What policies should be enacted world-wide to minimize the suffering to come? **Allen Armstrong** will employ an integrated assessment model to examine potential societal actions that could keep global temperature rise within livable limits. The model, En-ROADS, was developed at MIT to include the effects of climate science and economics.

Thu, Jan 20th @ 4:30 – 6:00 PM ET
[Register for ZOOM link](#)

Allen Armstrong is a retired mechanical engineer. He is an active member of the Citizens Climate Lobby and a trained presenter of the Climate Reality Project. Like many of us he has children and grandchildren who will live to see the consequences of what we do or fail to do to preserve our climate.



Riches of Roxbury

*The artist and award-winning children's book illustrator **Ekua Holmes** will share her stunning collages and other work. She will explore her evolution as an artist and how memories of a Roxbury childhood of wonder and delight, family bonds, and the power of hope, faith, and self-determination now find expression in her work. Holmes' current exhibit at **Boston's Museum of Fine Arts, "Paper Stories, Layered Dreams: The Art of Ekua Holmes,"** runs through January 23, 2022.*

The Art of Ekua Holmes
Thu, Jan 20th 2022
@ 7:00 PM
Free via Zoom
To register email
UrbanMinistry@Follen.org

*Sponsored by **Follen Church's Urban Ministry Congregational Team and First Parish in Lexington's Urban Ministry Group.***

ALL- CHURCH INVITE to the second
Widening the Circle of Concern session



Session Two: GOVERNANCE

A First Parish 8th Principle Implementation Program

When? **JAN 23, 2022** right after the church service

Where? on **ZOOM** for everyone

Journeying Together towards Spiritual Wholeness

Join us on Jan 23rd After Service

...as we warm our hearts and tend our congregation, your 8th
Principle Implementation Team,

David Horton, Elisabeth Jas, JoAnn Mulready-Shick, Katie
O'Hare Gibson, Larry Roop, Erik Svenson, and Susanna
Whitman, Chair

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