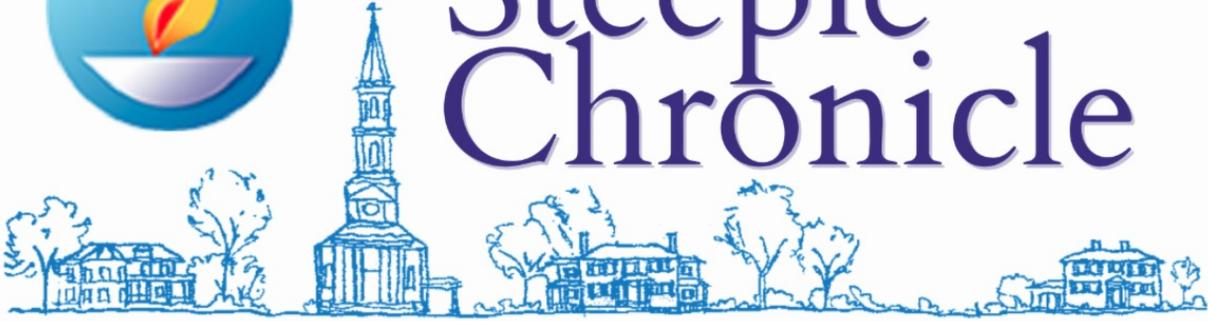




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FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON

Wednesday Weekly — Oct 27th 2021

Photo Request



To celebrate All Souls this year, please send a photo of **abeloved you have lost**, including your name and your relationship to them. We will create a **video montage** of these dearly departed and show it during the service.

Please send it to Pratik@FPLex.org.



UPCOMING Sunday Worship

Many religions consider this time of year to be a sacred moment, when the veils between the worlds are thin, and we can connect with those who have gone before us. Today we will honor our ancestors and remember those connected to us



Soul Matters

SHARING CIRCLE

Oct Theme: Cultivating Relationship

"Each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born."

— Anais Nin

who we have loved and lost. Our special guest will be the artist **Susan Thompson** who will help us dedicate a quilt she made. It is displayed in our Parish Hall, called *"What my Grandmother Taught Me."* First Parish received this gift in the loving memory of longtime parishioner **Lewis Counts** by his wife **Connee Counts** and his daughters **Laura** and **Margaret**.

Susan Thompson is a textile, fiber and mixed media artist who lives and works primarily in the Greater Boston area. Through fabric, she creates unique designs, which sometimes tell stories that communicate the struggle and soul of her people. www.TheArtOfSusanThompson.com

In-person [Sign Up](#)
LIVE Streaming [Facebook](#) OR [YouTube](#)

MUSIC: This Sunday, the sanctuary choir will sing two heart-warming a cappella pieces by *Sweet Honey in the Rock* singer **Ysaÿe Barnwell**: "There are no Mirrors in my Nana's House" and "Breaths," with soloists **Chris Hess** and **Jamie Willis**. The choir will also sing **Elaine Hagenberg's** beautiful and tender anthem "You Do Not Walk Alone." Bass soloist **David Meharry** will sing **Gabriel Fauré's** hauntingly serene "Hostias" (from *Requiem*). And for the postlude, music director **Rip Jackson** will play **Johann Pachelbel's** joyful "Fuga in C Major" on First Parish's magnificent 1898 Hutchings 32-rank tracker organ.



Angels

A huge thank you to these angels who showed up in the wake of the Nor'easter which upended our tents. Thank you to **Dave Pollack**, **Richard Fleiss** and **Mark Fortin**! If you happened to walk by when this was happening, you would have also seen **Pratik Mamtora** and **Rev. Anne**. All hands pitch in when needed!



Documentary Discussion

The Climate Action and Racial Justice Teams are co-sponsoring the UU Ministry for the Earth's screening of the award-winning documentary film [The Condor and The Eagle](#). This film dramatically reveals the intersection of racial and climate justice through the eyes of trans-continental Indigenous environmental leaders.

[REGISTER](#) to receive the ZOOM link!



*You can view the film right now by simply using this [LINK](#) then registering, with or without a voluntary contribution. We will be hosting a zoom discussion of the film on **Nov 21 @ 5:30 PM** to help you prepare for celebrating Thanksgiving and acknowledging that Day of Mourning.*



JOY



Project

Dear Friends of the Joy Project,

Thanks to all who contributed to our celebration of **joy back in the Spring of 2019**. It feels like long ago when we were all together in person and admiring our joyful collage of photos, mementos, and special snippets of writing and artwork. If you are someone who shared such an item with us, please take a look in the **basket outside our main office** to collect what belongs to you. We look forward to celebrating the Joy Project once again sometime in the near future!

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 and state your name and congregation, organization or town.

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

Sincerely,
Amy Kvaal



LexPride: Partner News

Hi all,

Hope you enjoy this week's [LexPride newsletter!](#)

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



Housing for Adults with Special Needs



SHYG SoUUp

Special needs attorneys and moms of adult sons with special needs, Barbara Jackins & Karen Marsical will be presenting on:

- What types of housing are available both public and private
- How to apply and costs of different housing options
- Difficulty of mixed diagnoses that don't fit the models.
- Dealing with adult children who don't feel they are disabled or those that feel they can't live outside the home

Thu, Nov 4th @ 7:30 PM on ZOOM

Presentation will be followed by a Q&A session. To attend request ZOOM link by emailing your name, email, and if you like, a question to CaringCong@Follen.org.

Jackins is the author of "[Moving Out: A Family Guide to Residential Planning for Adults with Disabilities](#)"

*The Senior High Youth Group will be restarting **traditional soup Sundays** starting on Nov 7th! There will be a vegetarian and meat option to choose from. Large containers will be priced at **\$10** and small containers will be priced at **\$5!** We will be set up outside the back entrance of the church after service! We accept **cash only** so please come prepared. We are so happy to reintroduce this tradition that we had to postpone for a over a year due to COVID-19. All of the proceeds will go towards funding various Youth Group activities and our service trip next year!*

Holiday Scout Wreaths



As we look forward to renewing our holiday traditions, Lexington's Scouts BSA Troop 119 is again selling 20" balsam holiday wreaths. The Troop uses this fundraiser to support the camping and community activities of its boys — and now girls! Wreaths are \$20 and can be ordered through November 7, 2021.

Online and in-person ordering is available. Wreaths can either be picked up at the Church before Thanksgiving or delivered to your door by a Scout. Please just provide your preference when you order.

In-person Ordering

Scouts Ethan and Rene Showalter will be available by the back door to the parking lot after service on 10/31 and 11/7.

Online Ordering

Order online at www.Troop119.com (payment via PayPal). If you would prefer not to pay online, please contact Ethan and Rene by 11/6 at jmcshow@comcast.net (please put "**Scout Wreath**" in the subject line) and indicate how many wreaths you want, delivery address, and a number where Ethan and Rene can contact



Shopping Matters

Did you know? Every time you shop on AmazonSmile, 0.5% of your purchase proceeds could be donated to FPLex.

Here's how: Your Account > Your Lists > AmazonSmile Charity Lists > Type First Parish in Lexington and click search > Select > Bookmark tab for future!

you to arrange delivery and payment (check, cash, or Venmo).

Thank you for your continued support!

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