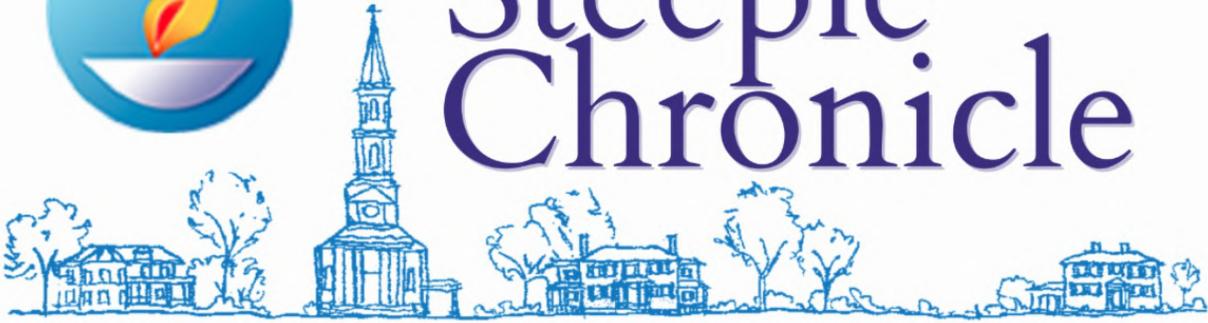


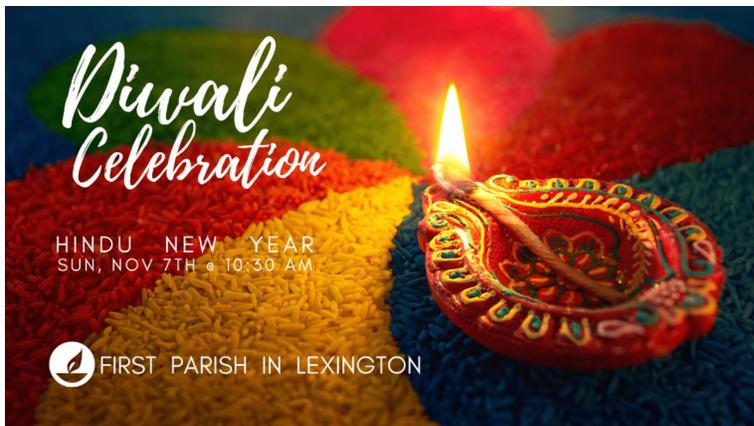


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FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON

Wednesday Weekly — Nov 3rd 2021



UPCOMING Sunday Worship

First Parish invites everyone to our second annual celebration of the Hindu festival of Diwali. With story and song and activities for our youngest members, we will honor the search for light and truth and the living power which is changeless and holds all together.

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

PRESERVING OUR DEMOCRACY

Ready for 2022 and 2024 Elections?



Soul Matters
SHARING CIRCLE

Nov Theme: Holding History

“Jewish teaching includes frequent reminders of the importance of a broken-open heart, as in this Hasidic tale: A disciple asks the rebbe: “Why does Torah tell us to ‘place these words upon your hearts’? Why does it not tell us to place these holy words in our hearts?” The rebbe answers: “It is because as we are, our hearts are closed, and we cannot place the holy words in our hearts. So we place them on top of our hearts. And there they stay until, one day, the heart breaks and the words fall in.”

— Parker J. Palmer

You are invited to the next meeting of our Preserving Democracy team: Thursday, **November 4th, at 4:30 pm**. Come if you're new. Come if you've been part of the team since last year. Come if you just want to check us out. Our democracy is threatened as it has never been before. We can't sit back and hope for the best.

Bring your ideas, your passion, your questions so we can brainstorm together about actions we might take during the 2022 and 2024 election cycles. Questions? Contact [Debbie Armstrong](#) or [Marty Kvaal](#).



**FINAL
Call**

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!*

*Sincerely,
Amy Kvaal*



Housing for Adults with Special Needs

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](#)"



Fun Times on Finance

*Finance can be fun! **Who knew?** The First Parish Finance team is looking to add a few new members. Only requirement is curiosity about how finances work at church and a willingness to pitch in with decisions and tasks. Beer is optional. Finance*



Come Make Sand Paintings with Us

Everyone is invited to this community wide OUTDOOR evening program honoring the Hindu Festival of Lights - Diwali. We will be in front of the church steps across from the Battle Green making a traditional Indian sand painting called *Rangoli*. Material for this activity will be provided. This is a kid and family friendly event. Please wear warm clothing as we will be outdoors.



SHYG SoUUp SALE Begins This Sunday

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!

drafts the annual operating budget, advises the Board on significant financial decisions and keeps the congregation posted on how we're doing. We have a good group! Love to add a few new folks. If you have what it takes, please join us!

*David Bove and Marja Meharry,
Co-Chairs*



LexPride: Partner News

Hi all,

Please enjoy LexPride's weekly [newsletter!](#)

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



Holiday Scout Wreaths

As we look forward to renewing our holiday traditions, Lexington's Scouts BSA Troop 119 is



Climate ACTION Team

Lexington Noise Advisory Committee

The Lexington Noise Advisory Committee is recommending that the town phase out the use of these GPLBs on multiple grounds. **The phase out would take place over 2.5 years.**

These leaf blowers create noise at 70-80 db at 50 feet away. The operator is exposed to 100 db! that is 4.5X louder (as the scale is not linear).



GPLBs are unregulated "2-stroke" engines. They are extraordinarily dirty machines. In one hour of operation they create the equivalent air pollution and climate change gasses as would running a Toyota Camry for 1100 miles. **These devices are poisoning the workers** that use them. The VOCs, small particulates and other cancer causing gases

are being released in amounts that we should not be allowing, especially when good alternatives exist that will also address the noise pollution problem.

This phase out proposal is coming before town meeting this fall. Please contact your town meeting members (you can learn who they are on the Lexington Town website) and let them know how you feel about this important public health, climate justice, and social justice issue.

Call for Freedom from Fossil Fuel



Beginning on **Nov 11th** on the 11th day of each month, we will be ringing our church bell **11 times at 11.11 AM**. Gather with CAT at the front of the church on the historic Lexington Green, where another revolution began in April 1775.

Together we hold the vision of democracy, freedom from fossil fuel, and the horror of the genocide committed upon the Indigenous people who lived

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 Nov 7, 2021.

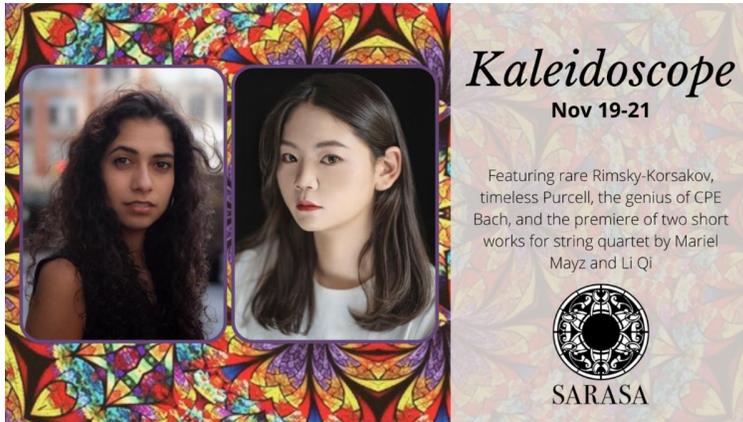
Online and in-person ordering is available. Wreaths can either be picked up at the Church before Thanksgiving or delivered to your door by a Scout. Please just provide your preference when you order.

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

Thank you for your continued support!

here in harmony upon this land. If we are to avoid the worst effects of climate change we must hold these values now.



Kaleidoscope
Nov 19-21

Featuring rare Rimsky-Korsakov, timeless Purcell, the genius of CPE Bach, and the premiere of two short works for string quartet by Mariel Mayz and Li Qi

SARASA

SARASA: Upcoming Concert

Colorful, ever changing shapes in music for six strings, featuring rare Rimsky-Korsakov, timeless Purcell, and the genius of CPE Bach. Program includes the premier of two short works for string quartet by Brandeis PhD composers Mariel Mayz and Li Qi, co-commissioned by David Stern and Sarasa Ensemble.

Friday, Nov 19th @ 7:30 PM
Harvard-Epworth United Methodist Church,
Cambridge
Sunday, Nov 21st @ 3:30 PM
Follen Community Church, Lexington

The exciting line up of musicians include regular members Zenas Hsu (violin) and Jason Fisher (viola) of Boston's A Far Cry; Marka Gustavsson, violist of the Manhattan String Quartet; and Katherine Winterstein, concertmaster of Vermont Symphony and co-concertmaster of the Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra. **NOT TO BE MISSED!**

www.SarasaMusic.org



SAVE THE DATE

*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.***

Sun, Nov 21st @ 5:30
REGISTER now!

Office: (781) 862-8200 | www.FPLex.org

