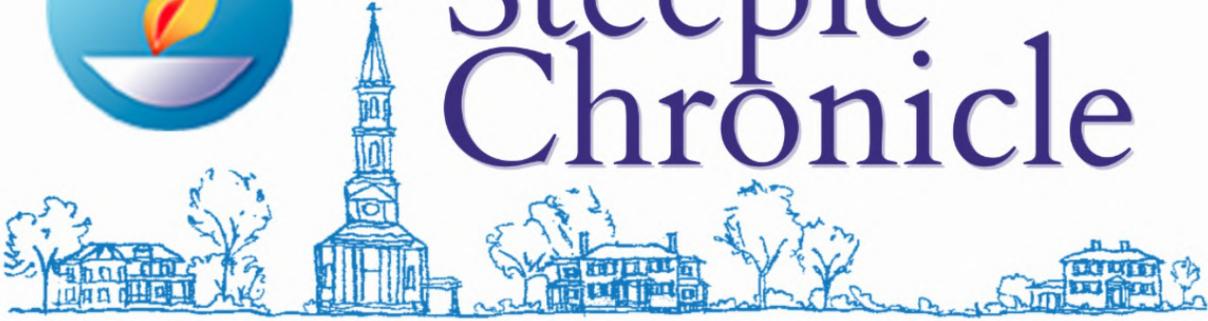




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FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON

Wednesday Weekly — Nov 24th 2021



Wishing All a Grateful Festive Harvest Season

Everyone on the planet has suffered greatly as a result of COVID. Despite this, we have seen you **smile with grace** during the adversary, **helped us** whenever possible, and made certain that we follow protocols to **ensure the safety** of our parishioners, friends, family, children and youth. We are grateful to have such a **strong, resilient, and brave congregation** working alongside us.

OFFICES CLOSED

Thu, Nov 25th and Fri, Nov 26th

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving

May your hearts be filled with fun memories, your bellies full with food you love, and may the scrumptious dessert never go to WAIST.

Yours sincerely,
First Parish Office and Staff



UPCOMING Sunday Worship

Some creation myths describe speech, the word, as the first creative act. But it seems more likely that music came first. Humanity may have created itself with singing and in turn, learning to listen. Join us for a celebration of community and connection through song and rhythm.

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

GUEST SPEAKER: Matt Meyer is a musician and worship leader who has led hundreds of services for UU congregations across the country. Author of [Desmond Gets Free](#), he has a degree in hand drumming and serves as Director of Community Life for The Sanctuary Boston. Meyer fans will have an opportunity to purchase signed copies of his latest book.



Soul Matters
SHARING CIRCLE

Nov Theme: Holding
History

"History is written by everyone. The more accurate quote would be, 'History is temporarily twisted by people who're going to profit from it in the short term.'"

— Subham Jain
Tech blogger and programmer



Religious Education
COMMITTEE

First Parish in Lexington

NO Class
11/28

In lie of Thanksgiving there will be no children's classes on Sun, Nov 28th. Parents may use their discretion to have them join the adults in the sanctuary.



Deck the Parish Hall with...

It's time to plan for a festive Parish Hall this holiday season! First Parish will be accepting orders for poinsettias from Wilson Farm.

The cost is **\$20.00 for a 8" pot**, with proceeds going towards the purchase of greens and other items for holiday decorating of the church. Order forms and payment (cash or checks made payable to First Parish in Lexington) are due on **Wed, Dec 1st**. Orders will not be accepted without payment.

Please plan to take your poinsettia home after the **Christmas Eve service**. If you'd like your plant to be in honor or in memory of someone special, please include a message. These will be printed in the Christmas Eve order of service.

Please contact the office at Admin@FPLex.org with any questions.



Fall Cleanup

Join us on the morning of Sat, Dec 4th @ 9:00 AM. We will team up to clean up the garden beds, areas adjacent to driveways, raking leaves from driveways and parking lots, etc. There will be hot + cold drinks and donut holes.

*— Dave Pollack
Buildings & Grounds*



Door Code Change

*On **December 1st** we will be changing the keypad code that unlocks the rear door and the Porte cochère (side) door. As part of our **Safe Congregation policy** we strive to maintain the safety of the building and thus it is necessary to change the code every year. If you need the new code please contact the office so you can sign a **Building Security Agreement** prior to receiving it.*

Calling Santa's Little Helpers



There's Room for Everyone on the Nice List

Calling all Santa's helpers! We need volunteers for our Christmas Eve service @ 5:00 PM! Sign up to spread holiday cheer. We need ushers and Hot Apple Cider makers for our 6:00 PM outdoor carol sing. Contact the Office at Admin@FPLex.org.



ALL- CHURCH INVITE to the first Widening the Circle of Concern Session

Session One: UU THEOLOGY

A First Parish 8th Principle Implementation Program

When? DEC 12, 2021 after church

Where? In Robinson Hall OR on ZOOM

Journeying Together towards Spiritual Wholeness

Save the Date: First Widening the Circle of Concern Session

Please mark your calendars for Dec 12 after church for our first session focused on UU Theology, a part of First Parish's 8th Principle implementation plan as we journey towards wholeness.

We will be hosting five sessions this year focused on findings & recommendations from the denomination's Widening the Circle of Concern report, which addresses ideas and actions for greater inclusion, diversity, and equity in our church, today and into the future. All are invited. Click on the short reading on [Theology](#), the first chapter of the report, which will be addressed then. You can also read about the report's purpose, intro, and UU trends [here](#).

See you there!



LexPride: Partner News

Hi all,

I hope you had a meaningful Transgender Awareness Week & Transgender Day of Remembrance.

Attached is [LexPride's weekly newsletter](#), filled with news, events, and fun facts.

We wish you good health and love during this holiday week, whatever and however you celebrate.

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

Your 8th Principle Implementation Team:

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



Climate ACTION Team

Article 17 passed overwhelmingly at the special Fall Town Meeting

Dozens of people showed up to speak in favor of the measure and the final tally was: Yes - 170; No - 4; Abstain - 3.

A huge thanks to all of you who signed the petition to get Article 17 on the ballot, made phone calls, sent emails, spoke at the Planning Board or Town Meeting, or even just discussed the issue with a spouse or friend. **You helped make this happen!**

The widespread support for Article 17 shows that we are **a town determined to take real action on climate change**. In the past two years, we have:

- passed a new bylaw and home rule petition requiring new residential buildings to use clean electric heat instead of fossil fuels;
- passed Article 16 to incentivize developers of non-lab buildings at Hartwell to opt for clean electric heat;
- and, successfully closed the loophole for lab and life sciences buildings in Article 16 by incentivizing the use of "hybrid HVAC"--clean electric HVAC with a fossil fuel backup--through Article 17.

None of this would have been possible without the support of people like you. Never doubt that you can make a difference!

HUGE Thanks from the Climate Action Team

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