



Weekly Update Wednesdays, July 3 & 10, 2019 First Parish in Lexington

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Church Staff Info for Next Week



Beginning Friday, July 5th, Jane Foley will be on vacation and will return on Tuesday, July 16th. *Please note, there will be no Weekly Update on Wednesday, July 10th. Worship info for Sunday, July 14th is below.

Rev. Anne will be serving as minister-in-residence at Star Island from July 6th through July 13th.

For pastoral care emergencies, please contact Bob Stone at stone.bobstone@gmail.com or 781-910-1870.

For non-emergencies, Lisa Maria Steinberg will be available by appointment. Please contact her at dre@fplex.org.

Bob Coughlin will be in the building Sunday through Tuesday from 6:30am to 1:30pm.

Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Sunday, July 7, 2019

Interrupting Racism: Within Ourselves and Within Our World

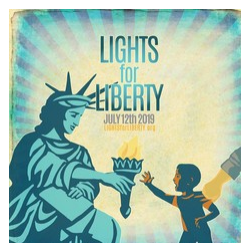


How can we recognize our own inevitable implicit bias? How can we transform ourselves in order to disrupt systemic racism? What does it mean to be a spiritual community committed to racial justice? This Sunday at 10:30am, please join worship leaders Debbie Armstrong and Lee Jeffers Bami in exploring these questions in our caring, loving community.

Lights for Liberty:

A Vigil to End Human Detention Camps

On **Friday, July 12**, Lights for Liberty: A Vigil to End Human Detention Camps will bring thousands of people to locations across the nation to protest the inhumane conditions faced by refugees. We are part of a coalition of people dedicated to human rights and the fundamental principle that all human beings have a right to life, liberty and dignity.



Please join us at Hancock Church in Lexington. We will gather inside the church at 8:15 p.m. for words and song. We'll talk about what more you can do. And at 9:00 we'll move outside onto the front lawn, across from Lexington Green, for a silent candlelight vigil bearing witness to those who are suffering in detention and who have been separated from their families. All are welcome. Together with thousands of others, a silent sea of candles in cities, towns, homes, and especially at every detention camp, will light up the nation.

Please join us and add your light to ours.

www.lightsforliberty.org; <https://www.facebook.com/events/372823813417523>

Memorial Garden Bricks



The benches and the summer flowers invite us into the Memorial Garden at First Parish. There we can sit peacefully in the beauty of nature and remember those we love. We can read the names engraved on granite bricks and think fondly of those who are gone from our physical presence but are still with us in memory.

Now is a good time for First Parishioners to request a memorial brick to honor the life of a loved one. New memorial bricks are installed in the summer and are dedicated during the annual service each fall, which will take place this year on Sunday, October 6th.

The deadline for ordering a memorial brick is August 1st. The usual donation is \$1000, which covers the cost of engraving, and permanent garden upkeep and maintenance. Financial flexibility is available for First Parishioners who wish to honor a loved one if the full donation presents a hardship.

Please contact either [Sarah Matthews](#), Memorial Garden chair, or [Nancy Earsy](#) to arrange for a memorial brick.

First Parish Steeple Artifact Available for Woodworker or DIYer

See below a message from former First Parish member, Kris Atkinson.

"When the original old steeple from 1847 was replaced 15 years ago (can't be!!), pieces of it were given to members of the history committee. Kris Atkinson still has hers -- always intending to make a lovely corner table either to be used in the church parlor, or auctioned for fundraising.

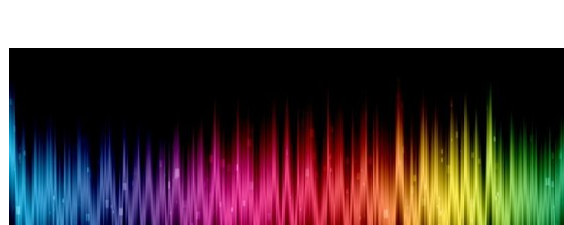
Lie-abad Kris is preparing to move from her Winchester home to Martha's Vineyard, and many undone projects need to disappear. She would love someone to adopt this simple task -- the dimensions of the molded acanthus (column tops) parts are 24" wide (n = 2) and 22" high -- perfect for a corner table, maybe with a glass top.

Please contact Kris if you can give this a loving home! She will happily deliver the treasure. Same phone as always (leave a message: 781-721-1064) or better, email atkinsonkristineh@gmail.com.

Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Sunday, July 14, 2019

I'm on the Spectrum and so are You: Diversity, Neuroscience, and the UU Principles



Advances in the neurosciences are disrupting traditional views about the nature and nurture of individual differences, revisiting the spectrum that lies between ability and disability, between normality and abnormality, between pathology and diversity.

Please join worship leader David Rose to explore how some of those advances can help us better understand our own individuality, our need for a more diverse community to surround us, and perhaps even help us better articulate the way our own UU community can welcome, and benefit from, diversity.

Worship Schedule



Summer worship services will take place each Sunday at 10:30am in the Parish Hall.

- July 21 — Rev. Anne Mason
- July 28 — Bill McKenney
- August 4 — Don Cohen
- August 11 — Larry Prusak
- August 18 — Brenda Prusak
- August 25 — Suzanne Adams
- September 1 — Cammy Thomas

Pastoral Care Associates will be available throughout the summer. The schedule is as follows:

Weeks of June 30th through July 14th - Bob Stone (stone.bobstone@gmail.com)

Week of July 21st - Rev. Anne Mason

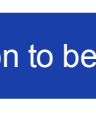
Weeks of July 28th through August 11 - Lydia D'Andrea (dandrea77@verizon.net)

Weekdays during the weeks of August 18th and 25th - Joanne Poage (jepoage@gmail.com)



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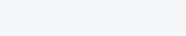
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