

Weekly Update Wednesday, November 13, 2019 First Parish in Lexington

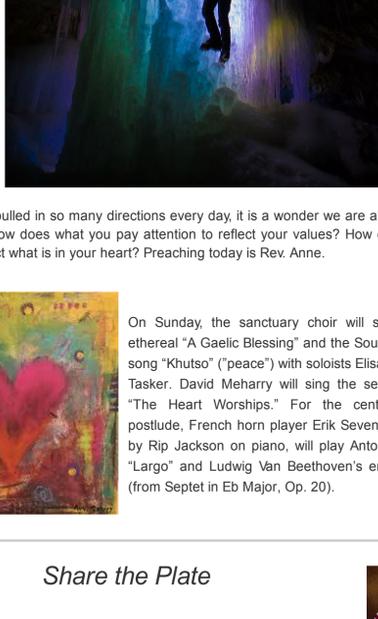
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Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Sunday, November 17, 2019

Where your Attention is, there your Heart will be also

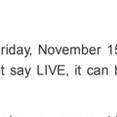


Our attention is pulled in so many directions every day, it is a wonder we are able to get anything accomplished. How does what you pay attention to reflect your values? How does who you pay attention to reflect what is in your heart? Preaching today is Rev. Anne.



On Sunday, the sanctuary choir will sing John Rutter's ethereal "A Gaelic Blessing" and the South African freedom song "Knutso" ("peace") with soloists Elisabeth Jas and Toni Tasker. David Meharry will sing the serene sacred song "The Heart Worships." For the centering music and postlude, French horn player Erik Severson, accompanied by Rip Jackson on piano, will play Antonio Vivaldi's lyrical "Largo" and Ludwig Van Beethoven's energetic "Scherzo" (from Septet in Eb Major, Op. 20).

Share the Plate



This Sunday, Abby Soule will be speaking about our special collection for the Center for Community alternatives, which aims to reduce reliance on incarceration through community-based alternative sentencing programs. From it's offices in Downtown Brooklyn and Syracuse, NY, it engages justice-involved through its mentorship programs, educational and employment support, health services, court advocacy, case management, and more. CCA believes that, through advocacy and client-centered programming, it can change the way people experience the criminal justice system and can help make strides towards a more just future.



The Great Fall Auction

How about a vacation in New Hampshire? or Vermont? or Maine? or the Cape

Want your car detailed or your house cleaned?

How about a sermon of your choice?

A French dinner or a fish fry?

These can be yours!

Saturday, November 16th
DOORS OPEN at 5:30 pm

SCHEDULE: Silent Auction – 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm
Live Auction begins at 7:00 pm

CATALOG: is ONLINE. Please go to charityauction.bid/fplex

PROXY BIDS: are accepted only for LIVE Auction items through Friday, November 15. (LIVE Auction items are labelled LIVE in the item title. If the item does not say LIVE, it can be found in the Silent Auction section at the back of the catalog.

All proxy bids are due the night before the Auction. To make a proxy bid, email Fallauction@fplex.org. Specify the item title and your maximum bid (or the number of seats you want and your maximum bid per seat

CHILDREN: Please join us for pizza, a sundae bar, a movie, and more! Feel free to bring any special stuffies, jammies, slippers, or cozies that will help to make your evening downstairs one that is happy and relaxing. Books and sleeping bags are welcome too! Please RSVP to Lisa Maria so we have enough food.

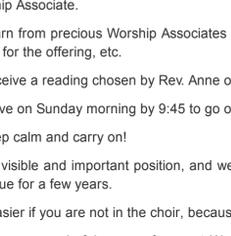
FINANCIAL MATTERS: Admission to the auction is \$10 for a family. This is payable at check-in. In return, you will receive a numbered bid card to use when bidding. (Cash of \$10 eases the check-in process and is appreciated.)

Payment for items purchased can be in cash, check, or credit card. (Because credit charges cost the church, we hope you will add a little extra to your payment.)

This year's Auction is offering nearly 100 one-of-a-kind items for discerning and energetic bidders.. That can be YOU!

See you there!

Transgender Day of Remembrance

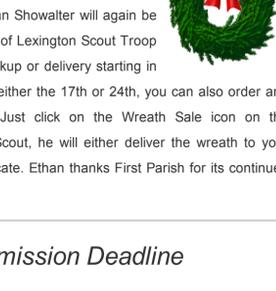


First Parish is joining with LexPride and the Arlington Rainbow Commission to hold an event on **Sunday November 17 from 4 - 6**. Join us at 4 in Parish Hall to make ribbons, decorate votive candles, share stories and build community. Then at 5:00 join us in the sanctuary as we celebrate the presence of our Trans Community, lift up the names of those Trans folk who have died in this past year, and recommit ourselves to action in support of LGBTQ people. While there will be moments of sorrow in this day, there will be more moments of celebration and discovery.

If you have any questions, please be in touch with Rev. Anne.

Worship Associate Needed!

Have you ever wanted to be part of making the 'magic' happen during worship? Are you comfortable speaking in front of your friends at First Parish? We are looking for a few new Worship Associates for this year. Here is what you would do:



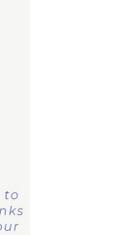
1. Schedule about one service a month for each Worship Associate.
2. Learn from previous Worship Associates what the duties are around candles, announcements, words for the offering, etc.
3. Receive a reading chosen by Rev. Anne or the guest minister and prepare to read it in worship.
4. Arrive on Sunday morning by 9:45 to go over the service and prepare the candles.
5. Keep calm and carry on!

It is a visible and important position, and we hope that once trained, each Worship Associate will continue for a few years.

It is easier if you are not in the choir, because there are many moving parts on a Sunday morning.

We have a wonderful group of current Worship Associates, but we need to add to their ranks. Please consider being a part of this creative and fun part of our spiritual life together! Contact Rev. Anne minister@fplex.org if you are interested.

It's Wreath Season Again!



During coffee hour on November 17 and 24, Ethan Showalter will again be selling 20-inch balsam holiday wreaths in support of Lexington Scout Troop 119. Wreaths are \$15 and will be available for pickup or delivery throughout the late November. If you can't make coffee hour on either the 17th or 24th, you can also order and pay for wreaths online at www.troop119.com. Just click on the Wreath Sale icon on the homepage. If you enter Ethan as the referring Scout, he will either deliver the wreath to your home or bring it to Church for pickup as you indicate. Ethan thanks First Parish for its continued support of Troop 119!

Winter Edition Submission Deadline



The next Focapoint will be published on February 2nd featuring all the news and event coming to First Parish this winter (December - February). Please send information about events, programs, concerts, and meetings that you'd like to feature in this Focapoint edition. **The submission deadline is Wednesday, November 20th**

Please send your submission to Sara Hidalgo at admin.fplex@verizon.net

Lexington Interfaith Thanksgiving



2019 Annual
LEXINGTON INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING
Service and Reception
Sponsored by the
Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association (LICA)
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26
7:30PM
ST. BRIGID CHURCH
1981 MASS AVE
Details on the LICA Facebook Page:
<http://bit.ly/2W4sETm>
Join us to give thanks for our sacred earth and reflect together on climate change

Are you on these lists?

If not, you still have the chance to be one of the Voices on the Green at Lexington's premier live music and storytelling community-building event. Do you have a story to tell? (See Below)



Storytellers from First Parish

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| Cammy Thomas | Chris Hess | Stephen Shick |
| Don Cohen | Brenda Prusak | Ben Soule |
| Zoe Perry-Wood | Al Jacobsen | Deborah Weiner Soule |
| Larry Prusak | Lisa Maria Steinberg | Rip Jackson |
| Shawna Yen | James Jones | Anne Mason |
| Michelle Olsen | Deborah Beers-Jones | Brian Herrick |
| Suzanne Adams | Don Yansen | Rebecca O'Brien |
| Nancy Earsy | Paul Brouillette | Jim Poage |
| Marshall Wilensky | Amy Kvaal | Marsha Fox |
| Katie O'Hare Gibson | Dan Fenn | David Rose |
| Regie O'Hare Gibson | Marianne Botswell | Liz Hartmann |

Storytellers from the Larger Community

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| Austin Fowlkes | Tom Daley | Susan Cohn-Child |
| Marjan Kamali | Megan Ladd | Maura Redmond |
| Mona Tavenger | Lillian Ellmore | Neeti Jha |
| Sam Berman | Elizabeth Stein | Alkshay Jha |
| Erin Freeborn | Shana Yansen | Jawad Abo-Tabik |
| Bestor Cram | Marion Carey | Deborah Jacoby-Twigg |
| Katherine Rose | Erlik Butler | Simon Andrews |

Expert Speakers from First Parish and Beyond

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| Mary Brinton | Tyronne Edwards | Don Cohen |
| Todd Rose | Len Morse-Fortier | Jim Shaw |
| Allison Posey | Margot Fleischman | Jay Kaufman |

Singers and Musicians

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|--------------|----------------|-------------------------------|
| Jeff Leonard | Chelsea Cannon | Elizabeth Walsh |
| Geff Keith | Amy Johnson | Rip Jackson |
| Nick Page | Chris Hess | First Parish Children's Choir |
| Don White | Mark Buckles | Nate Ramsayer |
| Dave Meharry | Matt Meyer | |

Are you ready to join the list? Two more shows in the first half of 2020:

- "Timing is Everything" **February 7.**
- "And then a Funny Thing Happened" **April 10**

If you have a story on one of these themes, contact David Rose at drose@cast.org or Suzanne Adams at Suzanne.ketchum.adams@gmail.com, or leave a message with [Sara Hidalgo](mailto:Sara.Hidalgo) in the church office. We look forward to hearing your voice.

This Week at First Parish

Day	Event	Time	Location	
Wednesday, November 13 th	Deborah Abel Dance Class	1:30 p.m.	Parish Hall	
	Spanish Academy	4:15 p.m.	Staples Hall	
	LYFS Team Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Green Room	
	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary	
	Master Singers	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall	
Thursday, November 14 th	Meditation Group	4:00 p.m.	Common Room	
	Scrabble Club	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall	
Friday, November 15 th	Anti-racism class	10:00 a.m.	Robinson Hall	
	RE Sleepover	6:00 p.m.	Parker Hall	
	Roaring Jelly Contra Dancing	7:00 p.m.	Parish Hall	
Saturday, November 16 th	Great Fall Auction	5:30 p.m.	Parish Hall	
Sunday, November 17 th	Choir Rehearsal	9:30 a.m.	Sanctuary	
	Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary	
	4th/5th OWL Parent Info Session	11:00 a.m.	Robinson Hall	
	Children Choir Rehearsal	11:45 a.m.	Yellow Room	
	OWL Session	4:00 p.m.	Parker & Robinson Hall	
	LexPride Ribbon Making	4:00 p.m.	Parish Hall	
	Transgender Day of Remembrance Vigil	5:00 p.m.	Sanctuary	
	SHYG meeting	7:00 p.m.	Robinson Hall	
Monday, November 18 th	Deborah Abel Dance Class	3:30 p.m.	Parish Hall	
	Spanish Academy	4:15 p.m.	Staples Hall	
	Chalice Circle	7:00 p.m.	Parlor	
Tuesday, November 19 th	Staff Meeting	11:15 a.m.	Minister's Office	
	Deborah Abel Dance Class	4:00 p.m.	Parish Hall	
	Lexington Ski Club	7:00 p.m.	Parker Hall	
	Empty Sky Sangha	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall	
Wednesday, November 20 th	Deborah Abel Dance Class	1:30 p.m.	Parish Hall	
	Creative Callings	1:30 p.m.	Parlor	
	Spanish Academy	4:15 p.m.	Staples Hall	
	LYFS Executive Team Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Green Room	
	UU Climate Collaborative	7:00 p.m.	Common Room	
	Master Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall	
	Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary	



First Parish is an accredited Green Sanctuary and a Welcoming Congregation.

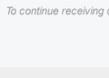
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