

Weekly Update Wednesday, November 27, 2019 First Parish in Lexington

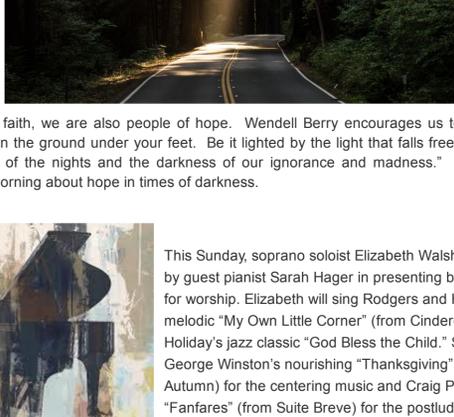
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Worship Service at 10:30 AM

Sunday, December 1st, 2019

Hope Under Your Feet



As people of faith, we are also people of hope. Wendell Berry encourages us to "Found your hope, then, on the ground under your feet. Be it lighted by the light that falls freely upon it after the darkness of the nights and the darkness of our ignorance and madness." Rev. Anne will preach this morning about hope in times of darkness.

November 24, 2019 Service Reflection by Lisa Maria Andreoli Steinberg

Holiday Decorations

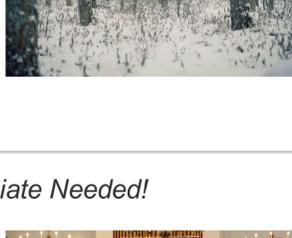


We have a generous donor who is contributing to purchase 20 poinsettias to decorate our Sanctuary for the holidays.

If you are willing and able to make a contribution to purchase more decorations, please contact Sara Hidalgo by Wednesday December 4 at admin@fplex.org to let you know the options.

You can bring the poinsettias home after the Christmas Service to enjoy with your family and friends.

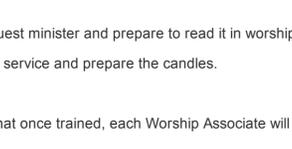
Winter Solstice is fast approaching!



Would you like to be a part of the planning for this wonderful event, happening on Dec. 20 at 7:00 pm Rev. Anne will be meeting with folks who are interested in liturgical dance this coming Sunday after church. We also need readers and other participants, so please join us in the Common Room this Sunday.

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. Expect to serve as Worship Associate once a month.
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!

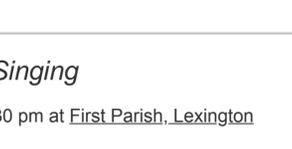
It is a visible and important position, and we hope that once trained, each Worship Associate will continue for a few years.

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.

Caring Community of First Parish

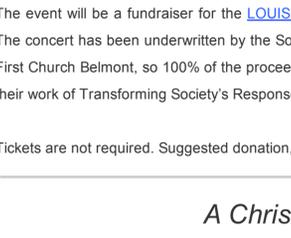
Co-coordinators of the Caring Community of First Parish Church in Lexington, Deborah Beers and Celine Nussbaum, remind parishioners that our community is here to lend a hand if someone is in need of a meal or a ride. Debbie and Celine receive requests for help



through caringcommunity@fplex.org and coordinate volunteers through our community's page on lotsahelpinghands.com. Volunteers who have accepted our invitation to join our lotsahelpinghands.com community are sent announcements through this website about opportunities to help as they arise, and can choose to sign up for these opportunities on the website if and when they wish. Please be in touch with caringcommunity@fplex.org if you would like us to coordinate help for you through the website when you are in need, or if you are interested in receiving an invitation to be listed as one of our volunteers.

I Go On Singing

Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 7:30 pm at [First Parish, Lexington](#)



Before Rosa Parks, before Martin Luther King Jr, before Nelson Mandela, there was Paul Robeson. Featuring some of Robeson's most beloved songs, "I Go On Singing" reveals the artistic, political and intellectual achievements of the American patriot. Accompanied by [Simon Andrews](#) (Belmont) and narrated by Lexington icon [Regie Gibson](#) (First Parish), Anthony Brown presents Robeson as a towering figure in American history and a legendary folk singer and human rights. Legendary folk singer Pete Seeger makes three video appearances, discussing his friendship with Robeson and the music they shared. More information can be found at anthonybrownbaritone.net

The event will be a fundraiser for the [LOUIS D. BROWN PEACE INSTITUTE](#) in Dorchester, MA. The concert has been underwritten by the Social Action committees of First Parish Lexington and First Church Belmont, so 100% of the proceeds of the concert will go to Louis D. Brown to further their work of Transforming Society's Response to Homicide.

Tickets are not required. Suggested donation, \$20

A Christmas Carol

Sunday, December 8th, 4:00 pm. The annual reading of Charles Dickens "A Christmas Carol".



Join Dan Fenn by the warm fire in Parker Hall as he reads this classic tale. Refreshments will be served

Holiday Workshop



You're invited!

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

for children and families

Saturday, December 14th

9:00 am – noon

Join us for a festive morning featuring craft-making projects for small and tall, cookie baking, and holiday gifts for local service programs.

Please consider bringing a gift card for refugees in our community supported by the International Institute of New England (IINE) and LexRAP, a partner of First Parish. Suggested stores: Amazon, Kohls, Lowes, Marshalls, Stop & Shop, Market Basket

Bring your friends and grandchildren. Adults invited too!

WELCOME!

Winter Solstice Experience

Friday, December 20, 2019

Free Will Offering

On Friday, December 20, 7:00 pm. First Parish in Lexington will present a Winter Solstice Experience. With music, ritual, candles, dancing and darkness, we will experience the quiet of the longest night, and welcome the sun as we wait for its return. Led by Rev. Anne Mason and Music Director Rip Jackson, this will be a worship service exploring earth-centered imagery, with an invitation to cherish the darkness. You are invited to set aside your frenetic everyday concerns and take this hour for your own inward journey. The Solstice is honored by indigenous religions around



the world and we will have music, dance and poetry which honor many traditions. A diverse group of musicians will provide beautiful Solstice-themed music including soprano sax, vocal soloist Natalie Briere, string bass, piano, organ, electronic synthesizer, rain stick, gong, Tibetan singing bowl and other atmospheric musical instruments. They will present music from diverse genres including music by Hildegard Von Bingen, Paul Winter, Loreena McKennitt and original music by Rip Jackson. Also participating will be Lisa Maria Steinberg, Director of Religious Education and Family Ministry, with other youth and adult volunteers. Free and open to the public. Parking is in the rear of the church. For more information call 781-862-8200 or visit www.fplex.org

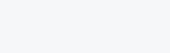
This Week at First Parish

Wednesday, November 27th		
LYFS Team Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Green Room
Thursday, November 28th		
First Parish	CLOSED	Happy Thanksgiving!
Friday, November 29th		
First Parish	CLOSED	Due to Holiday Weekend
Saturday, November 30th		
Sunday, December 1st		
Worship Service	10:30 a.m.	Sanctuary
Winter Solstice Meeting	12:00 p.m.	Common Room
Art Committee Meeting	12:00 p.m.	Parlor
Sarasa Concert	3:30 p.m.	Sanctuary
Monday, December 2nd		
Deborah Abel Dance Class	3:30 p.m.	Parish Hall
Spanish Academy	4:15 p.m.	Staples Hall
Members & Friends Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Robinson Hall
Tuesday, December 3rd		
Deborah Abel Dance Class	4:00 p.m.	Parish Hall
Empty Sky Sangha	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Finance Committee Meeting	7:30 p.m.	Common Room
Wednesday, December 4th		
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 Meeting	6:30 p.m.	Green Room
Steering Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.	Minister's office
Master Singers Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Parker Hall
Choir Rehearsal	7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary



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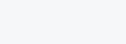
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