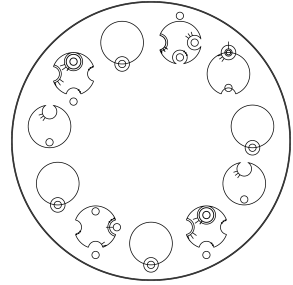


FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



October 12, 2025

A Wibbly-Wobbly, Timey-Wimey Festival of Booths

**The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L.
Landrum**
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Intern Minister

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Vice President

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Treasurer

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Clerk

First Parish is a Unitarian Universalist Association Welcoming Congregation. We warmly welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people into our community.

Large print orders of service and hymnals are available from an usher. Assisted Listening Devices are available when worship is in the Sanctuary.

FPC currently has a masks-optional policy throughout the church. In the Sanctuary, several back rows with accessible seating are “mask-required.”

FPC is on the web at fpc-stow-acton.org and on Facebook.

October 12, 2025: 10:00 a.m.

Gathering

Prelude	"Doctor Who Theme" Ron Grainer	Trevor Berens Accompanist
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Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words	Trek Reef, Intern Minister
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Chalice Lighting	Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
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* Hymn #1003	"Where Do We Come From"	<i>Singing the Journey</i>
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Centering

*** Covenant and Affirmation**

Land Acknowledgement

Joys and Sorrows	Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister
Joys and Sorrows is a time for the things on our hearts and minds to be heard by the gathered community. If you would like a follow-up call by a lay minister or the minister, email caring@fpc-stow-acton.org .	

Prayer or Meditation	Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
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* Hymn #396	"I Know This Rose Will Open"	<i>Singing the Living Tradition</i>
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Exploring

Reflections	"Wibbly Wobbly Festival of Booths"	Trek Reef, Intern Minister & Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
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Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with **FPC Supporting Asylum Seekers**. You may donate by check made out to First Parish Church, online at fpc-stow-acton.org/donate, or text (978) 310-3309.

Offering	Improvisation	Trevor Berens
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Reflections	"Timey Wimey Festival of Booths"	Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum & Trek Reef, Intern Minister
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** Please rise in body or in spirit*

Returning

* Hymn #1064

“Blue ~~Boat~~ BOX Home”

Singing the Journey

* Benediction

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
& Trek Reef, Intern Minister

* Closing Song

Postlude

“Harvest Moon”
Neil Young

Trevor Berens

Greet Your Neighbor

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Thank you to:

Zoom Host

Rick Lent, Jeff Brown, Ushers

Susan & Kevin O’Brien, Katy Weeks, Coffee Hosts

Our staff and leadership

To our visitors, thank you for coming! ♥

We hope you found what you’re looking for and that you’ll return. Here’s how to keep connecting with our people and programs:

- Fill out a **Visitor Card** in your pew or online (QR code→)
- Watch these pages for newcomer events:
 - **Newcomer Coffees** - Meet the minister and other newcomers
 - **UU Journey classes** - Learn about UU history, spirituality, mission, and traditions
- Check out **www.fpc-stow-acton.org** - There is so much happening at FPC! Our homepage and “Church Life” tab detail our events and programs.
- Subscribe to our **e-newsletters & email groups** (QR code→)



Visitor Card



E-Newsletters

≧ Today at FPC ≦

- 10 am** **Apple Pie Sale** - Pie Shed in front. Ends 1 pm or when pies are gone.
- 10 am** **Children's Chapel** - Meet right at 10:00 am in the Vestry.
- 11 am** **Coffee Hour** - Fellowship Hall
- 11 am** **Elder Care/Memory Care Support Group** - Parlor - Ends 12:30 pm
 Are you or your family approaching, dealing with, or recovering from an elder/memory care crisis? It's exhausting and draining. There are all kinds of legal, financial, and caregiving or care-finding challenges. It can be overwhelming and lonely. And that's not to mention the grief. Join us for the FPC Peer-to-Peer Support Group for anyone dealing with elder/memory care issues for a loved one. We're here to support each other on this difficult journey and share resources.
- 3 pm** **Potential FPC-UCMH Merger Conversation** - UCMH's Union Room
 Sharon Brownfield will be facilitating an in-person thematic conversation on the programming activities that each church offers.

 UCMH is located at 80 Main St in Hudson. The meeting will be about an hour. There will be signs posted at UCMH so you can locate the room. If you have any questions, please email Sharon Brownfield at sharonbrownfield@gmail.com.

≧ Every Week at FPC ≦

Tue. 10 AM <u>Coffee and Chat</u> Town Center Park Gazebo 	Wed. 6:40 PM <u>Meditation & Reading</u> Fellowship Hall & Online 	Thu. 5 PM <u>Peace Vigil</u> Town Common in front of FPC 	Thu. 7:15 PM <u>Choir Rehearsal</u> Fellowship Hall - Join the choir! music@fpc-stow-acton.org	Fri. 1 PM <u>Bridge Playing</u> Community Room 
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Plate Sharing for October:

FPC Supporting Asylum Seekers helps those seeking asylum or refuge who hope to build their lives locally. We have directly supported families from the countries of Afghanistan, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Myanmar, Uganda, and Venezuela.



We help asylum seekers to learn English • write resumes • find jobs • navigate the medical system • learn to ride a bike or the bus • obtain a driver's license, housing, and health insurance

We provide asylum seekers with rides to medical appointments & job interviews • legal fees for asylum cases • political advocacy • temporary food & housing in a hotel if they are waiting for support from MA Emergency Family System

FPC is proud to have a task force working directly with immigrants during this time of threats of mass deportations. We have lobbied for the successful passage of the driver's license law and worked with a seven-church partnership and a family in Lowell MA, and with the Acton Boxborough United Way. Please support this important work in the weekly plate share and stop by our table during coffee hour to learn more about our families and the work we do. We greatly appreciate the Congregation's ongoing support!

- Ann Wickham, Member and Liaison

Next Sunday's Service, October 19 - 10 am - Sanctuary or Zoom/phone
"Holding to Identity in the Games" - Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum - In *The Hunger Games* the character of Peeta talks about how even while fighting for his life, he wants to hold true to his identity, to not let the time and place he's forced to be in change him at his core. How does that message apply to us in this time of growing fascism?

≧ This Week at FPC ≦

➤ **Jazz Band Rehearsal** - Mon. 10/13, 7-9pm - Sanctuary

Please contact Michael Paladini mwpaladini@gmail.com for more information.

➤ **Submission Deadline for November Chronicle** - Wed. 10/15, 5 pm

Email your submissions to Meg at office@fpc-stow-acton.org

➤ **Ukulele Meetup** - Wed. 10/15, 7-9pm - Community Room

Pat Sorn and Sue Stewart, Coordinators - FPC hosts monthly ukulele gatherings for Ukulele players wanting to practice with other players. Uke lovers of all levels (including beginners!) are welcome to come and play, sing, and share music with the group. We have extra ukes for anyone who'd like to try them out. If not, you can just come and sing along!

➤ **Game Night** - Fri. 10/17, 7-9pm - Vestry

Led by Chip Beauvais. All are welcome. Feel free to bring a game or join in and play one of ours! Fun, community, and snacks.

≧ Upcoming ≦

➤ **Spiritual Conversations through Poetry** - Sun. 10/19, 12-1pm - online

Join Elizabeth Cobblah and Hector Constantzos online to engage with others through the sharing of a poem. Hear it, read it, see how you respond to it. Such conversations were inspired by, amongst others, our beloved Ilene Rudman. They have been going on at FPC for over a decade. We sincerely hope you will join us in this deeply satisfying time of connection. Contact one of us to attend: ecobblah@fenn.org or Hconstantzos@gmail.com.

➤ **The Quilters Documentary Screening** - Fri. 10/24, 6 pm meal, 7 pm film

An inspiring and award-winning short documentary from Netflix about men in a Missouri maximum-security prison who design and sew quilts for children in the foster care system. A simple supper of soup and bread at 6 pm, followed by the film at 7 pm and discussion afterwards. Co-sponsored with the Racial Justice Task Force.

➤ **FPC Halloween Potluck Gathering** - Sat. 10/25, 5:30-8 pm

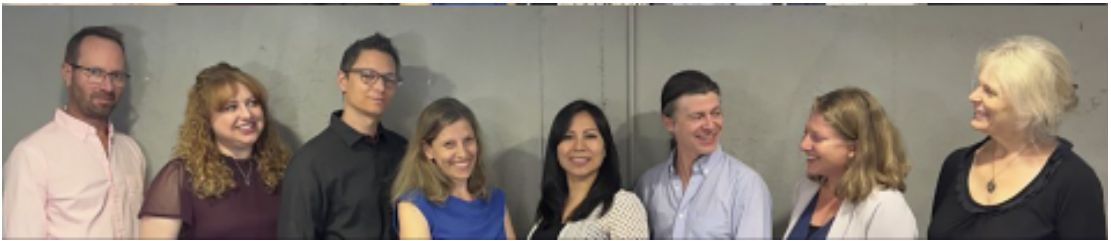
Bring a dish to share! Enjoy games, prizes, music, and more.

≧ Upcoming ≦

➤ **Sonic Liberation Players** - Sat. 11/8, 7:30 pm

Sonic Liberation Players open their 8th season with Raven Chacon's "Voiceless Mass," winner of the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for Music. FPC Accompanist Trevor Berens will join the ensemble from our historic Hutchings pipe organ. The concert will also feature John Cage's rarely-performed "Apartment House, 1776", which celebrates the various musics of this country in 1776, and a new commission from composer Eddie Davis.

Suggested donation: \$20. Donations collected at the door or in advance at [Eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com).



The Sonic Liberation Players explore new ways of encountering sound. To offer this experience to a broad range of listeners, we play uncommonly heard works and commission new works that investigate the area between “academic/intellectual” and “pop influenced” classical.

The founding members of SLP met and performed together at California Institute of the Arts in the early 2Ks. A decade later, having migrated independently to the East Coast (Boston and New York), they reconnected and began this new musical journey together, launching as SLP in 2016. The CalArts “sound” is varied, yet finds roots in the music of John Cage and Morton Feldman. Likewise, the Sonic Liberation Players approach a prismatic variety of composers and music in search of new languages and adventurous musical possibilities.

≧ Upcoming ≦

➤ **Sat. 11/15 New Revival Coffeehouse: House of Hamil** - Upcycled Celtic Folk

Pennsylvania-based House of Hamil is a fixture on festival stages across the US, and have shared their music and stories on the country's premier folk stages. Their original song "Banks of the Brandywine" was a Grand Prize winner in the 2024 John Lennon Songwriting Contest, and the video for their all-violin cover of "Sweet Child O'Mine" amassed over 16 million views on Facebook, where it was shared over 400,000 times.



The band's newest release, "Wildfire" marks House of Hamil's most compelling work to date. Featuring their strongest and most exciting songwriting, "Wildfire" is filled with lyrical depth, sophisticated vocal and instrumental arrangements, and hooks that are simply irresistible. This album captures the vibrant energy and creativity that have become the hallmarks of a House of Hamil live show.

Whether they're ripping through a set of original jigs and reels, adding lush three-part harmonies into traditional folk ballads, or cracking up an audience with stories from the road, House of Hamil puts on a show that captivates audiences from the very first note.

"Great hooks, eclectic arrangements and tuneful melodies that will certainly reach listeners from all walks of life." - Jeff Goble, Folk N Rock

"Their songs are always on the edge of tradition and innovation... their performances are electrifying." - Sarah MacArthur – Highlander Radio

See houseofhamil.com for more information. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the concert. Doors open at 7:00 and the show begins at 7:30. Go to Eventbrite to purchase tickets.