



FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2020

ANNOUNCEMENTS/HAPPENINGS

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10AM ONLY zoom



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ONE HOUR BACK

10 AM ONLY VIDEO

Sanctuary closed. Virtual Service by video of phone. The drive-in broadcast is closed and if people need help connecting to the worship service please contact Rev. Cindy.

ALL SOULS DAY SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Our All Souls Day service will be a time to share the names and images of those we have lost in this past year, and this year will feature a special time to remember those lost world-wide in this pandemic, as well. To place a photo of a loved one you've lost on our digital altar, upload it here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/X9xOdsP5cc17Kn4uC8Dq>

The Order of Service & the FPC Announcements will be posted on the First Parish Church of Stow & Acton Website under “Services” for download by the Friday evening before the service.

On Sunday you can go directly to the FPC Website by CLICKING the below address for the video link, phone number, Order of Service (OOS) & FPC Announcements:

<https://fpc-stow-acton.org/services>

NOVEMBER PLATE SHARING FPC GUEST TABLE

FPC Guest Table has been serving a free community dinner on the first Friday of the month in Fellowship Hall for the past 4 years. We do not receive funding from the general FPC budget and have no paid staff. Volunteers plan, shop, setup, clean up, prepare and serve the meal.

It costs about \$250 a month to put on a meal and a large portion of that expense is food. After serving dinner, the leftovers are put in to-go containers and given to guests to take home. We offer community members with food insecurity issues another resource and offer a chance for fellowship and community building to guests and volunteers alike.

Virtual Coffee Hour following the Service

This Week in our Religious Education Program

This is our last week of our first set of workshops please be on the lookout for new choices.

A new sign up will be sent out next week.

This week we have workshops at 9:15 and at 11:30

Please note: There will be no RE Workshops on Sunday Nov 8

Contact Michelle Cote our Director of Religious Education for more information at dre@fpc-stow-acton.org

THE WEEK AT CHURCH NOVEMBER 2-7

Tuesday **VOTE**
Asylum Meeting 7:00pm Video
RE Meeting 7:00pm Video

Wednesday **Democracy 6:00pm November 4** Video
Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

If you need a to process the results – or non-results – of the presidential election, Rev. Cindy will be holding a short time for sharing and processing on the evening of Wednesday, Nov. 4. We'll be done by 6:45 to allow people to attend the UU Journey class at 7pm.

UU JOURNEY 7:00-9:00PM Zoom (see info below)
Meditation 7:35 pm Video

Thursday **Peace Vigil outside in front of the church 5:00pm**
SGM Facilitators 6:00pm Video
7:00pm-8:00pm Musical Meditation, Open to Everyone

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Sunday, November 8, 2020

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“What’s Next?”

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

On the Sunday after the election, we may still not know what the results

of that election will be. We also don't know how long this pandemic will last, and our church community will be largely virtual. But what we do know is, win or lose, those efforts we've been fighting for will still need us to continue in the fight. We know we'll still be in a time of pandemic, the earth will still be experiencing climate change, people in prisons will still be there. So at this turning point, what's next – for our country, for our faith, and for FPC?

Virtual Coffee Hour following the Service

Virtual Religious Education

MASKS ON EVERYONE PLEASE

One important note/update for everyone: If you come into the church buildings, please wear a good fitting mask

(not a loose mask, bandana, gaiter or anything else as a face covering).

Studies have shown that only a good fitting mask effectively reduces transmission of viral aerosols, and since many of our bakers and some of our staff are in the high risk categories, we really need to do our best to protect them. Now that our buildings are busier, folks need to make every effort to be masked AT ALL TIMES they are in the building.

If you do not have a mask...you're in luck! There are a variety of donated masks in bins behind lower Fellowship Hall on the small plastic picnic

tables. If you don't find one there in your size...let Rebecca know and she will try to procure one or make one for you.



**The FPC Holiday Gift Drive Starts
THIS SUNDAY,
November 1**



Inviting all FPC Secret Santas to once again take part in our *gift giving for two wonderful shelters*: **Renewal House shelter in Roxbury and Voices Against Violence in the Metro West Area.** For those of you new to FPC, we also invite YOU to participate in this once-a-year opportunity to spread joy during the holidays. Each year, FPC

provides gifts for approximately 34 moms, kids and men at these two domestic violence shelters. This year the need is

even greater, so we ask all who can to step up and help spread the love.

Christmas can be a very difficult time for the guests at these shelters, many of whom have fled their homes with only the clothes on their backs. For them, Christmas may seem elusive as they simply try to adjust to a new life. But you can help make this holiday a little brighter for them. Starting **Sunday, November 1**, you can visit the FPC web site where you will find the Holiday Gift Giving page. There you can learn a bit about the history of this event, as well as a link to SignUp Genius **(below)** where you can select gifts to buy. The SignUp Genius will have all the information on what gifts have been requested, including gender, size and wishes for each of the shelter guests participating. Please be as generous as you are able so that we can fill every wish that comes our way. **We will be collecting gifts at FPC on November 28 and 29, times to be determined.**

Please keep an eye out for weekly FPC Announce emails that will also have the link to SignUp Genius, **(below)** and sign up to help bring some seasonal cheer to our struggling neighbors. Questions? Contact Diane Miller at 978-897-5470 or at millerdiane@comcast.net. And THANK YOU!



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A5A82DABFEC34-holiday>

The UU Journey at FPC

A **Virtual** 4-Session Course on UU History, Spirituality, Mission, and Traditions

Theology, Worship, & Spiritual Journeys
Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 – 9:00pm

Unitarian, Universalist, UU, & FPC History
Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 – 9:00pm

Polity, Governance, & Social Justice
Wednesday, October 28, 7:00 – 9:00pm

FPC Traditions, Involvement, & Membership
Wednesday, November 4, 7:00 – 9:00pm

Our Minister, Rev. Cindy Landrum will lead the virtual classes. There will be opportunities to share your own personal spiritual journey, ask questions, and get to know others in the church.

**You do not need to be new to FPC to participate.
All are welcome!**

Please contact Joleen Trotta if you are interested in participating.
mdc@fpc-stow-acton.org

The Racial Justice Task Force is offering a three-part workshop that we are calling “Dismantling Racism as a Spiritual Practice.”

Lisa Fagerstrom will be the facilitator, and each workshop will begin at 7 pm and be approximately 90 minutes.

The dates and topics are as follows
7:00PM ZOOM

Monday, October 26th - “Journeying Toward Spiritual Wholeness”

Monday, November 23rd- “Dismantling Racism and Other Isms in Ourselves”.

Monday, January 25th - “Dismantling Racism and Other Isms in Our Institutions”

Zoom links and details will be sent closer to each event.
We hope you will mark your calendar and join us on this journey!

Early Registration is highly recommended for the

**Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples Workshops
November 13 & 14**

**Please refer to the flier sent out through FPC announce, and
in the October chronicle (see below)**

**For the Friday night workshop Register at :
<https://rightrelationshipworkshop.bpt.me/>**

**For the Saturday afternoon movie Register at:
<https://rightrelationshipmovie.bpt.me/>**

Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples A Weekend of Online Events November 13-15

Hosted by the First Parish Church of Stow and Acton
in combination with the Friends Peace Team

Acting upon the 2020 UUA Action of Immediate Witness calling on UUs to "Address 400 Years of White Supremacist Colonialism" and the Friends Peace Team goal to "build relationships among Native and non-Native communities based on truth, respect, justice and our shared humanity." We join together to learn, challenge, and support the work of right relationships that address more than 400 years of genocide, colonization, and forced assimilation of Native peoples with these weekend-long offerings. All events are suitable for high school teens and adults.

"Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change"
with Paula Palmer and Rev. Nikira Hernandez-Evans
Friday Evening Workshop, November 13th 7-9pm

Through an experiential exercise, we trace the historic and ongoing impacts of the Doctrine of Discovery, the 15th-century justification for European subjugation of non-Christian peoples.

Registration: Suggested donation \$20.00 per family; BIPOC people attend for free. Register for the Friday night workshop zoom link at <https://rightrelationshipworkshop.bpt.me>

"Two Rivers" facilitated by the Rev. Nikira Hernandez-Evans
Saturday Afternoon Film and Discussion, November 14th 3-4:30pm

This 1-hour documentary film tells the story of a rural community in Washington state that undertook some significant actions toward reconciliation with the area's Indigenous peoples. Following the film a facilitated discussion will focus on: what would right relationship look like with Native Peoples in our community.

Registration: Suggested donation \$10.00 per family, BIPOC people attend for free. Register for the Saturday movie discussion zoom link at <https://rightrelationshipmovie.bpt.me>

"The Land Remembers" led by Paula Palmer
Sunday Morning Worship Service, November 15th 10am

Many Native people say the land remembers. We invite non-Native people to think about the places on this continent that they know and love, and then ask: What does this land remember? Who loved this land before my family came to know it? What happened to them? How am I connected to them through the land? How could this connection grow into relationship?

No Registration: Sunday worship is free and open to all. Find link for the service at: <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/services>.

Join as a Congregation: Other congregations are welcome to join us in hosting this as a joint worship service for a donation. Contact Rev. Dr. Cynthia Landrum at minister@fpc-stow-acton.org for more information.

Questions? Email Mary.evanspt@gmail.com.

Please Join Us!



**First Parish
Church of Stow
and Acton**

*A Welcoming
Unitarian Universalist
Congregation*

fpc-stow-acton.org

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L.
Landrum, Minister



Paula Palmer

is a Quaker lay minister who co-directs Toward Right Relationship with Native Peoples, a program of the Friends Peace Teams. friendspeaceteams.org/trr/



**Rev. Nikira
Hernandez-Evans**

Minister of the Brighton-Allston Congregation Church, is a queer, Two Spirit teacher, preacher, and healer of mixed-race ancestry