



FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

ANNOUNCEMENTS /HAPPENINGS SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8, 2020

10AM 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.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2020

“What’s Next?”

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Hi FPC Community,

This Sunday I'll be responding to the election with the subject "What's Next?" Because things are changing daily, so too is my sense of where this service will go. Because of this, our order of service will not be available in advance as it usually is. I will endeavor to have it available Sunday morning on our website [at https://fpc-stow-acton.org/services/service/whats-next](https://fpc-stow-acton.org/services/service/whats-next)

Thank you for your understanding!

Peace,
Cindy

NOVEMBER PLATE SHARING

FPC GUEST TABLE

FPC Guest Table has served a free community dinner on the first Friday of the month in Fellowship Hall for more than 4 years. We have not been serving since March, when the church was closed due to COVID. For that reason we are sharing whatever we receive through the plate sharing with the local food pantries. They are still operating and are in more demand now, during this pandemic.

Virtual Coffee Hour following the Service

Virtual Spiritual Conversations following the Service at 11:15AM

This Week in our Religious Education Program:

Our Mummer's Play will go on this year!!

We are excited to be able to offer our children and youth an opportunity to engage in something fun! Pat Sorn has generously agreed to run the show again, albeit virtually!

We invite all children and youth from preschool through Grade 8 to join in one of our Mummer's Day info sessions this Sunday at either 9:15-9:45 or 11:30-12 to find out how to be part of this show!

Our High School Discussion Group meets this Sunday at 11:30.

THE WEEK AT CHURCH NOVEMBER 9-14

Monday

SGM 7:00PM ZOOM

Strategic Planning Task Force 7:00PM ZOOM

Tuesday **CHRONICLE ARTICLES DUE FOR DECEMBER ISSUE**

Program Council 7:00PM ZOOM

Wednesday **Veteran's Day**

Book Group 7:00PM Zoom

Meditation 7:35 pm Video

Thursday Archives Meeting 9:30AM

SGM 9:00AM ZOOM

Peace Vigil outside in front of the church 5:00pm

TRUSTEE MEETING 7:00PM ZOOM

Viritual Musical Meditation, Open to All 7:00pm-8:00pm

Friday **Native Peoples Woorkshops Weekend**

"Roots of Injustice, Seeds of Change" 7:00-9:00PM

Saturday SGM 9AM ZOOM

Native Peoples Movie "Two Rivers" 3:00-4:30pm

FOR ALL INFORMATION ON THE WEEKEND GO TO:

<https://fpc-stow-acton.org/article/toward-right-relationship-native-peoples-workshop-weekend>

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Sunday, November 15, 2020

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"The Land Remembers"

Paula Palmer, Co-director of Toward Right Relationship,

A program of the Friends (Quaker) Peace Teams

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?

Please note that this is a very special service where FPC will be joined by members of several other area UU churches!

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



Santa is starting to load his sleigh but he needs help! Bring joy to guests of two wonderful domestic violence shelters, Renewal House shelter in Roxbury and Voices Against Violence in the Metro West Area, by participating in our annual gift drive. For those of you new to FPC, we also invite YOU to participate in this once-a-year opportunity to spread the spirit of the season. Each year, FPC provides gifts for approximately 34 moms, kids and men at these two shelters.

The holidays can be a very difficult time for the guests at these facilities as they try to adjust to a new life and get their feet back on the ground. This year will be more difficult than most. Please help them have a happy holiday.

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 this link to SignUp Genius

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D49A5A82DABFEC34-holiday>) where you can select gifts to buy. The Sign Up Genius will have all the information on what gifts have been requested. Please be as generous as you are able so that we can spread the season's joy.

We will be collecting gifts at FPC on Friday, December 4 from 3-5 pm, and Saturday, December 5, from 10 am to 2 pm.

All gifts should be returned unwrapped, with a gift receipt if possible, and with the recipient's name attached. If possible, print out the email you received from SignUp Genius and attach it to your donations. This will really help the elves sort gifts and make sure they get to the right people. THANK YOU from the North Pole.!

If you have any questions, please contact Diane Miller (9780-897-5470) or at gift-drive@fpc-stow-acton.org (<mailto:gift-drive@fpc-stow-acton.org>)



Saturday Morning Breakfast

NOVEMBER 21

This fall, Saturday Morning Breakfast will return via zoom. And thanks to Jonathan Daisy of the FPC media team and Stow TV, we will have preludes to each breakfast of video excerpts of past New Revival Coffeehouse concerts. Below are summaries of upcoming talks.

Music's on at 7:45

November 21. "Lost Treasures of the North High Jungle of Peru." Over the last 20 years Daniel Fernandez-Davila has returned to the North High Jungle of Peru to build rural libraries as well as to rescue clues of the lost civilization of the Chachapoya.

We invite you November 21, via zoom, when Daniel will bring to you some images of these unseen treasures and share as well his humanitarian educational mission that unfolds every year in this extremely remote area of the Andes. He is a middle school teacher in Wayland.

Upcoming talks:

December 5. Paul Sellow, Little Leaf Farms, will talk about hydronic farming. He supplies several local grocery stores from his business in Devens.

`Jeff Brown

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

For the **Friday night workshop Register at :**

<https://rightrelationshipworkshop.bpt.me/>

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For the **Saturday afternoon movie Register at:**

<https://rightrelationshipmovie.bpt.me/>

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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>

