



FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11, 2020

SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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10AM ONLY zoom

Sanctuary closed. Virtual Service by video or phone or at 107.7 FM in the FPC parking lot.

UU the Vote!

Ingrid Holcomb, lay leader; homily by Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray,

UUA President

From our work for marriage equality, women's suffrage, the abolition of slavery, for civil and voting rights, to advocating for a path to citizenship for immigrants, to taking on the 'New Jim Crow' and white supremacy today, Unitarian Universalists have a legacy to carry onward. On this Sunday we'll be sharing a homily from UUA President Susan Frederick Gray in a special service weaving together our usual FPC traditions and words from many prophetic UUs from the UUA and beyond. Our Denominational Affairs Chair, Ingrid Holcomb will host the service.

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 zoom link, phone number, Order of Service (OOS) & FPC Announcements <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/services>

OCTOBER PLATE SHARING

UU MASS ACTION

UU Mass Action is the UU State Action Network for Massachusetts. Founded in 2005, we organize and mobilize UUs to confront oppression in our Commonwealth. The challenges we face are daunting and we know that they are all related and rooted in the same systems of injustice. To make the changes we seek, we will need to be organized as a faith community and in relationship with frontline leaders. We are so much stronger when we work together! Our core campaigns include: Ending Solitary Confinement, Environmental Justice & Action, Immigrant Justice and Economic Justice. We are grateful for the support of First Parish Church of Stow & Acton and your continued partnership!

Virtual Coffee Hour

This Week in our Religious Education Program

This Sunday, October 11th, there are no religious education workshops. We will resume our regular programs next week on the 18th.

THE WEEK AT CHURCH OCTOBER 12-17

Monday 2:00pm Indigenous Peoples' Day

Please join the Racial Justice task force for a virtual event Monday at 2:00pm for a showing of a documentary about

the Doctrine of Discovery, followed by a brief discussion.
This will be an hour long event and will be open to the public,
so please invite your friends and family to join us.
You can register by emailing me at junebmcknight@yahoo.com.
The zoom link will be sent two hours prior to the event.

Monday SGM 7:00-9:00pm Zoom

Tuesday Coffee Meet Up at the Gazebo 10am-11am see M. Tucker
Justice Council Task Forces 7:00-9:00 pm Zoom

Wednesday **CHRONICLE ARTICLES DUE FOR NOVEMBER ISSUE**
UU JOURNEY 7:00-9:00PM Zoom (see info below)
Meditation 7:25 ZOOM

Thursday Peace Vigil outside in front of the church 5:00pm
Worship Committee 6:00pm Zoom
Music Virtual Rehearsal 7:00-8:00pm
SGM 7:15-9:15pm Zoom

Friday

Saturday Saturday Morning Breakfast 7:45 am Zoom
(info below)
Saturday Morning Stroll (see Margaret Tucker)

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Sunday, October 18, 2020

10 AM ONLY VIDEO

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"Listening to the Call"

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

In religious circles, we often talk about having "a calling." For some this is metaphorical, for some it is literal. This service will talk about deep listening and hearing our call.

Virtual Coffee Hour

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.



OPPORTUNITIES for socially distant meet-ups:

We are all feeling the need for human connection. To this end we

have arranged a few safe ways to get together away from a screen!

We have lots of ideas for events but we need volunteers to step up to facilitate in order to get these off the ground. We are focusing on outdoor activities while the weather permits. If you are able to help out at all, **please contact Ann**

Sadler at annsadler01@gmail.com or **Margaret**

Tucker at mstucker@mac.com

Here are a couple of dates for your October calendar.



Coffee and Chat - Tuesday's 10-11 AM ([October 6, 13, 20, 27](#))

Meet up at the **gazebo in the Stow Town Park adjacent to FPC.**

Dress for the weather and don't forget your mask and coffee!



Saturday Morning Stroll (*1st and 3rd Saturday*) –see Margaret Tucker

October 3

October 17



Biking on one of the local rail trails – see Margaret Tucker



Dogs and their owners meetup – see Margaret Tucker

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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



Saturday Morning Breakfast

OCTOBER 17

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

October 17. Dr Richard Ellison is an epidemiologist and co-chair of the Covid-19 task force for UMass Memorial Medical Center in Worcester. He will offer insights to help us understand the pandemic.

Upcoming talks:

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.

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



HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS AT FPC!

Friday, October 23rd

Join us for a virtual Halloween Gathering!

We will begin at 7 p.m. for a costume parade and games.

Renowned story teller **Tony Toledo**
will then join us and share some wonderful Halloween stories.

7:15 Tony will share stories for all ages.

7:45pm-8:00pm Tony will share stories just for youth and adults



STAY TUNED FOR MORE DETAILS

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 Congregations: 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!



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*A Welcoming
Unitarian Universalist
Congregation*

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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