



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS ~ SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15-20

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2020

Sanctuary closed. Virtual Service by video or phone.

"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!

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>

FPC GUEST TABLE

Virtual Coffee Hour following the Service

There will be no Religious Education Classes this Sunday

A sign up was sent out to have your child(ren) choose classes.
Please contact Michelle Cote, Director of Religious Education for more information

Monday **Changing Nature Discussion 7:30 pm Video**
(you should receive the link this Sunday)

Tuesday **SGM 7:00 pm Video**

Wednesday SGM 7:00 pm Video

Meditation 7:35 pm Video

Thursday Peace Vigil outside in front of the church 5:00pm
Worship Committee 6:00 pm Video
SGM 7:15 pm Video

Friday VESPERS
7:00 PM Video
Transgender Day of Remembrance Service
Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Saturday Saturday Morning Breakfast Video
“Lost Treasures of the North High Jungle of Peru”
(check with Jeff Brown)

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Sunday, November 22, 2020

10 AM ONLY VIDEO

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Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

"On the Side of Love"

On this Sunday before Thanksgiving, we'll talk about gratitude and the “side of love” at FPC as encompassing community, spirituality, social justice, education, music and art, and generosity. ***This service will also mark the beginning of our 2021-2022 Stewardship Drive.***

Virtual Coffee Hour following the Service

Virtual Religious Education

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20, 2020 VESPERS

7:00 PM VIDEO

Transgender Day of Remembrance Service

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Join us for a time to remember and mourn the lives of transgender people lost over the last year in our third annual Transgender Day of Remembrance service

SATURDAY MORNING BREAKFAST 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 to a Zoom meeting 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.

~Jeff Brown

COFFEE AT THE GAZEBO

Coffee and chat will continue through December, weather permitting. Dress warmly, bring your own coffee and wear a mask. We gather near the gazebo in the Town Park, adjacent to FPC,

10-11am on Tuesday mornings.

~Ann Sadler

Happy November!!!



More Volunteers Needed *leaves and more leaves*

First off a big thank you to people who signed up and are already chipping in to make our grounds look leafless :-)

However, we are not even halfway there. If you have intention of helping, the grounds committee asks that you sign up at **Fall Clean Up** so we can ascertain what paid services we need to get to supplement the need. Thanks so much for your help!!!

~Sonja Furneaux



The FPC Holiday Gift Drive is in Full Swing!

Despite the warm weather, Santa's elves are working away at filling the holiday wishes for guests at two wonderful domestic violence shelters: **Renewal House shelter in Roxbury and**

Voices Against Violence in the Metro West Area, and there are still **many unclaimed gifts** that need to be bought! FPC provides gifts for approximately 34 moms, kids and men at these two shelters. **You have only two weeks left to sign up to buy gifts.** Each year, 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. 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 SignUp 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 recipients 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 Santa's workshop.

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



What does FPC mean to you?

Is it a lifeline during moments of stress and anxiety? Is it a source of joy as you celebrate personal accomplishments or milestones? Is it friendships over apple pies or auction dinners or a simple walk in the woods? Is it spiritual renewal? Is it a friendly face, a card of sympathy, support or meal in a time of need?



FPC is all these things and more. To keep FPC vibrant and strong, we volunteer, share our skills and make a pledge. Pledging is a critical element in keeping FPC strong and a resource through-out theyear.

The FPC Stewardship Drive for Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) will be starting this fall with the official kick-off **Sunday, November 22nd**.

Mark your calendar and plan on attending the worship service for more details.

In gratitude,
Rachelle Reisberg and Rick Gentilman, co-chairs
Stewardship Team Members: Roy Miller, Steve Evans, Ruth Ann Murray, Kate Imhoff, Sharon Brownfield, Helen Ham, Sue Moses

Changing Nature Conversation

Monday November 16 at 7:30 VIDEO

Have you ever wondered about what is happening in the environment? Have you been missing your favorite bird in your yard? Have you dreamed what it would be like if we were more attuned to nature? Have you ever felt hopeless about it? Would you like to learn more and talk to others about it?

Join FPC Climate Change Task Force for a monthly conversation about a selected movie on some aspect of climate change. We hope these movies will give us new insights into the climate crisis and our possible actions.

Our first movie for discussion is David Attenborough's **A Life on Our Planet**. It is available now on Netflix. The movie is often called his “witness statement” for the environment and traces his more than 60-year career as a naturalist. There are many amazing images! Towards the end of the film he lays out what he believes we can and should do now to stop the degradation of nature. There is hope if we act!

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Zoom link will be sent out this Sunday, November 15.

~Rick Lent and Sharon Brownfield for the Climate Task Force



COFFEEHOUSE CONCERT

DECEMBER 5 at 7:30pm

The concert will be streamed on Facebook Live and the link will be posted on FPC Announce and on the New Revival Coffeehouse Facebook page

The New Revival Coffeehouse is back!

New Revival will present a streaming concert on Saturday Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. featuring two fine musicians -

Celia Woodsmith & Joe K. Walsh.

Celia is a Grammy-nominated vocalist, performer and songwriter. The Bluegrass Situation described her vocal style as “one of a kind: gritty, muscular, folksy and intimate sometimes all at once.”

The Boston Globe said she is “unvarnished and intimate...but then sounds like she’s about to part the Dead Sea.”

She is a member of the all-women Nashville-based bluegrass band Della Mae.

In 2014 Della Mae was nominated for a Grammy for Best Bluegrass Album for their record “This World Oft Can Be.”

Mandolinist and songwriter Joe K. Walsh comes out of the New England roots music scene. A musician’s musician, he has played with a number of prominent artists like Darol Anger and the Gibson Brothers.

His new album “Borderland” features roots musicians like fiddlers Bruce Molsky and Brittany Haas, and banjo player Gabe Hershfeld. The songs include Joe’s own lyrics, as well as poems by W.B. Yeats that he set to music.

The concert will be streamed on Facebook Live and the link will be posted on FPC Announce and on the New Revival Coffeehouse Facebook page. A donation of \$5 to \$10 is suggested for this concert, and can be paid directly to the artists during the event.

**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!