



FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 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.

"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.

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

We will continue offering our workshops for **grades 1-5** during the 9:15-9:55 time slot.

Grades 6-8 can take part in workshops during the 11:30-12:30 time period.

If you haven't signed your child/youth up for an RE Workshop you still can contact Michelle at dre@fpc-stow-acton.org.

Our **High School** Discussion Group **meets this Sunday, October 18th from 11:30-12:30** for a discussion about how to help a friend questioning their sexuality.

THE WEEK AT CHURCH OCTOBER 19-24

Tuesday Coffee Meet Up at the Gazebo 10am-11am see M. Tucker
SGM 7:00pm Zoom

Tuesday **VESPERS OCT 20 at 7:00 PM** VIDEO

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

"FACING THE FALL"

with members of the Racial Justice Task Force

Between the two holidays of Columbus Day and Thanksgiving, this service will look at how dismantling cultural myths and racism is part of our work as a people of faith, and connected to the work of the spirit.

Join by video: <https://tinyurl.com/fpc-vesper>

Join by phone: 646-876-9923

Meeting ID: 965 4832 5320

Passcode: 01775

Wednesday UU JOURNEY 7:00-9:00PM Zoom (see info below)

SGM 7:00pm Zoom

Meditation 7:25 ZOOM

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

TRUSTEE MEETING 7:00PM ZOOM

FPC Music will present a *streaming concert*
at 7:00 p.m., featuring Opera On Tap (OOT).

The concert theme is "OOT Celebrates: The Notorious RBG."

The Zoom link

is: <https://zoom.us/j/94821121760?pwd=SjFvc1k0bmlVdllrV2FObDNXdkZEQT09>

Opera On Tap is a national organization that brings opera and classical music to bars and other unlikely venues.

Singers from Opera On Tap Boston have been assisting the FPC Choir as they prepare music for Sunday church services, and OOT singers have been featured

soloists at some of those services.

The concert will be a musical celebration of Ruth Bader Ginsberg, an avid opera fan and lifelong supporter of the arts. Singers will share pieces from some of RBG's favorite operas, as well as stories from her remarkable life. (cont'd)

OOT will also be joined by their friends at Emerge America who are carrying on the legacy of RBG by supporting and uplifting female candidates across the country.

The suggested donation is \$15. Donations will support the artists of OOT Boston and 20% of the proceeds will be donated to Emerge America.

The Zoom link

is: <https://zoom.us/j/94821121760?pwd=SjFvc1k0bmlVdllrV2FObDNXdjZEQT09>



Friday

Halloween Party 6:30pm Zoom (see below)

Saturday

Saturday Morning Stroll (see Margaret Tucker)

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Sunday, October 25, 2020

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"VALUES AND DEMOCRACY"

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

As we near the upcoming election, Rev. Cindy will take a look at the

UU Principles, shared UU values, and the principles of democracy.

Virtual Coffee Hour following the Service

Virtual Religious Education

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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

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



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

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

(cont'd)

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/>**

See poster next page....

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. friendspeacetteams.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



HOLIDAY GIFT GIVING
Sunday, November 1

the lists will be available on [SignUpGenius](#)

Many of you have asked if we were again sponsoring gifts for the **Domestic Violence Shelters** as we have done in the past. The short answer is “Yes” with adjustments as we attempt to carry on traditions with Covid-19 affecting all of us.

Voices Against Violence as well as **Renewal House** have expressed the overwhelming need for us, if possible, to get gifts or gift cards for their participants. For some time now, both Shelters have had to place their participants in motels/hotels with the Staff mostly working remotely from home.

We will be supplied with the wants and wishes from the women, men and children as usual. **Starting with Sunday, November 1st, the lists will be available on [SignUpGenius](#) with all the information that was previously on the slips we gave out at the Christmas Gift Giving tables.**

The lists on [SignUpGenius](#) will be available for five weeks

when all gifts need to be returned to the FPC Atrium on Saturday and Sunday, **November 28 and 29** - times to be determined.

You have all participated in making this happen year after year and turned it into the wonderful Christmas morning for all the Shelter participants. I look forward to that happening again in this unusual year.

Any questions, contact Diane Miller at 978-897-5470 or

at millerdiane@comcast.net.

