



First Parish Church of Stow & Acton
SUNDAY JUNE 14, 2020

INSERT/ANNOUNCEMENTS

"PRIDE CELEBRATION"

10AM Only



Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Pride Parades and in-person Pride gatherings have been cancelled, but we can still celebrate our faith's commitment to diversity and inclusion with style! Wear your rainbow gear, make virtual rainbow backgrounds, or cover your actual walls with rainbows as we celebrate Pride FPC-style! Rev. Cindy will talk about our faith's history of commitment to LGBT rights.

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

Please note all our links for joining by video/audio have changed. Information will be posted only on our website 24 hours before the service: **Click below:**

CLICK:: <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/services/service/pride-celebration>

NO Adult Choir Rehearsal

VIRTUAL Coffee Hour

News from Our Religious Education Program

There is a family worship packet being sent out to all families on Friday, June 12th . This will be the final worship packet of the year.

FPC Kids Gathering for the final time of the year on Monday, June 15th at 1:30.

This session will be geared for children in grades K-6. The zoom link will be sent out each week. Please note that zoom now requires a password to take part in a session. Thanks for sharing your kids with me! I have so enjoyed spending time with them!

Junior Youth Group will meet this weekend on June 14th from 6:30-7 for the last time-It will be the final meeting with Paul Spanagel our youth coordinator.

Senior Youth are invited to zoom in to the Sunday Service at 10am.

THE WEEK AT CHURCH JUNE 15-20, 2020

Tuesday SGM 7:00pm Zoom

Wednesday Meditation 7:25pm, Zoom
SGM 7:00pm Zoom

Thursday Peace Vigil 5:00pm in front of church 5:00pm
Worship Committee 6:00pm Zoom
SGM 7:00pm Zoom

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2020 Summer Services at FPC

This summer's theme is Passion. All services start at 10am and, with our church building shut through the end of summer, they will take place online via ZOOM.

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June 21 “Supporting Asylum Seekers”

Members of the Asylum Seekers Task Force will discuss the group’s passionate mission to support asylum seekers, immigrants, and refugees. Since last summer much work has been done, from offering rides for medical and other appointments to providing food, face masks, and other essentials to those in need. Guest speaker Yanneth Bermudez Camp, an immigration and family law attorney, will delve into the lives and aspirations of these deserving people.

June 28 “UUA General Assembly”

Join us for a livestream of the service from this year’s virtual General Assembly, the largest annual gathering of dedicated UUs joined together in worship. We will host the livestream in our Zoom room, posting the link in the same manner as the other Sunday services on our website.

July 5 “Loosen, Loosen”

Our minister Rev. Cindy Landrum has been singing a song by Aly Halpert that says “Loosen, loosen baby, you don’t have to carry the weight of the world in your muscles and bones. Let go, let go, let go.” What are you carrying that you need to let go of? How do we loosen? This service will be about putting down the weight of the world for a while.

July 12 “The Purpose Derived Life”

For most people, the idea of a purpose to life is directly linked to religious doctrine, but for Unitarian Universalists and others there is a desire to find purpose without dogma. This service, led by Ken Langer, will look at finding purpose by exploring human nature and the condition of the universe itself.

July 19 “Choosing Radical Optimism in the Face of Two Crises”

Members of the Climate Task Force discuss how their passion for combating global warming and promoting environmental change can be based upon a positive view of the future along with some lessons from the coronavirus pandemic.

July 26 “A Passion for Justice”

The inequities that exist in our country have been highlighted by the impact of coronavirus on different levels of society. Join members of the Racial Justice Task Force as they spotlight the ways the pandemic has disproportionately affected communities of color. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Michelle Holmes, associate professor of epidemiology at Harvard’s School of Public Health.

August 2 “17th Annual Joint Summer Service hosted by First Parish Church of Stow and Acton”

Our very own Rev. Cindy Landrum will lead online worship for the 17th annual Joint Summer Service of the Harvard, Littleton, Lancaster/Fitchburg, Bolton, Marlborough/Hudson and Stow/Acton UU churches. More details to follow.

August 9 “Welcoming Folks with Mental Health Challenges”

Earlier this year Joleen Trotta and Ingrid Holcomb attended a seminar presented by our local NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) chapter along with Rev. Cindy Landrum. Joleen and Ingrid will convey some of their take-aways from that seminar, and they hope to be able to bring the voice of a NAMI speaker, too. The service will include best practices on welcoming a person to our community when it’s unclear what that person needs or how we can offer to help and have them feel comfortable with us.

August 16 “Loss of Passion”

What’s it like to lose your passion, especially while living in a world where we are fed platitudes about the importance of passion?

Janet Beatrice will discuss ways of coping with this problem and helping others who are struggling to deal with a lack of passion.

August 23 “Earthseed”

The time we’re living through has been compared, sometimes jokingly and sometimes not, to many dystopian novels. *The Parable of the Sower* by Octavia Butler suggests, in verses called “Earthseed,” that the only constant in our lives is change, that everything changes us, and we change everything. To sum it up, “God is change.” Rev. Cindy Landrum will explore the helpful messages dystopian works give us for how we will not just survive this time but turn the world around.

August 30 “Wasting Time”

“Any time not spent on love is wasted,” remarked the 16th century Italian poet Torquato Tasso. Michael Paladini will explore this passionate declaration with the wonderful musical support and ardor of the Parish Jazz Band.

September 6 “Grounded in Faith”

Some passions, like gardening and interacting with nature, can be integral to a spiritual or healing journey. Sonja Furneaux and members of FPC’s Grounds Committee will share and explore how personal connection with nature engages our mind, frees our body, touches our heart, feeds our soul, and strengthens our faith.

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