

September 19, 2021
9:30 and 11:15 AM

Gathering

Prelude *A Scenery of Trees* Y. Kuramoro
Sanghee Kim, piano

Welcome, Land Acknowledgement, & Announcements
Neil Saunders, Worship Committee Chair

Greet Your Neighbor

Introit 11:15 am *Be the Change* M. Kaplan and C. Britt
FPC Adult Choir

Call to Worship *The Door Swung Wide* S. Tayler

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #361 *Enter, Rejoice, and Come In*

1. Enter, rejoice, and come in. Enter, rejoice, and come in.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
2. Open your hearts ev'ryone. Open your hearts ev'ryone.
Today will be a joyful day; enter, rejoice, and come in.
3. Don't be afraid of some change...
4. Enter, rejoice, and come in...

Covenant

Love is the spirit of this church,
and service its law.

This is our great covenant:
To dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.

Affirmation

From all that dwell below the skies
let words of love and peace arise.
Let joyful songs of praise be sung,
through every land, by every tongue.

Centering

Joys and Sorrows Ingrid Holcomb, Lay Minister

Message for All Ages 11:15 am

9:30 am: The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

11:15 am: Michelle Coté, Director of Religious Education

Going Forth with the Light

Prayer/Meditation *Song of the Universe* M. Mishra-Marzetti

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with Open Table.

Checks may be made to "First Parish Church" and sent to:

Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775

Donations: attn: Treasurer, 353 Great Rd, Stow MA 01775

or donate online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>

or by text to (978) 310-3309.

Anthem *I Sing Because I'm Happy* Arr. R. Dillworth

9:30 am: Brad Dumont, vocals

11:15 am: FPC Adult Choir

Reading *Portal* E. Wright-Magoon

Sermon *Embracing Possibility*

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

Hymn #131 *Love Will Guide Us*

1. Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.
2. If you cannot sing like angels,
if you cannot speak before thousands,

you can give from deep within you.
You can change the world with your love.

3. You are like no other being.
What you can give, no other can give,
to the future of our precious children,
to the future of the world where we live.
4. Love will guide us, peace has tried us,
hope inside us will lead the way
on the road from greed to giving.
Love will guide us through the hard night.

Benediction *The Door Swung Wide* S. Tayler

Sung Benediction *Keep on Movin' Forward* Pat Humphries,
Emma's Revolution

1. Gonna keep on moving forward;
Keep on moving forward; Keep on moving forward,
Never turning back, Never turning back.

Other verses may be called out.

Postlude 11:15 am *Amen!* Arr. V. Labenske
Sanghee Kim, piano



Thank you to:
today's worship participants
Jeff Brown, Lead Usher & Set-Up
Jonathan Daisy, Camera and Sound
Kim Kinnear, Zoom Helper;
and to our staff and leadership.



FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, September 19, 2021

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister
Michelle Cote, Director of Religious Education
Deedee Perkins, Parish Administrator
Brad Dumont, Music Director
Sanghee Kim, Organist/Pianist
Joleen Trotta, Welcoming & Membership Coordinator
Mike Silkonis, Sexton
Marissa Evans, Youth Coordinator
Janet Beatrice, External Publicity
Sharon Brownfield, President
Jenni Edgerton, Vice President
Bill Froberg, Treasurer
Johanna Pyle, Clerk

*First Parish is a Unitarian Universalist Association Welcoming Congregation.
We warmly welcome gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender
people into our community.*

Large print orders of service and hymnals are available from an usher to help everyone be a part of worship in the fullest way possible. Assisted Listening Devices are available when worship is in the sanctuary.

On the web at fpc-stow-acton.org and on Facebook.

SEPTEMBER PLATE SHARING: OPEN TABLE



Open Table's Mission is to end hunger in the local community by providing healthy food in ways that respect the dignity and diversity of those served. Open Table achieves this mission by:

- Offering a wide variety of healthy and culturally appropriate food choices in the pantry and meal programs.
- Engaging a team of diverse, committed and passionate staff and volunteers

Value Statement: We believe that people should not be hungry. We recognize that economic, racial and gender inequality are the main drivers of food insecurity. We welcome our neighbors in need with compassion and respect.

Vision Statement: We strive to end hunger by removing the barriers to food caused by race, gender, sexual orientation, income and age

OPEN TABLE 33 Main Street, Maynard, MA 01754
contact person Jeanine Calabria. Executive Director
phone number: 978-808-4103

FPC Announcements Sunday, September 19, 2021

TODAY AT FPC:

9:30 Outdoor Worship Service

followed by "connections time"

Masks and social distancing required

10:30 Choir Rehearsal in Fellowship Hall

11:15 Zoom Worship Service

followed by "connections time" breakout groups

This Sunday in our Religious Education Program

9:30 Children will go directly to their RE programs listed below.

Children and youth in grades PreK-8 will meet during this service.

PLEASE NOTE: All children and youth will go directly to RE and will not join in the service to help with social distancing.

There will be signs directing everyone to their right spot.

Grades PreK-5 (meeting in the area near the lower parking lot)

We will talk about the importance of helping others and decorate Justice Rocks with positive messages (donated to us by the Racial Justice Committee).

Grades 6-8 (will meet in the area behind Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen)

Junior youth will continue playing games and getting to know each other. We'll start a project of creating scarecrows for a NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) fundraiser, in which youth will work in teams to build scarecrows that can be based on

fictional characters, animals, or other creative ideas. This week will be our brainstorming & drawing phase.

High School Youth will meet at 11 (giving parents time to return home to zoom the 11:15 service if they wish) till 12:30. They will meet behind the Fellowship Hall for their Discussion Group.

Please contact Michelle Cote, our Director of Religious Education, at dre@fpc-stow-acton.org if you have any questions or concerns.

THE WEEK OF September 19 - 25

Monday Sounds of Stow (Hall) 7:00-8:30pm
Breakout (Community Room) 7:30pm

Tuesday Coffee & Chat 10-11 :00a at the Gazebo town park
SGM zoom 7:00pm
PICK APPLES TODAY

Wednesday Worship Committee 12:30 zoom
Virtual Meditation 7:25pm zoom
PICK APPLES & deliver to FPC by 4pm
Pie Dough Making Hall Kitchen

Thursday Peel Apples 5:00pm (not at FPC)
Peace Vigil 5:00 pm in front of FPC
Choir rehearsal 7:15-9:15pm (Hall)

Friday Bake Pies 6:00am Kitchen & Hall

Saturday Growing Victory Garden 9:00am zoom
Sell Pies from the Atrium 9:30am
Spiritual Retreat outside 1:30-4:30

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

Principles Part One: Our Seven Principles

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

In this first part of a two-service series, Rev. Cindy will talk about the history of our seven principles in Unitarian Universalism, and their meaning. Part two on October 3rd will talk about the proposed eighth principle on anti-racism that's being talked about and endorsed by some UU churches.

"Music & Arts Vision Forum" **Sunday, September 26 at 7:00pm zoom**

Come share your thoughts and ideas for the vibrant future of Music & Arts at FPC with new Music Director Brad Dumont, Music Chair Peter Fiske, Arts Chair Sharon Webb, and Rev. Dr. Cindy Landrum in an open forum for all FPC members. Youth are welcome! We will hear from members of the committee about the arts at FPC and then split out into groups to hear your ideas and interests related to growing our robust arts community. For questions, email Brad Dumont at music@fpc-stow-acton.org .Zoom Link: <https://assumption.zoom.us/j/8443249741>

MASKS ON EVERYONE PLEASE

One important note/update for everyone: If you come into the church buildings, please wear a good fitting mask. Please wear masks outside as well for worship services and other larger or intergenerational gatherings.

Spiritual Retreat for the New Year with Rev. Cindy & Lisa Fagerstrom Saturday, September 25, 1:30-4:30pm outside at FPC

Join Rev. Cindy and Lisa Fagerstrom for a spiritual retreat where we'll work on letting go of some of our sorrows from the past year and not being where we hoped we'd be in regards to the pandemic, and then look at how we embrace the moment and set a course for the future. We'll have a variety of spiritual exercises that you can pick and choose from that embrace different spiritual types – verbal, kinesthetic, ritual, and artistic. Please watch FPC Announce if there is rain, as this event may get cancelled or postponed. Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/VxS62qp53yrmUP2e7> and let us know you're coming! We want to make sure we have enough supplies for everyone.

SATURDAY MORNING Breakfasts

Breakfast OCTOBER 16 (ZOOM)

We return this fall via Zoom. **October 16 will be the first program, TBD, watch for updates in the various church publications.**

On November 13th, Paul Franceschi, Outreach Coordinator for the Boston Area Gleaners, will speak about the organization's activities. They recently bought Stonefield Farm in Acton to use as a staging area for their packaging and distributing of local crops including the ones grown on site. In July several members of FPC picked green beans that were later brought to area food banks.

Hopefully we will be in Fellowship Hall in January to enjoy each other's company and eat a church cooked breakfast.

~Jeff Brown

Coffee and Chat

will continue on Tuesday mornings from 10-11AM

Meet at the Town Park adjacent to FPC.

Wear a mask, dress for the weather, and bring your own coffee!

If the weather is poor an FPC Announce will be posted with a link for a Zoom meetup instead.

~Ann Sadler

Fall 2021 Apple Pie Project



Pandemic Plan

The First Parish Church of Stow and Acton Apple Pie Project is a GO for fall 2021! Since the pandemic is still “a thing”, we will be following similar procedures to last year. See below for how we plan to make the Apple Pie Project happen this fall!

Dough making: Dough making will take place in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen on Wednesday evenings (time somewhat negotiable).

The Mallon Family has offered to coach/supervise vaccinated volunteers each week in the dough making process. We prefer members of a single family unit sign up in a given week (it's hard to social distance when making dough together, so *having volunteers from the same family unit will help keep folks safe*). Volunteers will be asked to wear masks while in the building.



Apple collecting This is generally an easy social distancing activity as it occurs outdoors and folks tend to do it in family groups. We will continue with the apple collecting process as usual, but we will ask that folks wear masks when collecting near other folks outside of their family. As with last year, apples will be collected on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and delivered to the church by 4pm Wednesday. Shelburne farm has assured us that the apples will be large this year, due to the wet summer. :)

Apple peeling/prep Our past method of coming

together in community to peel apples at church simply is not a safe option at this time. ***Instead, we will be asking volunteers to wash, peel, and prepare apples at home as we did last year. Apples can be picked up by individuals from the church on Wednesday afternoons between the hours of 4-7 pm.***

Most likely the apples will be located in bins behind the vestry (This is a NEW LOCATION. To get to the apple bins, you would drive down the driveway between the church and the library; they will be located near the back vestry door) The new location will be confirmed closer to the date.

Peelers are asked to take the apples home, ***wash them, peel them, core them, and cut them into pie slices***. Bags for the cleaned apple slices to be stored in will be provided. ***Peelers can drop off the apple bags and bags of slices in the bins at the church before 9 pm Thursday where volunteers will collect and store the apple slices overnight.***

(NOTE: If you choose to peel your apples on Wednesday or early on Thursday, ***please refrigerate them until you are ready to deliver them.***)

Folks are encouraged to host Zoom sessions or outdoor gatherings if they would like to socialize with others while they peel and some SGMs may also conduct their own Zoom/peeling sessions.

Baking To meet social distancing guidelines, our ***Friday morning baking routine will be similar to last year. All volunteers will be asked to wear masks while in the building.***

If needed, we will work in shifts for each of the areas to limit the number of people in the building per guidelines at the time.

With social distancing of 6 feet followed, there is room in the Fellowship Hall Kitchen for 3 individuals to space

out along the counter along the windows to roll dough and 2 individuals at the metal table in the center of the kitchen for rolling/crimping. There is also room for an additional person to move through the right entry door and reach the oven to load in and take out pies when needed.

Filling the dough will take place in the Hall with individuals or “same household groups” each being assigned a separate table.

Pies will be returned to a table outside the kitchen where they will be retrieved by the kitchen volunteers to place on the top crust and prepare the pies to go in the oven.

Bagging: Bagging will take place in the Fellowship Hall as usual. With 2-3 volunteers bagging, there will be plenty of room for social distancing, but folks could stagger when they bag as well, if desired. **All baggers will be asked to wear masks in the building.**

Selling: Rather than selling out of the pie shed, we will again be asking pie purchasers to pull up to the front doors of the church, where they can line up to purchase pies from within their cars.

Sellers will be asked to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. They will be provided with gloves to wear during their shift and will be asked to sanitize their gloves between each purchase.

Quantities/Price How many pies we will be able to make depends on how many folks are willing to volunteer! *We will plan to make our normal number of pies (roughly 80 a week) but will adjust as needed.* Our plan is to keep the price per pie to \$18, which is in keeping with the price of pies at our local farm stands.

When to start/what to offer Our current plan is to begin the project the week of Sept. 22nd, with the first sales being on **Saturday September 25th**. The project will run the usual 4 weeks, ending the week AFTER Columbus Day/Indigenous People’s Day weekend (so our last weekend of sales will be October 16-17th)

This is later than we’ve started/run the project before...let’s see what happens! Since it is likely we are not going to have the fair this year, we are hoping to offer a variety of jams/jellies, pickles and baked goods that will be prepackaged and ready to sell along with the pies. This was very popular last year! We will have a list each week of what is available for purchasers to choose from (selection will vary from week to week). Rebecca has reusable take out containers for anyone who plans to bake cakes or similar desserts for individual servings.

Sign ups: Like last year, signing up in advance for roles in the pie project will be super important, especially with regard to the new plans for peeling and baking. An announcement will be made in early September when the on-line sign ups are ready. Folks did a great job last year...let’s keep up the good work!!

Bathroom Use In the Building Like last year, folks will be asked to minimize use of the church restrooms if possible. If an urgent need arises, we will ask folks to use the **small all gender bathroom outside of Fellowship Hall and will keep the door open in between users to improve ventilation and follow all instructions posted in the bathroom.**

If you have questions, comments, or concerns regarding the plans for the apple pie project this year, please reach out to the Pie Project Coordinator, Rebecca Stadolnik, at applepies@fpc-stow-acton.org