

FPC Announcements
Sunday, September 26, 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

11:00 Choir Sings on zoom Hall

11:15 Zoom Worship Service

followed by “connections time” breakout groups

12:45 Zoom Spiritual Conversations

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 begin learning about our principles through discussion, art and games.

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

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 we will finalize our plans and begin our construction.

The Senior Youth Group will meet at 11 (giving parents time to return home to zoom the 11:15 service if they wish) till 12:30 to have some fun, discuss meeting times and plans for the year. We encourage all youth in grades 9-12 to come and find out what the Senior Youth Group is all about! (This group will meet in the area behind Fellowship Hall next to the kitchen)

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 27 – October 2 2021

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

Climate Task Force (Vestry) 7:00-9:00pm

Breakout (Community Room) 7:30pm

Tuesday Coffee & Chat 10-11 :00a at the Gazebo town park

PICK APPLES & deliver to Carriage Shed Wed 4pm #4

Book Drop 12:00-3:00pm Fellowship Hall

TRUSTEE MTG Community Room 7:00-9:00pm

Wednesday Virtual Meditation 7:25pm zoom

PICK APPLES deliver

to Carriage Shed by 4pm #4

Thursday Book Drop Off 12:00-3:00pm Hall

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 6:30am Kitchen &

Book Drop Off 12:30-3:00pm Hall

Saturday Pies sold 9:30am - 1:00pm Atrium

Doors

Book Sale outside 10-1:00pm (weather permitting)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2021

Principles Part Two: The Eighth Principle

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

We've had seven principles in Unitarian Universalism since the 1980's, but now a proposal is circulating to add as an eighth principle about anti-racism. Rev. Cindy will share where this is coming from, what

congregations are doing about it, and address some frequently asked questions about the proposal.

Sunday Pie Selling 11:00am - 1:00pm Outside FPC

"Music & Arts Vision Forum"

THIS 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

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.

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.



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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26
7:00PM ON ZOOM**

ZOOM LINK IN THE FPC CALENDAR LISTING

Saturday Morning Breakfasts (ZOOM)

On October 16, Rashaun Martin works for the Boston Public School system. He is an Educators of Color, Cultivation, and Retention Specialist within the Office of Recruitment, Cultivation, and Diversity Programs within the Division of Strategy, Equity, and Opportunity Gaps. He will speak via zoom about what he does for his job as well as educating us about a bill being considered at the state house that will make educator diversity a statewide initiative. My wife and I met Rashaun on a ferry boat this summer and we were impressed with his work as well as his families' involvement in several inner city charities.

On November 13, Paul Franceschi, Outreach Coordinator for the Boston Area Gleaners (BAG), will speak about the organization's activities. The Gleaners recently bought Stonefield Farm in South Acton to use as a staging area for their packaging and distributing of local crops including the ones grown on site. Last July several members of FPC picked green beans that were later brought to area food banks. BAG has been supported by FPC plate sharing.

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

~Jeff Brown

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

The Apple Pie Project is Up and Running! Please sign up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C044AA9AC2DA5F49-apple4>

Volunteering opportunities:

Wednesday: Dough making

Contact June Mallon - june.pies@fpc-stow-acton.org – if you are interested. We prefer 2-3 members of a single family unit sign up together. Volunteers will be asked to wear masks while in the building.

Tuesday or Wednesday: Apple collecting

Contact Steve Evans (steve.pies@fpc-stow-acton.org) for information and to get official bags and directions. WE HAVE A NEW LOCATION FOR DROPPING OFF APPLES! Please deposit your bags of apples into the bins located IN FRONT OF STALL 4 OF THE CARRIAGE SHED.

Wednesday/Thursday: Apple peeling/prep

- Please sign up online and indicate how many bags of apples you intend to peel.

- Apples can be picked up on Wednesday afternoons after 4 pm. PLEASE ONLY TAKE AS MANY BAGS AS YOU SIGNED UP TO TAKE.
- The apples will be located in bins located IN FRONT OF STALL 4 OF THE CARRIAGE SHED.
- Volunteers 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.
- Drop off bags of prepared apple in the bins at the church before 9 pm Thursday. (NOTE: If you peel your apples on Wednesday, please refrigerate them until you deliver them on Thursday.)

Friday Morning: Baking

Sign up for early or late shifts (see sign up for times). You are welcome to sign up for two shifts if you plan to stay for the duration of pie making on a given Friday. All TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED.

Friday Evening: Bagging

Bagging will take place in the Fellowship Hall. All baggers will be asked to wear masks in the building.

Selling

- We will again be selling at the front doors of the church. Pies will be \$18.
- Sellers will be asked to wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status and will be provided with gloves to wear.

EXTRA OFFERINGS

- Please contact Rebecca if you plan to donate jellies/jams/or baked goods. Offerings can be dropped off in the Fellowship Hall during pie baking on Fridays or in the bins located IN FRONT OF STALL 4 OF THE CARRIAGE SHED anytime Friday afternoon/evening.

Questions/Comments/Concerns

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.