

Exploring

Sharing Our Gifts

“Ob-la-di, Ob-la-da”
Paul McCartney

FPC Children’s Choir
& Ukutarians

Desmond has a barrow in the marketplace,
Molly is the singer in a band.
Desmond says to Molly, “Girl, I like your
face,” and Molly says this as she takes him
by the hand:

Happy ever after in the marketplace
Desmond lets the children lend a hand
Molly stays at home and does her pretty
face, and in the evening, she’s a singer with
the band

Ob-la-di, ob-la-da, life goes on, brah
La-la, how the life goes on

Ob-la-di, ob-la-da, etc.

Desmond takes a trolley to the jeweler's
store, buys a twenty-carat golden ring
Takes it back to Molly waiting at the door,
and as he gives it to her, she begins to sing:

Happy ever after in the marketplace
Molly lets the children lend a hand
Desmond stays at home and does her pretty
face, and in the evening, she's a singer with
the band

Ob-la-di, ob-la-da, etc.

In a couple of years, they have built a home
sweet home
With a couple of kids running in the yard of
Desmond and Molly Jones

Ob-la-di, ob-la-da, etc.

And if you want some fun
Sing ob-la-di-bla-da

*This month at FPC we share our weekly offering with **UU Urban Ministry** (insert).
You may donate with a check made out to First Parish Church,
online at <https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate>, or text to (978) 310-3309.*

Reflection for All Ages

“Love, Love, Love”

The Rev. Dr. Landrum

* Closing Hymn

“All You Need Is Love”
John Lennon

Parish Jazz Band

* Closing Words

Beatles Compilation

Postlude

“Let It Be” (Paul McCartney)

Parish Jazz Band

Nick Bundy, tenor saxophone; Paul Chastell, trombone;
Peter Fiske, drums/percussion; Margaret “Peggy” Langley, flute;
Lindsay Lozeau, trumpet; Michael Paladini, guitar;
Quinci Sprague, bass; Stephen Warnick, piano; and Sara Beauvais, vocals

Thank you to: Kim Kinnear, Zoom Host; Nancy Cataldo, Judy Holmes, Ushers;
Susan & Kevin O’Brien, Coffee Hosts; "Beatles Tree" shared in celebration of our talented &
creative staff and in gratitude for all of the music makers in today's service by Sharon Webb &
Lisa Fagerstrom

FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, February 11, 2024

**The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L.
Landrum**
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*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.
Assisted Listening Devices are available when worship is in the Sanctuary.

FPC currently has a masks-optional policy throughout the church.
In the Sanctuary, several back rows with accessible seating are “mask-required.”

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

February 11, 2024: 10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude "Michelle" Parish Jazz Band
Paul McCartney and John Lennon

Welcome and Announcements Ruth Lull

Introit "Can't Buy Me Love" FPC Choir
Paul McCartney, arr. Keith Abbs

I'll buy you a diamond ring, my friend	I'll give you all I've got to give
If it makes you feel alright	If you say you love me too
I'll get you anything, my friend	I may not have a lot to give
If it makes you feel alright	But what I got I'll give to you
I don't care too much for money	I don't care too much for money
Money can't buy me love	Money can't buy me love
Can't buy me love	Say you don't need no diamond rings
Everybody tells me so	And I'll be satisfied
Can't buy me love	Tell me that you want the kind of things
No, no, no, no	That money just can't buy
	I don't care too much for money
	Money can't buy me love

Opening Words & Chalice Lighting Beatles Compilation The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum and Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson

*** Opening Hymn** "Here Comes the Sun" Parish Jazz Band
George Harrison

Centering

*** Covenant**
Love is the spirit of this church,
the quest for truth is its sacrament,
and service is its prayer.
This is our great covenant:
to dwell together in peace,
to seek the truth in love,
and to help one another.

Meditation "Blackbird" Michael Paladini, guitar
Paul McCartney

Reflection for All Ages "Blackbird" Rayla D. Baldwin-Mattson

Meditation "Blackbird" FPC Choir
Paul McCartney, arr. Daryl Runswick

Blackbird singing in the dead of night	Blackbird fly, blackbird fly
Take these broken wings and learn to fly	Into the light of a dark, black night
All your life, you were only waiting	
For this moment to arise	Blackbird singing in the dead of night
	Take these broken wings and learn to fly
Blackbird singing in the dead of night	All your life, you were only waiting
Take these sunken eyes and learn to see	For this moment to arise
All your life, you were only waiting	
For this moment to be free	

Land Acknowledgement

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer or Meditation Beatles Compilation The Rev. Dr. Landrum

Anthem "In My Life" FPC Choir
Lennon/McCartney, arr. Greg Jasperse Parish Jazz Band

There are places I'll remember	Though I know I'll never lose affection
All my life, though some have changed	For people and things that went before.
Some forever, not for better	I know I'll often stop & think about them
Some have gone and some remain	In my life, I love you more

All these places had their moments	There are places I'll remember
With lovers and friends, I still can recall	All my life, though some have changed.
Some are dead and some are living	Some forever, not for better,
In my life, I've loved them all	Some have gone and some remain.

But of all these friends and lovers	Though I know I'll never lose affection
There is no one compares with you	For people and things that went before.
And these memories lose their meaning	I know I'll often stop & think about them
When I think of love as something new	In my life, I love you more

Reflection for All Ages "Inscribed on the Heart" Chris Hossfeld

The UU Urban Ministry (UUUM) is an organization based in Roxbury that is housed on the site of an early UU church. Its mission is to "work across race and place to dismantle racism and white supremacy culture, as well as to advance racial, economic, and social justice." UUUM's vision is to "envision a Greater Boston where all people live with freedom and dignity and have equitable access to resources and opportunity to shape the present and the future."



The UUUM was founded almost 200 years ago by Rev. Joseph Tuckerman, with the focus of empowering the underprivileged citizens of Boston while transforming the social consciousness of privileged residents. Today the UUUM focuses on providing safe shelters and workforce development programming for survivors of domestic violence, specifically Renewal House. [FPC has contributed for many years by collecting annual holiday contributions for Renewal House.]

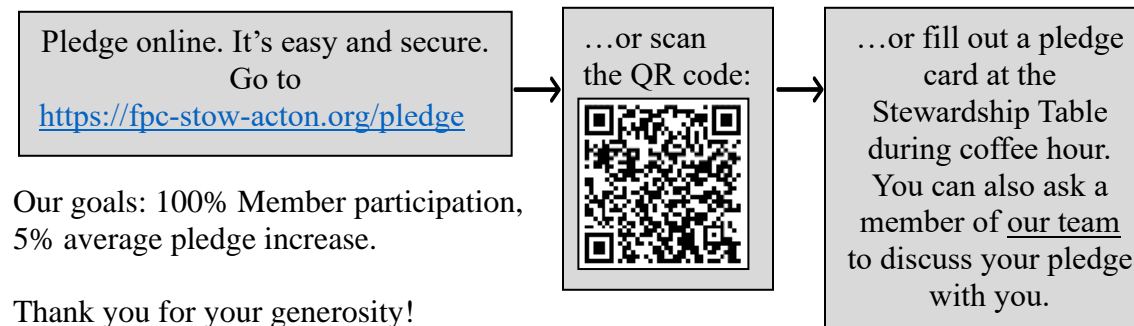
UUUM also provides academic enrichment for youths of color through their Roxbury Youth Programs. And UUUM provides programming for various arts and humanities grounded in a social justice message, including providing exhibits of local artists' works.

Stewardship Campaign

FPC's Stewardship campaign for our next fiscal year is underway.

Thank you so much to our members and friends who have already made pledges!

In the spirit of love and thanksgiving, please join us in reaffirming your financial commitment to FPC with a stewardship pledge. Here's how:



Our goals: 100% Member participation, 5% average pledge increase.

Thank you for your generosity!

- The FPC Stewardship Team: Jenni Edgerton, Carole Feldhusen, Andy Derr, Sharon Brownfield, Russ Hart, and Rick Gentilman

Today at FPC

- 10 – 11am Service - Intergenerational - Jazz Band - Beatles (Sanctuary, online)
- 11am – 12pm Coffee Hour (Fellowship Hall)
- 12 – 1pm Spiritual Conversations through Poetry (online)

12 pm Spiritual Conversations Through Poetry (online)

You don't need to know anything about poetry to join Elizabeth Cobblah, Ilene Rudman, and Hector Constantzos for this deeply satisfying time of engaging with others through a poem. Contact one of us to attend: ecobblah@fenn.org, irudman@aol.com, or Hconstantzos@gmail.com.

Religious Education Update

Today's service is multigenerational. No RE classes.

Sat, 3/9 - For our junior and senior youth who would like to get more involved with other area UU youth, there will be a **Youth Con** at First Unitarian Church in Worcester, MA on March 9th from 10 am-5 pm. Contact Rayla for registration. (6th-12th grades)


Sat, 4/6 - Also, there will be a KIDS Con on April 6th from 1:00pm-5:00pm. Contact Rayla for registration. K-5th grade

This Week at FPC

12	FEB, MON	● 7 – 9:30pm	Sounds of Stow (Hall)
		● 7 – 9pm	2nd Monday Group, SGM (Parlor)
		● 7 – 9pm	Jazz Band Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
13	FEB, TUE	● 10 – 11am	Coffee & Chat (Gazebo)
		● 7:30 – 9:30pm	Climate Task Force (online)
14	FEB, WED	● All day	Valentine's Day
		● 6:40 – 8:45pm	Meditation (Fellowship Hall & online)
		● 7 – 8pm	Committee on Ministry meeting (online)
15	FEB, THU	● 1:30 – 2:30pm	Arts Committee mtg. (online)
		● 5 – 6pm	Peace Vigil (outside)
		● 7:15 – 9pm	Choir Practice (Hall)
		● 7:30 – 9:30pm	3rd Thursday Group, SGM (Community Room)
16	FEB, FRI	● 1 – 3:30pm	Bridge Group (Community Rm)
		● 6:30 – 10pm	Multigen Game Night (Hall) Fellowship Hall
17	FEB, SAT	● 9 – 10am	Garden Conversations (online)

Sun 2/18 **Next Sunday's Service:** 10am, Sanctuary/Online/Phone
“A Humanist's Search for God” – Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum
 One of the first sermons Cindy ever preached was in her internship year, 1999-2000, and was titled “A Humanist’s Search for God.” Now, 24 years later, she’ll take another look. Is she still searching for God? Does she still identify as a Humanist?

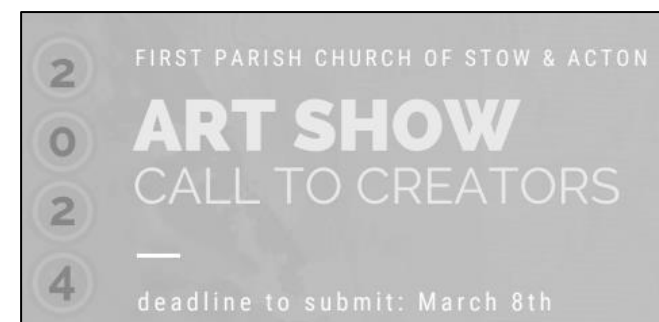
Upcoming Events

Wed 2/14 **6:40-8:45 pm Reading and Meditation**, Fellowship Hall and online
 6:40 - 7:20 pm Read & discuss *A Path with Heart*,
 by Jack Kornfield
 7:20 - 7:30 pm Transition break
 7:30 - 8:45 pm Meditation

Fri 2/16 **7-9 pm Multigen Game Night**, Fellowship Hall
 Bring your own game or play one provided by RE Committee member Chip Beauvais. Last month we played *Apples to Apples*, *Flamecraft*, and *Amazing Labyrinth*. This month we have *Codenames*, *Azul*, *Secret Identity*, *Death at the Masquerade* (prototype), and whatever games you bring to share. Free snacks! All ages & folx welcome! Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sat 2/17 **9-10 am Garden Conversations**, online
 Please join us the 3rd Saturday of every month to share questions, tips, and sometimes resources for the gardening season. Gardeners with all levels of experience are invited to join the conversation. Email rickmlent@gmail.com for the Zoom link

Fri 3/8 **FPC's Arts Committee is calling for creators!!**
 We encourage participants of ALL AGES to submit arts or crafts that utilize recycled/upcycled materials in some way.



This is your opportunity to be creative and wacky and have fun -

- ▶ What can you make from that old plank of wood?
- ▶ Or that jar of old keys or nails?

- ▶ Or that piece of fabric or old clothing that's been lying around forever?
 - ▶ Or that old canvas or that Clorox container?
- The sky's the limit and anything goes! No rules (except "family friendly"). See our ads in *This Week at FPC* for the link to submit!

ONLINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE:
Information for folks joining us online

1. Closed captioning is available for FPC's online services. If you don't see captions on your screen, you can use the button at the bottom of your screen to request that the host turn them on.
2. Today's Zoom Host: **Kim Kinnear**
3. Hymn lyrics will be in a slide presentation today.



Sharing Our Gifts

If you are mailing a pledge or a donation, here is the information:

Pledges:

Attn: Pledge Secretary
PO Box 215
Stow, MA 01775

Donations:

Attn: Treasurer
353 Great Rd
Stow, MA 01775

