September 18, 2022 10:00 AM

Gathering

Prelude Prelude in D Major Sanghee Kim, organ

J.K. Fischer

Land Acknowledgement & Welcome & Announcements

Ilene Rudman, Memorial Garden Committee

Greet Your Neighbor

"We Are" Introit FPC Adult Choir

Ysaye M. Barnwell

Opening Words The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L.

Landrum

Chalice Lighting

Hymn #360 Here We Have Gathered

* 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

Message for All Ages "The Circles All Around Us"

by Brad Montague Marissa Evans. Acting Director of Religious Education Going Forth with the Light

Joys and Sorrows

Prayer or Meditation

Hymn (see insert) Where You Go (I Will Go) Shoshana Jedwab

Exploring

Reading From *The Body Is not an Apology:*

The Power of Radical Self-Love

Sonya Renee Taylor

Plate Sharing Introduction

Mary Siegel

Board President, Open Table

Sharing Our Gifts

This month we share our weekly offering with Open Table. See insert for donation options.

Anthem Homeward Bound FPC Adult Choir

Belonging Part 1: Sermon

Love Draws a Circle

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

Returning

* Hymn #1010 We Give Thanks

* Benediction

* Closing Song

Peace be with you 'til we meet again! As life lays its task before you, keep love's banner floating o'er you. Peace be with you 'till we meet again.

^{*} Please rise in body or in spirit.

Postlude

Andante in EbMajor op.30 no.1

Sanghee Kim,

piano

from Songs without Words
F. Mendelssohn

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Thank you to:
Zoom Host: Jenni Edgerton
Tech Helper: Brendon Chetwynd
Ushers: Lisa Rydin, Peter Fiske
Coffee Hour Hosts;
and to our participants, staff, and leadership

Our flowers today are given by Marcia Allison, remembering Norma L'Ecuyer with love. September 21 would have been Mom's 89th birthday.

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FIRST PARISH CHURCH OF STOW & ACTON

Unitarian Universalist



Sunday, September 18, 2022

The Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum, Minister
Marissa Evans, Acting Director of Religious Education
Deedee Perkins, Parish Administrator
Brad Dumont, Music Director
Sanghee Kim, Organist/Pianist
Mike Silkonis, Sexton
Janet Beatrice, External Publicity
Ben Child, Tech Assistant
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.

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ON LINE SUPPLEMENT PAGE

This page contains information specifically for folks joining us on line!

Today's Online Helpers

Zoom Host: Jenni Edgerton

Tech Helper: Brendon Chetwynd

Hymn Lyrics

Hymn #360 Here We Have Gathered

- 1. Here we have gathered, gathered side by side; circle of kinship, come and step inside!

 May all who seek here find a kindly word; may all who speak here feel they have been heard. Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.
- 2. Here we have gathered, called to celebrate days of our lifetime, matters small and great: we of all ages, women, children, men, infants and sages, sharing what we can. Sing now together this, our hearts' own song.
- 3. Life has its battles, sorrows, and regret: but in the shadows, let us not forget: we who now gather know each other's pain; kindness can heal us: as we give, we gain. Sing now in friendship this, our hearts' own song.

Hymn

Where You Go (I Will Go)
Shoshana Jedwab

Where you go I will go Beloved where you go I will go and where you lie I will lie Beloved where you lie I will lie where you go I will go Beloved where you go I will go and where you lie I will lie Beloved where you lie I will lie your people are my people your people are mine your people are my people your divine my divine your people are my people your people are mine your people are my people your divine my divine

Where you go I will go Refugee/Mother Earth/Children/Ancestors...
Where you lie I will lie Refugee/Mother Earth/Children/Ancestors...

See Sheet Music at

http://www.shoshanajedwab.com/s/whereyougosheetmusicshoshanajedwab.pdf

* Hymn #1010 We Give Thanks

- 1. Oh, we give thanks for this precious day, For all gather'd here, and those far away; For this time we share with love and care, Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.
- 2. Oh, we give thanks for this precious day, For all gather'd here, and those far away; For this food we share with love and care, Oh, we give thanks for this precious day.

Sharing Our Gifts

Donate online at https://fpc-stow-acton.org/donate or by text to (978) 310-3309

or mail checks made to "First Parish Church" to: Pledges: attn: Pledge Secretary, PO Box 215, Stow MA 01775

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

PLATE SHARE FOR SEPTEMBER



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

COFFEE and CHAT Tuesday mornings from 10AM-11AM



Meet at the Town Park adjacent to FPC.

Everyone welcome. Bring your own coffee!

Thank you!

~Ann Sadler



THE FPC JAZZ BAND PLAYS AT FPC AND OTHR VENUES

Sunday September 25, 2:30-4:30pm at New Horizons 400 Hemenway St, in Marlborough

Add this new date to your calendars and bring a friend

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

Service 10am-11am Sanctuary & On Line

Coffee Hour 11am Fellowship Hall

This week in our Religious Education Program:

Join us at 10am in the sanctuary, then children & youth will proceed downstairs to their classes:

PreK-1st grade: your teacher this trimester is Trish Kwartler. This week we're talking about our theme of Belonging, the story of Stellaluna, and playing parachute games.

2nd-5th grade: your teachers this trimester are Shanna Weston and Chip Beauvais. This week we learn the story of the Rev Ethelred Brown, the first Black Unitarian Universalist minister. We talk about how UUs have failed to be inclusive in the past, and how we can learn from this history of racism to do better moving forward.

6th-8th grade: your teachers this trimester are Mary Evans, Steve Evans, and Roza Anthony. This year we are doing Crossing Paths, a study of world religions.

9-12th grade: this week youth are welcome to stay in the service or help out in an RE class downstairs. Join us after the service at 11:30am in the Community Room for a brief Coming of Age info session, followed by outdoor sandwiches and snacks.

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19-24

Tuesday Coffee & Chat at the Gazebo 10am-11am

Pie Crust 5:00pm Hall Kitchen SGM 6:45pm Youth Room TRUSTEE MEETING 7:00PM

Wednesday Collect Apples Wed & Thur

SGM 9:15AM Community Room SGM 6:45pm Community Room Ukulele Meetup 7:00pm Zoom Meditation 7:25 pm zoom & Hall

Thursday Collect Apples

Apple Peel with SGM Group 10am Vestry

Peace Vigil 5:00pm front of church

Peel Apples 5:00pm Vestry

Choir Rehearsal 7:15pm Sanctuary

Friday Bake Pies 6:30am Bag, Store(Hall K, Hall)

Club UU 6:30pm Lower Hall

Saturday Sell Pies 10:45am-1:00pm am Pie Shed

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

"Belonging, Part 2: Draw the Circle Wider Still"

Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Landrum

10:00 am in the Sanctuary and Online

For part two of our sermon series on belonging, we'll explore what it means to draw our circle wider still – how do we open up the of "belonging" to include the stranger?

Join Worship by Video: https://tinyurl.com/22-23fpc

Meeting ID: 999 7077 0266

Passcode: 01775

Join by phone: (929)205-6099 (long distance rates will apply)

Green Marketplace: An Ongoing FPC Fundraiser Q and A

What is Green Marketplace (GM)? Green Marketplace is a forum for selling donated items to raise money for FPC. FPC members donate new or gently used items to GM and the FPC GM team lists the items on FPC Announce and on platforms such as Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, and eBay. All proceeds go to FPC.

What types of items can be donated? All items should be very good condition, workable, and something you would buy. We only accept items that we think will sell for at least \$10. We have sold a wide range of items including pottery, shoes, furniture, tools, a ship's clock, a hanging lamp, bikes, unique children's toys like wooden blocks and train sets, an oriental rug, a pellet stove, artists' supplies, a set of fine china, and much more. Clothing generally does not sell unless it is a very unusual item.

How do I donate an item? Contact the GM Team at greenmarketplace@fpc.groups.io. Send us a description of your item, pictures (including any condition issues), and measurements. We will let you know if we think it will sell, and reserve the right to decline items based on our experience. The team will price items based on input from the donor, our experience, and on what similar items have sold for.

What happens if my item doesn't sell? If you still have possession of your item (we can't store things like furniture), we will let you know that we have been unable to sell it so you can dispose of it as you see fit. If we have collected your item, we will donate it if it does not sell.

How can I find out what is currently available through GM? We periodically post available items on FPC Announce. Many of the items are offered to FPC members and friends at a somewhat reduced rate than what is offered to the general public.

Green Marketplace is a great way to bring in funds from outside FPC to help finance our programs, building, and operations. Do you have anything to donate? Let us know! And keep us in mind next time you tackle cleaning out your cellar, attic, or garage!

~Sue Moses

Fall 2022 Apple Pie Project



The First Parish Church of Stow and Acton Apple Pie Project is a GO for fall 2022! 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, where experienced leaders will coach/supervise vaccinated volunteers in the process. Volunteers will be asked to wear masks while in the building. Days/times TDB, usually M-W.

Apple collecting: We will continue as we have the past few years, with apples being collected on Tues. and Wed. from Shelburne Farm and delivered to FPC by 4 pm Wed..

Apple peeling/prep: We will continue to have volunteers collect apples at church to be washed, peeled, and sliced.

- Apples can be picked up by individuals from the church on Wed. afternoons between the hours of 4-7 pm. The apples will be in bins along the first two bays of the carriage shed.
- 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.
- If folks want to gather in the vestry to do apple prep on Thursdays, it is reserved from 5:00PM-9:00pm. Current church masking protocols will apply and folks will be asked to make sure the space is clean and returned to its normal configuration before leaving at the end of the night.
- 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.)

Baking: Our Friday morning baking routine will be similar to last year. All volunteers will be asked to wear masks in the building.

- Given that covid rates are holding steady, we will continue with our social distancing in the kitchen, generally allowing 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.
- Filling the dough will take place in the Hall with individuals social distancing.

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

Selling, Quantities, and Price: We may be returning to selling out of the pie shed this year. Sellers will be asked to wear a mask. How many pies we will be able to make depends on how many folks are willing to volunteer! We will plan to make about 80 pies per week but will adjust as needed. We plan to sell pies at \$18, in keeping with the price at local farm stands.

When to start/what to offer

- Our current plan is to begin the project the week of Sept. 12nd, with the first sales being on Sat., Sept. 17th
- The project will run the usual 4 weeks, ending the weekend of Columbus Day/Indigenous People's Day (our last sales weekend will be October 8-9th.)
- We will not be offering baked goods each week, as the baked goods table folks plan to host their own event on a specific day.
- Saturday Pie Sales 9:45am-l:00pm
- Sunday Pie Sales 10:45am-1:00pm



Sign ups: Signing up in advance for roles in the pie project is important and appreciated.

The sign up form is up and ready to be filled! Here is the link: https://tinyurl.com/fpc22pies

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