



## Pilgrim's Progress May 2, 2017 – Vol. 58 No. 5



**Off to Emmaus**  
**April 30, 2017**  
**Rev. Lauren Lorincz**

Our Gospel story this morning is about a journey. On the surface it's a short journey—it's only seven miles from Jerusalem to Emmaus. But if we go a little deeper and pay closer attention, it ends up that this journey is a long road trip. Because it's a faith journey that Jesus takes beside two grieving disciples, though they don't even recognize it's him until they break bread together. These disciples believed that Jesus was the Messiah, a prophet mighty in word and deed. Jesus was going to be the one to redeem Israel. Except he got handed over to the Romans, condemned to death, and crucified. Now the women in their group are talking about empty tombs and visions of angels, so clearly they've lost their minds! Cleopas and the other disciple hit the road, trying to make sense of what's happened or to escape the heartbreak as they walk with heavy hearts feeling defeated.

To continue reading the sermon, please click [HERE](#).

UCC Stillspeaking Daily Devotional

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH**  
OF CHRIST



Laughable  
May 1, 2017

When I work with the children and youth of my church, I'm always aware of the power I hold to shape their futures. I try to remember that an off-hand comment might squelch a kid's dream.

Continue reading [HERE](#)

### **PILGRIM JOYS AND CONCERNS**

- Prayers for Pilgrim Church as we undergo transitions and ask that God lead us in a positive direction.
- Continued prayers for Eleanor Smith as she continues to heal and adjust to life in her new home.
- Prayers for Martha Kimball as she has returned to Vermont and adjusts to a new environment.



### **PILGRIM CHURCH 2017 BOOK SALE** **Help Needed with the Book Sale**

If you were wondering how you can help with the Book Sale once you have donated your books, these are the ways you can help:

- Make signs and post them around town or your neighborhood. You would also need to take them down after the sale is over. We will provide you with 8x11 sheets with the message printed on them. You would need to secure them on to something stiff like cardboard before you post them.
- Tell any organization to which you belong to know about the book sale. Ask them to contact the membership to publicize the Book Sale on their website or through email. (Emily Collins is writing up a message which you might be able to use for publicity.) Contact me for more information.
- On Saturday, May 6 (9 am to 4 pm) sell books and monitor the sale for about 4 hours. But even more importantly you would be Pilgrim's host welcoming the customers to our building.
- Move books or recruit someone who is strong to move books from the basement to Pilgrim Hall on Thursday, May 4 (time to be determined at your convenience).
- Organize books etc. on the tables on Friday, May 5 (9 am to whenever).
- Sort and pack up the books on Wednesday, May 9 (time to be determined)

Just please let me know what you are able to do. Email me at [sandra.gardiner.02420@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.gardiner.02420@gmail.com). Any help is gratefully received!

Sandy Gardiner

## SPECIAL MISSION AND CHILDREN'S CHURCH WORSHIP SERVICE ON MAY 7

The Ed Min and Mission Committees have prepared a very special, intergenerational worship service on May 7. Our children and youth will participate in delivering the service and as a community we will work collectively on a project to support a local group in need. Additionally, violinist Samuel Boehm and pianist Jim Munkres will perform a rousing duet! This is an excellent time for Pilgrims of all ages to get to know each other. This is not a service to be missed. See you in church on May 7!

Oh, and don't forget to bring your toiletry items for our mission project! Thank you!

Lisa Boehm and the Ed Min Team

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## LEXINGTON COMMUNITY COALITION YOUTH INITIATIVE

Many people in Lexington are talking about the April 9th article in the [New York Times, "It Takes a Suburb,"](#) about Lexington and the efforts to combat youth stress, anxiety, depression and suicide. Join the Lexington Community Coalition – Youth Initiative for a discussion about this article and what we can do to address these critical issues. While the article focuses on high school, these issues affect children of all ages so we urge all concerned parents and community members to attend. Come whether you have joined in previous community conversations on this topic or are just starting to grapple with the concerns addressed in the article.

We have two dates remaining for discussion to provide opportunities for everyone to participate. Conversations will be facilitated by Coalition volunteers and the format and topics will be the same for each group, so chose the one that best fits your schedule.

Tuesday, May 2, 7-9pm at the Lexington High School Library  
Thursday, May 11, 9-11am at the Community Center, Room 237

We look forward to seeing you at one of the discussions. As the article title suggests – only by working together can we tackle the problems of stress, depression and suicide.

Please join us,  
Lexington Community Coalition Steering Committee  
[lexcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:lexcoalition@gmail.com)

Click [HERE](#) to access Pilgrim Church's Calendar.





The 21st annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace, instituted by the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute of Boston, will take place on **Sunday, May 14** in Boston.

The Mother's Day Walk for Peace is a celebration of the potential to create more peaceful communities. Every year families from across the state and region walk together toward peace because in unity, there is healing! Come on Mother's Day to demand dignity and compassion for all families impacted by murder.

The Mother's Day Walk is also the Peace Institute's most important fundraising event. They're looking to invest in community-based solutions to a complex problem. In 2017, the goal is to raise \$400,000 for critical programs and services. Find out how to get involved at [www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org](http://www.mothersdaywalk4peace.org)..

Submitted by David Nuss ([ddn1492@yahoo.com](mailto:ddn1492@yahoo.com))

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### **“OPEN HOUSE,” Representative Jay Kaufman's Public Policy Forum**

The 22nd season of “OPEN HOUSE,” Representative Jay Kaufman's public policy forum, concludes with a 4-part series entitled “Democracy Demands Engagement.” The four sessions will be on **May 4, 18, and 25, and June 15 from 7-9 PM at Temple Isaiah, 55 Lincoln Street in Lexington.** The series is co-sponsored by the Lexington Interfaith Clergy Association.

The 2016 campaign sent shockwaves through the nation and world. Since Election Day, many of us asked “What now?” These forums will bring us together to ask this question, to think and learn together, and to explore steps to re-energize democracy and ourselves.

The May 4 session, “Challenging Times/Building Community,” will invite us to identify what moves/concerns us and how to unite around these concerns. The second session on May 18, “Identifying and Overcoming Divisions,” will allow us to look behind today's challenges to identify the systemic roots of our divisions and those who exploit them for political gain. On May 25, we will reflect on what it means to take “Values-Based/Moral Action.” In the final session on June 15, we will look ahead to “What Now? Stand Up, Stand Tall, Stand Together.”

Mark your calendars as we explore this challenging territory. RSVP by emailing [Jacob.blanton@mahouse.gov](mailto:Jacob.blanton@mahouse.gov).





## DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LEXINGTON'S INTERFAITH GARDEN?

All welcome to join us. We grow fresh produce that is donated to the Lexington Food Pantry. The Garden is supported by local faith communities including Protestant, Jewish, Catholic, and Islamic congregations, along with many community friends.

Over 10,000 pounds of fresh produce has been delivered to the Lexington Food Pantry.

No experience needed!

Come work with us. Bring your kids or a friend. (LHS community service hours available.)

Where: At private garden across from the Lexington Green

When: Tuesday afternoons and Saturday mornings April thru October

For more info or to sign up, go to our website [www.interfaithgarden.org](http://www.interfaithgarden.org).

### **A Broadway Cabaret Sunday, May 7, 2017, at 3:30 PM First Parish in Lexington 7 Harrington Rd.**

First Parish in Lexington will present a Broadway Cabaret on **Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 3:30 PM**. The concert will feature the First Parish sanctuary and children's choirs and soloists, guest singers, and a pit band (piano, drums, electric guitar, electric bass, trumpets, horns, flute, saxophone and clarinet) performing solo and choral music from Broadway including selections from *Rent*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, *Annie*, *West Side Story* and *Show Boat*. Suggested donation: \$20/adults; \$10/students and seniors (more if you can and less if you can't - all are welcome!). For more information call the church at [781-862-8200](tel:781-862-8200) or visit [www.fplex.org](http://www.fplex.org).

**FIRST PARISH IN LEXINGTON PRESENTS**



**A BROADWAY CABARET**

**SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017, AT 3:30PM**

**SUGGESTED DONATION**  
\$20/ADULTS - \$10/STUDENTS AND SENIORS  
(MORE IF YOU CAN, LESS IF YOU CAN'T - ALL ARE WELCOME)

**FEATURING MUSIC FROM**  
*RENT, JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR, ANNIE,  
WEST SIDE STORY, AND SHOW BOAT*

WITH THE FIRST PARISH SANCTUARY AND CHILDREN'S CHOIRS,  
GUEST SINGERS, AND A PIT BAND  
(PIANO, DRUMS, ELECTRIC GUITAR, ELECTRIC BASS,  
TRUMPETS, HORNS, FLUTE, SAXOPHONE, AND CLARINET)

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## Spring Fest - Holi Festival of Colors!

**Date: May 13, 2017**

**Venue: Hastings Park, Lexington, MA**

**Time: 12 pm - 3 pm**

Inviting entire Lexington community & beyond. Multinational - Veg. Fest - Colors - Live Music - Henna - Yoga - Fun!!! \$5 online registration (\$8 at gate) - Includes one packet of colors. <https://www.facebook.com/FestivalofColorsMA>

Throw Your Worries to the Wind! Bringing together the various cultures of the world to celebrate time of abundance!

Organized by the Bhakti Center in association with Indian Americans of Lexington and SEWA, Int'l. Kindly supported by the Lexington Catholic Community, Christ Revolution Church, First Baptist Church, First Parish Church, Islamic Center of Boston, Pakastani Association, and Sri Lankan Association.



Please Save These Dates for the Concord Area CROP Walk:

CROP Walk 2017 Kickoff Meeting

**Monday, September 11, 2017 7 p.m.**

First Parish in Concord

2017 Concord CROP Walk

**Sunday, October 22, 2017 1:30 p.m.**

First Parish in Concord

More info will follow as it becomes available.

### MARTHA KIMBALL'S NEW CONTACT INFO

Please note that Martha Kimball is back in Vermont and will be staying temporarily at this new address:

Martha Kimball  
465 Quarry Hill Road #313  
So. Burlington, VT 05403

phone: 802-495-0693  
cell: 617-797-0992

### ELEANOR SMITH

Please note that Eleanor Smith is still recuperating at Meadow Green Rehabilitation & Nursing, 45 Woburn St., Waltham. 781-899-8600







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Sunday Worship and Church School - 10:30am  
Choir Rehearsals: Thursdays at 7:30pm

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