



Join Us at the Auction — March 23!

Join us for the First Parish party of the year on Saturday, March 23 at 6:30 p.m. You can count on delectable Mediterranean-inspired cuisine, engaging entertainment, and a wide array of auction items. Our theme is Mediterranean Magic, so you will be serenaded by our musical guests, transporting you to your favorite Greek island. Childcare will be provided!



The online-only component of the auction opens on

March 1 at 2 p.m. Bidding closes on March 21 at 7 p.m. Featured items include restaurant gift certificates, fabulous lunches and dinners hosted by your fellow parishioners, a chili dinner delivered to your home, Huntington Theater tickets, knitting shop gift certificates, a guided hike, gift baskets, Handel and Haydn Society tickets, stays at vacation homes, a gardening consultation and installation, a car detailing, and many other items.

The in-person event on March 23 will feature both a silent and live auction. (Silent and live items will be previewed on the website, but will not be open for bidding.) Silent auction items include gift baskets, artwork donated by our talented parishioners, handcrafted wooden items, jewelry, a custom-decorated jeans jacket, and other items that

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Searching for Search Committee Members

Who would you like to see on the Search Committee for our next settled minister? Or maybe you'd be interested yourself?



Please let us know by taking the short but [very important survey](#) described in a recent eblast. The link to the survey itself is near the bottom of the message.

Stewardship Season: A Time to Celebrate Our Gifts

Merriam-Webster defines stewardship as “the careful and responsible management of something entrusted to one's care.” Part of that stewardship role is to share our time and talents to care for, conserve, and improve the programs that enrich our congregational life and the land and buildings that we occupy. The third part of sharing is to pledge our financial support to preserve what we have today and grow it into our vision of what First Parish in Wayland can become tomorrow.



Our Stewardship theme this year is *Centering Our Gifts*, which refers to the multiple ways we contribute our time, talent and treasure to First Parish — and the many gifts we receive in return from our congregational involvement. There will be multiple opportunities during Stewardship Season to deepen our feeling of community and commitment to our shared congregational future.

February 23 – March 2: During these two weekends, 74 of us will gather in each other's homes for Stewardship brunches or suppers where we'll experience good food and delightful companionship!

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Welcome to First Parish

We are a Unitarian Universalist congregation that affirms human dignity, community action, freedom of religious thought, and the power of love. We welcome everyone!

Our Mission

To Build Community

by forging caring connections and supporting one another through the joys, sorrows, and mysteries of life.

To Search for Meaning

by creating opportunities for all ages to explore values and principles that orient and guide us through life.

To Deepen Our Spirituality

by gathering to share words and music, by nurturing private moments of reflection, and by cultivating reverence.

To Make a Better World

by engaging in compassionate service and promoting social justice.

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How to Connect With First Parish

Attend Sunday services and other events: Come in person, or when available, attend via Zoom. Zoom links to Sunday services and some other events are in the weekly eblast.

Sign up for news: [Visit our website](#) to see what's new and sign up for our newsletter and eblast.

Find us on social media: We have a public Facebook page and a private Facebook group. Contact the office to join. We are also on Instagram.

Join our email listserv: Our congregation is a friendly and useful resource for recommendations ranging from plumbers to travel, and other non-church-related topics. Contact the office or Chauncey Wilson, listserv moderator, to sign up.

A Month of Sundays
The morning worship service begins at 10 a.m.

March 3
Love Calls Us
Rev. Deborah Bennett

March 10
Pursuing Liberation: UUSC and Global Solidarity
Laura Randal, UUSC

March 17
Celebrating Our Gifts
Rev. Deborah Bennett

March 24
Interrupted by Grace
Rev. Deborah Bennett

March 31
Easter Sunday
Love Reborn: Falling in Love With the World
Rev. Deborah Bennett

March's Lay Minister

March's Lay Minister is Debbie Levens. Contact Debbie if you need a ride, a meal, a friendly, confidential visit, or a chat. We don't publish parishioner contact information in the Unitarian. Contact [the office](#) if you'd like to reach the Lay Minister or need the password to the Parish Directory. The link to the Directory is available on our website [members' page](#).

March Theme:

*The Gift of
Liberating Love*

**Our Offering Gifts:
UU Service Committee**

On March 10 and 31, half the Sunday collection will be donated to the [Unitarian Universalist Service Committee](#), a nonprofit, nonsectarian organization advancing human rights together with an international community of grassroots partners and advocates.

UUSC's mission is to advance human rights and social justice around the world, partnering with those who confront unjust power structures and mobilizing to challenge oppressive policies.

What If It Snows?



photo by Judy Canty

If snow or icy conditions force us to cancel Sunday service or other events, find out here:

- > Our website, www.uuwayland.org
- > In a special eblast
- > In the UUSocial email group
- > In our private Facebook group

Stay warm and safe this winter!



Winter in New England is interesting. I find my opinions about it change as quickly as the temperatures rise and fall and fall and rise. Ask me how I like winter on a 30-degree sunny day and I will rave about how much I love the crisp air and

how invigorating it is to be outside. Ask me after a week of below freezing overcast days and, well, “love” will not be the word on my lips! My love, in this context, is, indeed, very conditional.

But maybe I really don't know love at all. (Cue Joni Mitchell!) After all, what does it mean to love something or someone or an experience or an idea? What is love?

The ancient Greeks had eight words for Love:

- Eros (romantic, passionate love)
- Philia (affectionate love)
- Agape (selfless, universal love)
- Storge (familiar love)
- Mania (obsessive love)
- Ludus (playful love)
- Pragma (enduring love)
- Philautia (self love)

That feels like a lot, and yet, maybe there is still another kind of love to explore.

The term “liberating love” is being used in Unitarian Universalism to define a kind of love that is a love in action working for the freedom of all.

The late, great Dr. Maya Angelou often spoke about love and its liberating power. She once said, “I am grateful to have been loved and to be loved now and to be able to love, because that liberates. Love liberates. It doesn't just hold — that's ego. Love liberates. It doesn't bind.” She speaks about the power of love to liberate the human spirit and how unconditional love frees a person to be able to make their highest and best contribution to the world. Angelou speaks about

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Letting Love Call Us to Action

love that is at once personal and public, individually meaningful and essential to our collective lives.

“Love liberates. It doesn't bind,” she says.

This is the idea behind the suggested word changes to the UUA's by-laws that define the values held by UUs. The section reads, in part: “Love is the power that holds us together and is at the center of our shared values. We are accountable to one another for doing the work of living our shared values through the spiritual discipline of Love.”

What is it to be part of a religion that asks us to let love guide us and call us into action? That's our exploration this month and I hope you join us weekly for the exploration!

In Light and with Love,

Rev. Deborah

Is This a



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That's the first question to ask yourself if you get an email or a phone or text message from Rev. Deborah — or anyone, for that matter — asking for money or gift cards. First Parish staff will never ask for help in this way. Please be careful, and if you have any doubts or questions about a message from First Parish or its staff, don't hesitate to contact the office at 508-358-6133 or office@uwayland.org.

Do All Religions Lead to the Same God? *A Five-Week, In-Person Discussion Series* Sundays, 11:45 a.m., April 7, 14, 21, 28 and May 5

First Parish member and long-time religious educator Ginny Steel will lead a series of discussions based on the book *God is Not One: The Eight Rival Religions that Run the World and Why Their Differences Matter*, by Stephen Prothero, a renowned scholar and Professor of Religion at Boston University.



Patrick Fore, Unsplash

The U.S. is the most religiously diverse country in the world and religion is arguably the single greatest influence in the world. Prothero's book argues that "persistent attempts to portray all religions as different paths to the same God overlook the distinct problem that each tradition seeks to solve." The book is described as "an indispensable guide to the questions human beings have asked for millennia — and to the disparate paths we are taking to answer them today."

We will meet and discuss one or two chapters of this provocative book each week. The book is \$9.99 on Amazon and is also available through the Minuteman Library Network.

If you are interested in this class, please contact [Kate Holland](mailto:kate.holland@uuwayland.org)



Adult Our Whole Lives (OWL) Thursdays, April 4, 11, 25, and May 2 7:30 to 9 p.m., Stokey Library

WHAT? DON'T I KNOW ALL OF THIS STUFF? Our bodies change as we age and so do our relationships. So, let's get together to talk about...

Sexuality and Values; Attitudes about Aging; Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity; Intimacy; Sexual Consent and Boundaries; Family Matters; Reframing Sexuality, Body Image.

If you would like to attend, please contact [Kate Holland](mailto:kate.holland@uuwayland.org)

Easter Egg Hunt Sunday, March 31 11:15 a.m.

Kids! Join us after the service on the playground to hunt for Easter Eggs — bring a container for your finds!



Minister's Lunch Thursday, March 14, 11:30 a.m.

Gather for soup, salad, and good company and conversation in the Sunroom.



RSVPs to ministerslunch@uuwayland.org are appreciated but not required. Join us!

Stewardship Celebration Brunch Sunday, March 17, 11:15 a.m.

Celebrate First Parish and the wonderful community that supports and sustains it. Join us for a tasty brunch after the service. Hope to see you there!



March feels like the busiest month of the year at First Parish, with activities around stewardship, auction, interim work, and the beginning of the ministerial search process for our next settled minister.

Ministerial Search Committee

At our February meeting, the Parish Committee approved a letter and survey explaining the role of the Search Committee and asking all parishioners for recommendations of up to five people they trust to serve on the committee. Everyone should have received the [“Will You Help Create a Ministerial Search Committee?”](#) eblast in mid-February and we ask that you please respond to the survey by March 1 so that the Parish Committee can start to contact “nominees.” A slate of willing and able candidates will be brought to the Annual Meeting in May for the congregation’s vote.

Please respond to the Ministerial Search Committee [survey](#) so that the Parish Committee can start to contact “nominees.”

Interim Work

Rev. Deborah reported that the Social Action Council is in exploratory conversation about new ways to engage with social justice issues, including more collaboration among the established programs and more outreach to the larger congregation. We discussed the need to explore types of programs that would provide more relevant support to families with young children. Rev. Deborah offered the possibility of having a congregation-wide conversation on family ministry as part of the interim work. And we reviewed the six-month Interim Progress Appraisals from the Parish Committee and Minister for submittal to the UUA Transitions office. Everyone agreed that it’s been a solid interim period!

Stewardship and Auction

The Parish Committee was delighted to hear about the plans to offer stewardship suppers and brunches again (formerly canvass dinners), as well as the March 17 Stewardship Sunday church-wide ritual, celebration, and brunch. The energy around stewardship is palpable, thanks to Laurel and Larry.

2023–2024 Parish Committee: Lea Anderson (Chair), Chris Cullen (Treasurer), Larry Green, Jim Grumbach, Barbara Heffner, Nan Jahnke (Clerk), Nathalie Thompson (Vice Chair), Laurel Whitehouse, Jada Williams, Jay Woodruff

The Parish Committee looks forward to the Mediterranean Magic auction on March 23. The auction catalog goes online around March 1. And good news, speaking of family ministry: childcare will be provided! Thanks to the auction team: Barb Heffner, Jan Miner, Deb Stubeda, and Lynn Trimby.

Tenant Relations

As we begin negotiations for a new contract, the Parish Committee discussed some short-term projects related to our tenant, Wayland Creative Preschool (WCPS). Long-term issues such as a multi-year lease are being discussed.

- First Parish and WCPS are working on a plan to share a new recycling bin in the parking lot. Both trash and recyclables will be picked up, so that volunteers (thank you Suzanne and Jim Tiberii and Phil Giudice), who have taken First Parish recyclables to the transfer station for years, can retire.
- Dates for addressing the flooring on the upstairs of the Parish House and painting the exterior south and east walls are being firmed up. Work will take place this summer along with window replacement on the south side.

Our Meetinghouse has been humming with Arts Wayland jazz and classical concerts on some Sunday afternoons. Opening up to the Wayland community was identified through the visioning work and is thriving.

Summer services will be ably organized once again this coming summer by Nathalie Thompson and Ted Barnes. The Parish Committee was asked to think of service topics and help recruit presenters. Please let us know if you have ideas.

Lea Anderson for the Parish Committee

Summer is Just Around the Corner (One Can Hope!)

We love the summer tradition at First Parish of offering less formal services, led mainly by parishioners, on a wide variety of fascinating topics. The services are held in the Vestry, with online access via Zoom.

Now that we are in a time of ministerial transition, perhaps exploring a variety of worship topics and formats is even more intriguing. We have had excellent presenters over the years, and we welcome people to return to lead another service, just as we always welcome new voices and ideas.



If you have even just a seed of an idea for a summer service, please get in touch and perhaps we can help you flesh it out or put you in touch with others who can.

Ted Barnes and Nathalie Thompson

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March 3 officially kicks off Stewardship Season with a message during the worship service, followed by an information session during social hour to explain both the pledging process and the components of the annual budget. Pledge packets will be available that Sunday for those attending the information session in person, or will be mailed that week.

On **March 17** we will begin by gathering and blessing our pledge forms, followed by a Celebration Brunch in honor of our ongoing commitment to sustain our congregation and preserve our campus.

Our strong congregational commitment to good stewardship is a reason to celebrate, and we hope you will join us over the coming weeks for a season full of fellowship, community, celebration – and a few surprises!

Your Stewardship team,

Larry Green and Laurel Whitehouse

Parking on Sundays



We are happily tight on parking spaces for Sunday services. If you are able, please consider parking at the Wayland Town Building with entrances on Pelham Island Road and Route 27 near the intersection, or on Winthrop Road — a block east of the church on Route 20 or south on Route 27.

Please do not park on the church lawns. During these wet, cold months, parking on the grass compacts the earth and kills the grass. Enjoy a short walk! Thank you.

Sunday Flowers

Thank you to all who have recently signed up to bring blooms to our Sanctuary each Sunday.



There are still two Sundays in May that are open for sign-up: May 12 and 26.

We enjoy making sure there are flowers every week. We appreciate others providing flowers, too.

We look forward to seeing our Sanctuary bloom. Thank you, everyone.

*Suzanne Woodruff
Rita Anderson*

OWL for Adults: Let's Talk About...That Stuff



So, can I talk about how much I enjoy working on and helping to facilitate our new “Let’s Talk About” series? So far, we have held two of these group conversations about political correctness and about the Israel-Palestine conflict, and I have learned so much.

Working with Rev. Deborah to set the questions for the series and diving deep into the topics beforehand has been fascinating. When we hold the conversations each time, I am amazed at how thoughtful folks are, how much respect everyone has for each other, and by the deep listening that is given to everyone in the room. I am looking forward to the rest of the series this year.



On the topic of talking about things more deeply, I am excited that in April we will offer another chance for folks to talk by offering an OWL class for adults.

I can hear some of you saying, “But we know about all of that stuff!” But do we? Our bodies change with age, and so do the kinds of relationships that we have in our lives. Let’s take some time to talk about Sexuality and Values, Attitudes About Aging, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, Intimacy, Sexual Consent and Boundaries, Family Matters, Reframing Sexuality, and Body Image.

As a congregation, we have been very deeply committed to the OWL program. The honest, fact-based information that we offer in our OWL classes gives the children knowledge to help guide their lives and hopefully helps them to make healthier values-based decisions. I think that we all deserve that. Besides, the ideas and information I had at age ten aren’t quite the same as it is now that I am 60, and I still have questions about all of that stuff!

Let’s all come together for another brave conversation. Classes will be on April 4, 11, 25, and May 2 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in Stokey Library.

If you are interested in joining our OWL for adults class, please [contact me](#).

Kate Holland
Director, Lifespan Education

SEEK Classes This Month

March 3

We explore the idea that liberating love is like a magnet that draws us to take action.

March 10

We explore the idea that liberating love can call you to take action to change things that are unjust.

March 17

We celebrate the 20-year anniversary of marriage equality.

March 24

We look at how liberating love can call us back to work on things that can be hard.

March 31: Easter Sunday

We talk about how love can help us to find hope even when things are hard.



Music Sunday, April 28: Vivaldi's *Gloria in D*

First Parish's Spring Music Sunday usually happens a week before Easter, but this Spring's major music performance — one of two we do annually — will take place during the last April Sunday service at 10 a.m. Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria in D* is a lively baroque masterpiece of choral singing and instrumental playing. Music Director Polly Oliver will conduct it.

What you will hear in this *Gloria* is very close to what audiences in the Baroque era would have heard in the early 1700s. The score we will be working from — published in 1967 — goes back to Vivaldi's original autograph score that restores Vivaldi's original notation, some of which had been altered or copied incorrectly in versions produced over the 250 years since its composition. The music features our choir, a pair of soprano and alto soloists from the choir, and a period-appropriate nine-piece chamber ensemble that includes three of First Parish's own instrumentalists.



One of the most prominent baroque composers of the early 1700's through to his 1741 passing, Vivaldi spent most of his working life teaching and composing in Venice, the city of his birth. Although he planned a career as a priest, and was ordained at age 25, he was also a gifted violinist and composer. His religious and musical interests were combined when he began his career as a teacher in Venice at the then very famous Ospedale della Pietà. Vivaldi composed the bulk of his sacred and secular works at this convent, orphanage, and music school. See more on his connection to this institution in the upcoming April Unitarian *Music Notes* article.

Vivaldi's deep interest in religion might offer a bit of context for *Gloria*. Musicologist Keith Daniels describes *Gloria* as "part concerto, part opera, but the effect is one of sacred music's most uplifting choral works." He points out that the piece is one of the Italian composer's "best known sacred works, with 12 relatively brief movements, ranging from festive brilliance to profound sadness."

Vivaldi's work is said to have influenced later composers including Joseph Haydn and W. A. Mozart. J. S. Bach also held the Venice composer in high esteem, transcribing many of Vivaldi's concerti for harpsichord and organ.

We'll see you Sunday, April 28, at the 10 a.m. service!

Jay Woodruff, for the Music Committee

In-Home Fellowship Dinners Saturday, April 27



We're looking for people to join in the fun at spring Fellowship Dinners to be held in host homes. Be part of one of the great First Parish traditions, meet new people and greet old friends.

Just fill out [this form](#). and we'll get back to you with details of your dinner reservation. Questions? Contact [Becky Leonard](#).

Let's Talk About.... What Gender Means to You Tues., March 19, 7 p.m. on Zoom or Thurs., March 21, 7 p.m. in Person



Please join us for the third in our "Let's Talk About..." series to explore gender. What is gender to you? How do you experience your own gender? How do you express your gender in the world? Why and how does gender matter?

This is a personal topic and our intention is to create a safe and inviting space for you to share your personal experience and opinions. This is a time to be heard and to listen deeply to others. This is not a class intended to teach about gender, but an opportunity to discuss "what gender means to you." Join us! Questions? Contact [Kate Holland](#).

Register [here](#) for March 19 on Zoom
Register [here](#) for March 21 in person

Can You Help Make Some Yummy Mediterranean Magic?

At our Mediterranean Magic party on Sat., March 23, we will celebrate the cuisine and customs of the region as we support our beloved First Parish.



Come experience the Greek food tradition of *meze* dining — small plates shared at the table with family and friends! We'll provide some special dishes, but we need your help, too.

Can you bring a Greek salad, roasted veggies, or some olives? Maybe you have a favorite Greek recipe or are willing to make one that we will provide. If you can help, please [email us](#) and together we'll figure out how you can add to the table!

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Thanks so much!

Susie Keyes
Lynne Lipcon

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must be seen to be fully appreciated. For the first time, artists from Arts Wayland are donating original pieces, including paintings and pottery.

The live auction will include stays at a Cape Cod vacation home, premium Red Sox tickets, a private sightseeing flight, and a sermon collaboration with Rev. Deborah.

The evening will feature a photo booth. As always, theme-inspired costumes are welcome. Our costume contest will award winners for Best Theme and Most Creative – always a high point of the auction.

We are always looking for more volunteers. If you are short on time, perhaps you could simply help with setup on Friday, March 22, or help us disassemble the auction on the evening of the event.

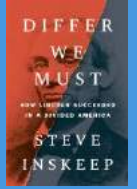
We promise you great food, good fun, spirited music, and many one-of-a-kind auction items. Don't miss it!

Lynn Trimby, Deb Stubeda, Barb Heffner and Jan Miner

Men's Book Club

Thursday, March 7,
8 p.m. on Zoom

Join us as we consider the political acumen of Abraham Lincoln in a divided country, with lessons for us all, as we discuss Steve Inskeep's *Differ We Must*.



All who identify as male are welcome. Questions? Contact Keith Sims.

First Parish Book Club

Tuesday, March 12, 7:30 p.m.
on Zoom

Join together on Zoom to discuss *Tiny Beautiful Things* by Cheryl Strayed. Questions? Contact [Kate Holland](#).



Mid-Day Meditation

Mondays, 12 p.m. on Zoom
Details in weekly eblast

Join together on Zoom for an hour to gather in community to meditate. All are welcome whether you meditate often or are new to the practice. Contact [Kate Holland](#) with questions.

Knit One, Laugh Two!

Most Wednesdays, 7 p.m.
on Zoom

Do you love to knit or want to learn? The knitters are always happy to see new faces. This small group meets on most Wednesdays — now online. Come knit yourself into a new community. Email or call Heather Ryan for log-in information.

March News from the UU Urban Ministry

It was wonderful to hear from Rev. Mary Margaret Earl, minister and executive director at the UU Urban Ministry, who recently preached from our pulpit. Hearing about ways the UUUM is partnering with the Roxbury community inspires us at First Parish to get involved.

Community Conversations: Fighting the Fight (with UU Mass Action) Tuesday, March 5, 6:00-7:00 p.m. The UU Urban Ministry presents another conversation in its series on housing as it partners with UU Mass Action and Homes for All Massachusetts to focus on how we put our knowledge of housing injustice into action to work for justice now. We are invited to join the conversation on [Zoom](#).

Special guests will be Rev. Jo Murphy, UUMA's executive director, Tali Smookler, UUMA's congregational organizing director, and Carolyn Chou, executive director of Homes for All Massachusetts. Together, they will discuss what we can do now—and together—to help confront the housing issues facing Black and Brown people in communities like Roxbury.



Carolyn Chou (top) and Rev. Jo Murphy

UU Mass Action (UUMA) is an organization with “a mission to organize and mobilize Unitarian Universalists in Massachusetts to confront oppression, build power with our coalition partners, and work with congregations to build capacity, engage in effective justice work, and develop leadership.”

Brunch with the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, Tuesday, March 26 at the Urban Ministry

We are invited to join Rev. Clementina Chery, LDBPI executive director, from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at First Church in Roxbury (10 Putnam St.) to discuss the upcoming 28th Annual Mother's Day Walk for Peace. We will discuss how to participate in the walk, forming a walk team, fundraising best practices, and the impact you make supporting the critical services provided by LDBPI. If a remote meeting works better for you, there will also be a Virtual Evening with LDBPI on March 28 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. on [Zoom](#).

To find out more about the UUUM, please visit uuum.org. Or contact your delegates,

Lea Anderson and Susan Crowley-Bechtel

Family Promise: A Special Request



This request comes from Kathy Rodman, Family Promise's Steps to Success Coordinator:

Accessing weekend adult educational programs can be a challenge for families with young children because they need someone to care for their children. Would you be willing to help one of our hard working moms take a class that is only offered on Saturdays? This class is so important to her long-term success! Her daughter is three and the volunteer opportunity will be at their home in Milford from 7:30 a.m. to noon on Saturdays beginning in February and running through March. You could commit to one weekend or multiple, and it would mean so much to this mom! Volunteers must be 18 and have completed the most recent volunteer orientation which is on our website [here](#). Please be sure to enter your birthdate information on Cervis prior to registering. Additionally, please note that a CORI form will be required. If you are interested in registering for one of the dates, you may do that [here on Cervis](#).

Spring 2024 Calendar

April 15-19 is the next week for our shelter signups for meals, groceries, gift cards shared with our partner congregation, First Parish in Framingham.

May 5 is the 2024 walkathon. More information will be coming about Wayland's participation.

Contact me if you're interested in helping out.

Lois Doerr

The Arts Wayland Berklee Faculty Jazz Series

Arts Wayland, in association with First Parish in Wayland, is thrilled to present

Vox One

Sunday, March 3, 2024 | 3:00 P.M.
 First Parish in Wayland | 225 Boston Post Road, Wayland
 \$15 | Online tickets: artswayland.com



Vox One, the internationally acclaimed jazz vocal quintet from Boston, is back on the scene. Combining elements of jazz, blues, funk and folk, the award-winning a cappella group reimagines the traditional landscape of jazz singing in a unique fashion. They'll perform selections from their five albums and new material reframed with the unique vocal percussion and electronic effect that brings an eclectic edge to their pure lyricism. Join Vox One at Arts Wayland Jazz Series (under Artistic Director Neil Olmstead) at First Parish Church, Wayland. Listen here to a track....

Buy your tickets today before they sell out: www.artswayland.com.



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WM&HS members receive \$10 discount!

Saturday, March 9, 4:00 p.m. at First Parish in Wayland and livestreamed at oldpostroad.org
 Order tickets [here](#) or 781-466-6694

Co-presented by the Wayland Museum & Historical Society



Question of the Month from the Office

What is a Pledge and How Do I Make One?



You should have received your pledge information in the mail or picked it up at First Parish (or you will soon!). What is a pledge to First Parish? A pledge is a promise to pay a certain amount to First Parish in Wayland over the next fiscal year (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025). Pledges help us put together a budget for programs, staff and general expenses for the upcoming church year. There are several ways you can make your pledge known to us.

> Mail in or drop your pledge card in the office. (If you didn't get one, you can pick one up in the office or at the back of the Sanctuary.)

> Print a pledge form from the website at www.uuwayland.org/pledge, fill it out, and mail it to First Parish or drop it in the office.

> Fill out a pledge form online at www.uuwayland.org/pledge and submit it directly from the website.

NOTE: A donation, which is greatly appreciated, is NOT the same as a pledge. Although, some people do decide to make a one-time payment to fulfill their pledge at the time they make their pledge. If you do choose to make a donation at this time, please indicate in the memo field of the payment where it is intended to be applied (i.e. '24-'25 Pledge). Otherwise, I have to guess!

Contact me (office@uuwayland.org, 508-358-6133) if you have any questions.

Karen Plaskon

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Parish Office Hours

M, T, W, F: 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
Th: 11 a.m. — 3 p.m.
In person W & F; 508-358-6133

Worship Service and SEEK (Spiritual and Ethical Exploration for Kids): **See Sunday Schedule, p. 3**

Our Ministers

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