



# FOLLEN NEWSLETTER

Follen Community Church Unitarian Universalist  
Lexington, Massachusetts



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## SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 2012

**10:00 AM: FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE,  
SANCTUARY**

**10:30 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY**

Dr. Charles Willie, guest preacher. Worship led  
by the Reverend Marie Tulin

Religious Education classes will meet  
Nursery care will be provided

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2012

**10:00 AM: FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE,  
SANCTUARY**

**10:30 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY**

### **"Belonging"**

Led by the Reverend Cricket Potter

Religious Education classes will meet  
Nursery care will be provided

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2012

**10:00 AM: FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE,  
SANCTUARY**

**10:30 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY**

Laura Graham, Ministerial Settlement  
Representative for the Unitarian Universalist  
Association, preaching

Religious Education classes will meet  
Nursery care will be provided

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2012

**10:30 AM: MULTIGENERATIONAL WORSHIP  
SERVICE, SANCTUARY**

### **"Still Brave and Bold"**

A celebration of the Partner Church relation-  
ship between Follen Church and the Unitarian  
congregation in the village of Alsófelsoszentmi-  
hály. *Rev Tricia Brennan and the Partner  
Church Committee*

Religious Education classes will not meet  
Nursery care will be provided

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

**10:00 AM: FAMILY WORSHIP SERVICE,  
SANCTUARY**

**10:30 AM: WORSHIP SERVICE, SANCTUARY**

### **"Claiming and Honoring our Past"**

Led by the Transition Team and Reverend  
Cricket Potter and Reverend Tricia Brennan,  
Interim Co-Ministers

Religious Education classes will meet  
Nursery care will be provided

## WITH GRATITUDE

Thanks to your generosity  
throughout this holiday season,  
\$8,500 was raised for the Minis-  
ters' Discretionary Fund.

Many thanks for your  
contributions!

# *In the Interim*

Reverend Tricia Brennan  
Reverend Cricket Potter

Happy New Year one and all!

Cricket and I thought to use this month's column to offer you an update on our co-ministry. For fun, I'll write this as a response to frequently asked questions:

## **1. So how's it going?**

We feel it is going very well. We intuitively had thought we'd work well and complement each other, and had spent time in the spring exploring our different work styles with a career counselor specializing in ministry. Still, it is gratifying to experience the strength of our collaboration. Because we are new to our co-ministry, we spend a good amount of time planning and processing our work. That enables us to benefit from each other's best thinking and builds trust. We appreciate each other's commitment to ministry, shared values and different skill sets.

## **2. How do you divide up your time?**

Presently we alternate attending staff meetings, Program Council and Parish Board meetings. Cricket is the primary minister for CHAT- Community and Hospitality Action Team and Tricia is such for PCAT: Pastoral Care Action Team. Tricia supports the Music Director as his supervisor, and Cricket does the same as the DRE's supervisor- though both of us work closely with both staff. We both attend the Coordinating Team and WMAT: Worship and Music Action Team monthly meetings, and attend other Action Team and committee meetings as needed and when available. We meet regularly together with the Assistant to the Co-Ministers.

## **3. I thought you'd alternate Sundays, but you are usually both here on Sundays- why is that?**

Sunday is the most important day in the life of a religious congregation. For this reason

we both come every Sunday except for our monthly Sunday off. One of us typically takes the lead in planning and preaching for each Sunday, though we occasionally share a Sunday equally. Most Sundays we attend meetings or events before and after worship, and sometimes have pastoral visits. We choose to take the same Sunday off to mirror what the congregation will most likely experience with a settled minister.

## **4. When are you in the office? Do you have office hours?**

We both are in the office on Mondays and Wednesdays, often through the evening. One or the other of us is often in on Thursdays. We are both here on Sundays, except our monthly Sunday off. Tuesday is the day we take as a sabbatical. We do not have specific office hours but welcome calls or emails to arrange appointments.

## **5. What has been the hardest part of co-ministry so far?**

It has been a challenge to work only the equivalent of one full time position. Ministers often measure their workload in units, rather than hours. A unit is a chunk of time- morning, afternoon, evening- and 12 units is considered full-time. Allowing an extra unit for coordination, we intend to work 7 units a week, but rarely keep to that.

## **6. What do you think of your nickname "Triskett"?**

We think it is pretty darn funny.

*Tricia*

## **VOLUNTEER SERVICE NETWORK**

The VSN was started more than 25 years ago at Follen to help provide a supportive network within the congregation, by providing assistance for unforeseen circumstances, such as meals, rides, etc. If you need help during **January**, call Arlene Langseth through the church office.

*RE-flections*  
by Debra Zagaeski



*For last year's words belong to last year's language.*

*And next year's words await another voice.*

*And to make an end is to make a beginning. T. S. Eliot*

One of the gifts that I received this Christmas was a necklace with an image of the Hindu deity Ganesha on it. Ganesha is known as the remover of obstacles and the lord of beginnings. A remover of obstacles and a lord of beginnings seems to me an ideal gift with which to begin a new year. This tiny icon offered me something quite significant: it allowed me to remember the reason that there is a time set aside in which the people of many cultures acknowledge and celebrate the turning of the year. Bearing witness to the passage of time speaks to the human need that we all have: the need to turn to the light and as T.S. Eliot stated so beautifully to - "make an end to make a beginning."

There are many things to look forward to in Religious Education in this New Year.

The new teaching term begins: the teachers serving as classroom stewards in program this term are: Rebecca Farnham, Suzanne Garbarino, Trapper Markelz, Carolyn Kingston, Caryn Egan, Nathalie Weicker, Meg Muckenhoupt, Sheila Combs, Cindy Carver, Sophie Evett, Janet Lane, Ruth Loetterle and Laura Dickerson. When you see them around church please pause to thank them for their time and efforts.

The annual FUUY Coffee House fundraiser to benefit the April NOLA trip will be on Friday, January 27th. Please plan to join the fun!

NOLA Soup Sales begin: look for the delicious soup offered for sale during coffee hour in the Community Center.

I wish you all beauty and blessings in this New Year 2012.

*Namaste, Debra Zagaeski*

**Soup Sales for NOLA:  
Can You Help Provide or  
Serve Soup?**

The soup sales are vitally important to the success of our service trip to New Orleans. Please choose a date or two to bring and serve soup during the coffee hour. Please sign up to provide soup on a date listed below:

January 15, 22, and 29

February 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25

April 1

Call or email Debra in the church office to sign up for soup: [dre@follen.org](mailto:dre@follen.org)

**FUUY COFFEE HOUSE  
BE THERE...YEAH...**

OR BE 

**FRIDAY: JANUARY 27<sup>TH</sup>  
7:30 PM-9:30 p.m.**

**in the  
Follen Community Center**

Proceeds to benefit the April 2012 service trip to New Orleans!

Live music and performance to go with your coffee & Nibbles and Bits.

Admission: donations gratefully accepted for the New Orleans trip.

***CCC Meeting on January 23rd***

The Caring Congregation Committee will be meeting January 23 at 7:15 p.m. at the home of Sharon Cerny. Any one who would like to attend is welcome. Please call Sharon for directions or any questions.

# Music Notes



## SENIOR CHOIR NOTES

### Rehearsals:

- Sunday January 15th at 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday January 17th at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday January 22nd at 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday January 24th at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday January 29th at 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday January 31st at 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday February 5th - no rehearsal, as we will not be singing at that service

Please be punctual - and please try to attend all rehearsals!! We are already starting to work towards the Music Service on Palm Sunday (April 1st)...

## Youth and Junior Choir Notes

### Rehearsals:

Youth Choir every Monday 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Junior Choir every Monday 5:15-6:00 p.m. in the Anne Smith Room

We will follow the Lexington Public Schools calendar throughout the year, so there will be no rehearsals when school is out (this applies to snow days as well as holidays)!

The first service at which both choirs will sing: Sunday, February 5th at 10:30 a.m. (rehearsal that morning for the Youth Choir at 9:00 and for the Junior Choir at 9:45). And after that: March 4th, April 8th - Easter Sunday, (the Junior Choir will sing at the 9:30 service and the Youth Choir at the 11:30 service), and May 6th.

## Open Rehearsal Month

January is Open Rehearsal Month for the Senior Choir. Any and all are invited to join us at our rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. or on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Find out what joy there is in singing and in making music and in joining the wonderful and only slightly rambunctious choir community! No auditions - no intimidation - nothing but delight!



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## Operetta Parents Meeting and Auditions

This year's Gilbert and Sullivan production (performances on June 8th and 9th - mark your calendars!!) will be "Patience." Spectrum Music has ordered scores, which will be in their store at 1844B Mass. Ave.

Don't forget: all Youth Choir members are expected to have their own score - and Junior Choir members are encouraged to do so!! We are already starting work on the choruses...

Auditions will be held on Sunday February 5th, in the sanctuary from 1:00 to 5:00 - a sign-up sheet will be on the door of the Music Office.

A reminder: all Youth Choir members from 8th grade on up are allowed/expected/encouraged to audition - and all will be assigned a solo role, however small!

The auditions will be preceded by an **Operetta Parents Meeting at noon**, following that Sunday's service (at which the Youth and Junior Choirs will be singing). One parent or guardian of each choir member is required to attend - it is a very important meeting to get the whole long, complicated and extremely enjoyable process going!! More details will follow by email...

## From the Membership Coordinator *Harriet Peterson*



*Don't ask yourself what [Follen] needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive and then go do that. Because what [Follen] needs is people who have come alive.*

Howard Thurman said this about the world, and I believe it is also true for our little corner of the world. You don't have to probe deeply to discover amazing passion and devotion to various causes within this community. And it's because of that passion and devotion that so much good work gets done.

But sometimes ... people's passions are not ignited. And sometimes people who have come alive charge off in various directions, getting in each other's way or getting lost in the sometimes arcane maze of Follen process and procedures. How can we better support people in discovering those pursuits that make them come alive? How can we improve the chances that people with similar passions will find each other? Can we do a better job of guiding people through the maze? How can the Membership Coordinator's efforts maximally leverage the work that gets done by volunteers?

These are some of the questions that an *ad hoc* subcommittee of Membership will be exploring in the next few months as it works to develop an "empowerment" model for Follen. According to Stephen Covey, "an empowered organization is one in which individuals have the knowledge, skill, desire, and opportunity to personally succeed in a way that leads to collective organizational success."

If this sparks your interest, we welcome your input. You can speak with me or with Gerry Mimno, who is chairing the group. Pass along any ideas you have – or, better yet, join the fun and become a member of the subcommittee.

*Harriet Peterson*

## ***From the Transition Team***

### **A Congregational Project to Create a Follen Timeline**

On February 12<sup>th</sup> the entire congregation is invited to join together on our first interim task, honoring and claiming our past. The worship service that Sunday will feature speakers reflecting on different decades of our recent history, and at hospitality hour everyone will have a chance to see and add to a timeline of Follen's history. The purpose of this exercise is to remind us of who we are and what we and those before us have done, to celebrate the traditions and values that bind us together, and to acknowledge our conflicts, sorrows or grievances so as to facilitate any healing or remedial work that is still underway or that needs to be done as part of this interim process. It will help to inform us as we start to search for a new minister, and that minister can learn much about Follen by studying the timeline that we create.

The timeline will span the walls of the Community Center and will be pre-marked with notable events from the nearly two centuries since this church formed in East Lexington. Sticky notes will be available for you to insert communal and important personal milestones: coming-of-age and membership at Follen, weddings, births and deaths, building projects, controversies or the introduction of now-cherished traditions. The timeline will stay up for a while and you can add to it any time. We'd love to include photographs, so start looking through your photos now and bring them with you on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup>. You will hear more in next month's newsletter and Friday updates.

Would you like to help research or produce the timeline for the Feb. 12 service? Do you know the whereabouts of the timeline that was used at the "Becoming Bold" retreat a few years ago? Contact Nancy Sofen if you'd like to collaborate on this project.

***Transition Team News  
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## **Transition Team News (Continued)**

### **Special Meeting with Ministerial Settlement Representative January 29th**

Soon we as a community will be appointing a Ministerial Search Committee, and we will start planning for going into search next year for our next settled minister. This is an exciting and important time. Your participation and your voice matter! So, please do plan to attend worship and the informational session after worship on January 29th. On that day Laura Graham, the Ministerial Settlement Representative assigned by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) to advise and support Follen through the search process, will deliver the sermon. After the (shorter than usual) service there will be a 20-minute break to grab a bite to eat in the Community Center and to get your children settled with the child care that will be provided. Then the congregation will gather back in the sanctuary so that Laura can answer your questions about what lies ahead. This meeting should last about an hour. Later that afternoon Laura will meet with the Program Council and Parish Board to talk about their roles in the appointment and support of the Search Committee.

It has been many years since Follen called a parish minister, and the search process is not familiar to most of us. The UUA Transitions Office was very helpful in our interim minister search, and they have a lot to teach us about our next steps. It's really important that we all understand what is expected of us, our lay leadership, and our Ministerial Search Committee over the next year and a half, so be sure to come on the 29th! Please read the Friday update for details about the schedule and child care as we get closer to this important day.



## **Save the Date:**

**“Belonging” at Follen:  
An Opportunity for Dialogue**  
Sunday, January 22, noon to 2:30

**Lunch and childcare will be provided.**

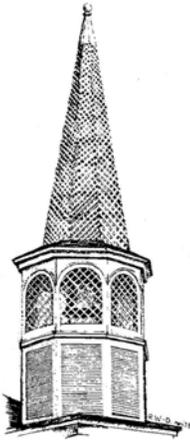
To “belong” is to fit in, to feel that you’re in the right place, to be accepted and seen as part of something, to be welcomed. UU’s have a long tradition of striving to create welcoming environments for people with different life experiences, identities, core concerns, etc.

Welcoming diversity accords with UU values; it also enhances our opportunities to search for truth and meaning in a complex world, one plagued with conflict and injustice, and different views about how to address those challenges. We’re unlikely to find truth and meaning in echo chambers and silos.

As political polarization heats up over the course of the election year, some of us at Follen might welcome an opportunity to talk about what it takes to speak about political passions with compassion and with awareness that, while we have many shared values, we may have some different opinions as well. Or to talk about times when the beautiful word, “we” – spoken or assumed - doesn’t feel so beautiful to all because it renders some of us invisible, outside the boundaries of belonging.

The event on January 22 will be preceded by a worship service with “belonging” as its central theme. The dialogue will serve as an extended period for reflection and connection, allowing us to go deeper than is possible in a short “reflections” session. Maggie Herzig and Alison Baron, associates of the Public Conversations Project and Follen members, will facilitate.

RSVP for this event to Janet Parsons at [admin@follen.org](mailto:admin@follen.org) or 781-862-3805 ext. 201 and please let us know in advance if you will need childcare.



## Notes from the President

The church year is going well! We have full choirs, an attractive building, engaging worship services, fiscal stability, and a vibrant community. It doesn't happen without the excellent staff and active participation of many Follen volunteers as well.

Many of them are not apparent, so I'm writing this article to summarize one aspect of Follen operation that involves much of the staff and many Follen members: the Program Council.

Briefly, the Program Council is the principal operating body of Follen, dealing with day-to-day affairs. It is comprised of the representatives of the seven Action Teams: Buildings and Grounds, Community and Hospitality, Finance and Human Resources, Worship and Music, Pastoral Care, Religious Education, and Social Justice. We meet every month with staff members, usually on the first Monday. We review the activities of each action team, which are numerous, and discuss topics that promote cooperation among Action Teams, resolving any issues that may arise.

For one of the first meetings of the year, we concentrated on reviewing the goals for the Annual Plan (set forth in the 2010-11 Annual Report), such as beginning the search for a new minister, support the new ministers, increase involvement of new members, developing Action Team charters, increasing awareness of Social Justice activities, fully implementing the Safety Policy, introducing OWL for grade 6, planning bathroom renovations, and many others. We also set up the Transition Team, headed by Nancy Sofen, to deal with ministerial issues during this interim period. At our October meeting, we discussed the plan for the Thanksgiving service in Roxbury, participated in an exercise to explore the role of the Follen minister(s) in church activities, and heard from our representative to the UUA General Assembly. In November, we discussed the developing charters, possible introductory opportunities for volunteers, and issues handled by Coordinating Team. Finally, in December, we focused on identifying themes of

activity for the 2012-13 church year and corresponding draft budget requests.

The upcoming meetings will concentrate on how to set up the Ministerial Search Committee, developing a balanced budget for 2012-13, and the annual plan for 2012-13, as well as keeping watch on this year's detailed activities as we work on achieving the goals we set for ourselves. If you are interested in finding out more about the activities of Program Council or would like to suggest issues for us to handle, feel free to contact me or an Action Team representative. There is a complete list of Program Council members in the Follen Directory.

Here to serve,

*Herman Marshall*  
*President, Program Council*

### ***Family Worship News***

Beginning in February Family Worship will focus the individual and family stories from our Follen community.

Who are the members and friends that help to create our beloved community? We will share our unique and diverse family stories that connect us as a community. Singles, couples, step, adopted, blended, multicultural, GBLTQ, from toddler to elder all are encouraged to participate.

We will be looking for individuals who are willing to share their personal/ family story, a sacred tradition/memory, and/or what the Follen community means to them. These reflections to be shared at a family worship service in February. Please contact Debra to sign up for a Sunday.

### ***Join LIFE Action***

Did you know that Lexington has in interfaith group tracking climate change, climate science, climate activism and sharing information about what their congregations are doing? Lexington Interfaith Environmental Action or LIFE Action. To join please contact Mark Sandeen, member at Hancock Church at [marksandeen@gmail.com](mailto:marksandeen@gmail.com).



## The Goat Faints for Joy!!! Follen Church Comes Through For Kiva!

Thank you to all who participated in the Procession of Giving involving Kiva. We have collected over \$1,700 from the generous Follen community! (This is what made the goat faint.) Kiva is the world's first person-to-person micro-lending website, empowering individuals to lend to unique entrepreneurs around the globe. Kiva's mission is to connect people through lending for the sake of alleviating poverty.

Many individuals from Follen Church donated \$25 each in order for the Kiva Committee to loan to low-income entrepreneurs across the globe. Kiva aggregates the loan funds from all contributing lenders. We now have to choose who to lend to - whether a baker in Afghanistan, a goat herder in Uganda, a farmer in Peru, or a tailor in Iraq - and as they repay their loan, Follen Church gets our money back. Then we can lend again or can withdraw the funds. It's a powerful and sustainable way to empower someone right now to lift themselves out of poverty.

So, you ask, who did I loan to? Very good question. The Kiva Committee elves are currently trying to make loans that match the loaner's preferences. We will soon be sending out Valentines showing your match!!

XOXOXOXOXOXOXO

### Where is the Village When I Need It?

#### **Families with Adult Children with Special Needs; Planning for A Lifetime**

The Caring Congregation Committee will be holding a meeting on Sunday morning, February 12th at 8:45 a.m. to explore the needs and concerns of families within our congregation that have adult children with special needs.

Sharon Cerny and Harriet Peterson will be facilitating a meeting of family members to assess how Follen can be helpful in addressing this need. Coffee and bagels will be served. If you have any questions, contact Harriet at [membership@follen.org](mailto:membership@follen.org) or Sharon.

### Feel the Spirit – Creative Collage Workshop

on Saturday- January 21st 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

*Facilitated by Debra Zagaeski*

A New Year is here and with it a time to explore the ways in which you may practice self care throughout this year. We all carry within us gifts of wisdom, vision and healing. We will spend our time this day creating collages to honor and to hold these gifts in sacred space.

The focus of this workshop will be on listening to your intuitive self through visual images. What do you need to allow yourself the time to be creative, compassionate, and non-judgmental in the year ahead?

As always, previous experience not necessary and all materials will be supplied.

### **Our Thanksgiving Service in Roxbury: Survey Results**

As promised, here are the results of the survey about our Thanksgiving service. The broadcast email announcing the survey was sent to 418 email addresses and 102 surveys were submitted: a 24% response rate. Of those responding, 74 had attended the service, representing 73% of survey respondents and 29% of everyone (including non-Follenites) in attendance.

As for the results themselves, of respondents who attended the service, 75% found it to be "outstanding" or "very good". The music, the story, and personal reflections were cited most often as what people liked about the service. Regarding areas for improvement, respondents most frequently mentioned the messaging (e.g., a stronger theme, more coherence), the presence of members of the Roxbury community, and having a joint service with another UU congregation. Overall, the logistics of the service were fine. Of the 90 people who answered the question about frequency, 72% (65) said annually. Of the 81 people who responded about when the service should be held, 77% (62) recommended continuing with a Thanksgiving service.

Many thanks to all who took the time to submit the survey, as well as to the many who wrote thoughtful comments about the service and the UU Urban Ministry. All are receiving careful consideration; your support is much appreciated.

## ***Cardigan Lodge Weekend March 9 - March 11***

Sign up for Follen's Cardigan Lodge weekend, a winter get-away at an AMC lodge in New Hampshire. We need to let the lodge know by February 4th if we are to reserve the entire lodge.

### **What is Cardigan Lodge?**

Built by the AMC as one of New Hampshire's first ski lodges and recently renovated, Cardigan Lodge is set on a 1,200-acre reservation owned and managed by the AMC. The lodge is surrounded by an extensive trail network for hiking and cross-country skiing. Common areas in the lodge include a large living room with fireplace, a downstairs library with fireplace, and a pack-room for outdoor gear. The on-site retail store offers books, maps, logo gear, and last minute items. Towel, linens, blankets, and pillow provided. Friendly staff are available to assist with weather and trails information. Participation in the weekend includes 3 days of family-style dinner, breakfast, and trail lunches.

### **What happens at Follen's Cardigan Lodge weekend?**

Typically Friday evening is bustling as arrivals trickle in at different times and get settled into their rooms. Guests who arrive between 6-8 pm enjoy a hot meal and begin the process of getting to know each other. By Saturday breakfast everyone is together and plans begin to form for the day. Outdoor activities include hiking, sledding or snowshoeing. Some families choose to organize trips to off-site downhill ski slopes, while others plan to snowshoe or explore the nature trails. Many folks are content to sit by the fire reading and relaxing. In the evenings, we gather for a 'happy hour' before dinner, and after dinner a variety of intergenerational games are organized. The weekend is a great opportunity to spend time getting to know other Follenites in a recreational setting, and to enjoy some of the beauty of New England.

More information about the lodge is on the AMC website:

<http://www.outdoors.org/lodging/cardigan/>

If you have questions, please contact Jenny Marshall through the church office.

## ***Sunday, January 15:***

### **Honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., & Deepen Your Ties to the UU Urban Ministry**

On Sunday, January 15, all of the UU Urban Ministry's programs will come together to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drawing on the many resources and talents of UUUM board members, volunteers, program participants, and alumni, the UUUM has put together a full day of events, with something for everyone.

It begins with a look at one of the racial justice issues of today... how we welcome immigrants here in the United States. After watching the film *The Letter*, about a controversy over Somali refugees in a small Maine city, there will be a panel discussion featuring Miriam Gas, executive director of the Refugee Immigration Center; Abdulkadir Hussein, executive director of ACEDONE; Ron Marlow, assistant secretary for access and opportunity in the Patrick administration; and others.

Then, following a light supper, the event will move to the sanctuary—and turn up the volume! An evening performance will feature a diversity of groups, including: gospel by the Boston Community Choir, spirituals by Peter Terry, uplifting music by the First Parish in Concord Children's Choir, jazz by Fred Woodard, spoken word by award-winning poet (and Lexington resident) Regie Gibson and Museum of the National Center of Afro-American Artists Director Barry Gaither, and liturgical dance by Spiritual Life Dancers and Erica Vigeland.

Join for part or all of the day's events (2 pm film and panel discussion, 5 pm light supper, 6 pm performances), which are free. For carpooling or other information, please contact Tempe Goodhue through the church office or the Rev. Kate Wilkinson at the UUUM, [kwilkinson@uuum.org](mailto:kwilkinson@uuum.org). It promises to be a special day!

## ***The Climate Reality Project Comes to Lexington***

***The Climate Reality Project***, Al Gore's new initiative, comes to Lexington on January 24. Presentation by Follenite Anne Kelly, who was trained by Al Gore.

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00-9:00 PM, Cary Memorial Library Large Meeting Room, 1874 Mass. Ave., Lexington. Check out the website: <http://climaterealityproject.org/>

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**Upcoming Follen Events:**

**Sun. Jan. 15** 9:00 am Senior Choir (S)  
 10:00 am Family Worship (S)  
 10:30 am Worship (S)  
 12:00 pm Reflections (ASR)  
 6:30 pm FUUY (CC)

**Mon. Jan. 16** MLK HOLIDAY  
 7:30 pm Membership Cte. (ASR)

**Tues. Jan. 17** 7:30 pm Senior Choir (S)

**Wed. Jan. 18** 10:00 am Knitting (ASR)  
 7:30 pm B & G Action Team (M)

**Thurs. Jan. 19** 6:00 pm Yoga (CC)  
 6:00 pm Soup Supper (off-site)

**Sat. Jan 21** 9:15 am In & Around Follen (M)  
 10:00 am Collage Workshop (CC)

**Sun. Jan. 22** 8:30 am Special Needs Parents (M)  
 9:00 am Social Justice AT (L)  
 9:00 am Transition Team (E/A)  
 9:00 am Senior Choir (S)  
 10:00 am Family Worship (S)  
 10:30 am Worship (S)  
 12:00 pm Forum on Belonging (CC)  
 6:30 pm FUUY (CC)

**Mon. Jan. 23** 5:00 pm Youth Choir (S)  
 5:15 pm Junior Choir (ASR)  
 7:30 pm Meditation (CC)

**Tues. Jan. 24** 7:30 pm Senior Choir (S)

**Wed. Jan. 25** 10:00 am Knitting (ASR)  
 7:30 pm Coord. Team Mtg. (ASR)  
 7:30 pm Cov. Grp. Writers (M)

**Thurs. Jan. 26** 6:00 pm Yoga (CC)  
 7:00 pm Coming of Age Parents (ASR)  
 7:30 pm Pastoral Care AT (M)

**Fri. Jan. 27** 7:30 pm FUUY Coffeehouse (CC)  
 FUUY Overnight

**Sat. Jan. 28** 8:30 am Worship & Music Retreat (ASR)

**Sun. Jan. 29** 8:30 am Special Needs Parents (M)  
 9:00 am Senior Choir (S)  
 10:00 am Family Worship (S)  
 10:30 am Worship (S)  
 12:00 pm Forum on Transition (CC)  
 6:30 pm FUUY (CC)

**Mon. Jan. 30** 5:00 pm Youth Choir (S)  
 5:15 pm Junior Choir (ASR)  
 7:30 pm Financial & HR (ASR)

**Tues. Jan. 31** 7:30 pm Senior Choir (S)

**Wed. Feb. 1** 10:00 am Knitting (ASR)  
 7:00 pm Worship & Music AT (ASR)

**Thurs. Feb. 2** 6:00 pm Yoga (CC)  
 6:30 pm Coming of Age (ASR)  
 7:15 pm Cov. Group Steering (M)

**Sat. Feb. 4** 8:30 am Cov. Group Leaders (AR)  
 9:00 am RE Indoor Beach Party (CC)

**Sun. Feb. 5** 8:30 am Special Needs Parents (M)  
 9:00 am Youth Choir (S)  
 9:45 am Junior Choir (S)  
 10:30 am Multigenerational Worship (S)  
 12:00 pm Meet the Ministers (M)  
 12:00 pm Operetta Parents (ASR)  
 12:00 pm Partner Church Luncheon (CC)  
 1:00 pm Operetta Auditions (S)  
 6:30 pm FUUY