

Restoration of Historic Clock Facing Lexington Battle Green

First Parish Historic Clock Restoration Project

Clock Face: Front



Clock Face: South and East



Clock Faces: South and West



Clock Mechanism: First View



Clock Mechanism: Second View



Clock Mechanism: Third View



Project Description

- Completely overhaul 1868 E. Howard clock by:
 - Repairing the mechanism that drives the three clock faces;
 - Repairing bevel gear, pivots, brushings, etc.; and
 - Bringing the clock gear to its original tensions and settings

Project Benefits

- Clock faces are viewed and photographed by thousands every year
- Clock is now inoperable due to the failure of its mechanism
- Restoration will benefit Lexington residents and visitors alike

How FP Church Building Serves the Public (Non-Religious and Open to All)

- Youth Counseling Connection has used free space for past 14 years
- Voices on the Green: Live music/storytelling - 12 shows since 2017
- 12 concerts since 2018, including Ukrainian Relief Benefit last year
- For many years, Master Singers of Lexington, Monroe Saturday Nights, and Friday Noon Summer Concert Series, and Sarasa Ensemble Concerts
- Lexington Spanish Academy since 2018
- Abel School of Dance for 42 years and counting
- Lectures open to all, most recently presented by former U.S. Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz on climate issues.

How FP Church Building Serves the Public (Some Other Users Past and Present)

- F.U.S.E. School and Program
- LexRAP: Helping refugees
- Lexington at Home: Support network for independent seniors
- Lexington Arts & Crafts Guild
- Scrabble club and ski club
- Dan Fenn's annual April 17 presentation on "What Really Happened That Day?" and his annual fireside reading of "A Christmas Carol"
- Numerous memorials/celebration of life and weddings for families not belonging to First Parish
- Recently began welcoming celebrations and activities from the Indian, Nepalese and Chinese communities

Church/State Issue

- Town Counsel has confirmed this is an acceptable project
- CPA funding would not be used for religious purposes
- Any aid to the church would be incidental