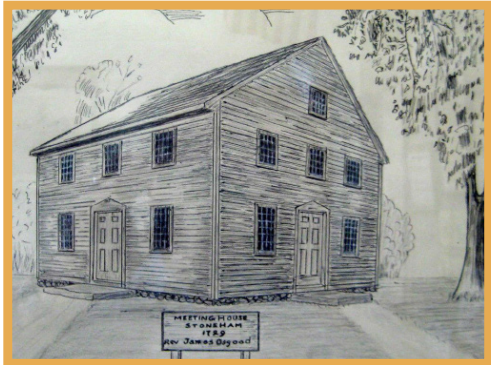


Breaking Free

Slavery & Salvation in Stoneham



Join us at the First Congregational Church in Stoneham on four Wednesday evenings in March as we tell the story of slavery and abolition in our town and ask the question: where do we go from here? We will gather at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary, located at Church and Main Streets. There will be time for questions and discussion. The programs will also be live streamed online at www.firstchurchstoneham.org. All are welcome.



March 8—A Slave in the Parsonage!

A frank accounting of slavery in 18th-century Stoneham. Learn about Mingo, Moll, Phoebe and Jack, and those who owned them, including the first minister of the church. Presented by local historian and author, Ben Jacques. Stoneham Congregational Church Sanctuary, 7 p.m.

March 15—Shackled in ‘the City on a Hill.’

The foundation of the slave trade in New England, its ties to the West Indies, and how anyone who was anyone owned a slave. Presented by Rev. Ken McGarry, pastor of First Congregational Church in Stoneham. Sanctuary, 7 p.m.



March 22—Abolition Divides a Town, Church and Nation. How women, and then men, led the anti-slavery movement in Stoneham. Hear passages from the Rev. William Whitcomb’s fiery sermon against the Fugitive Slave Act in 1850. Presented by Ben Jacques. Sanctuary, 7 p.m.



March 29—Slavery Then? What Now?

How we are called to use our resources to enact justice in our community. Led by the Rev. Darrell Goodwin, executive conference minister, United Church of Christ, Southern New England Conference, and the Rev. Ken McGarry, pastor of First Congregational Church.



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