

Community Matters

June 19, 2016

We welcome our visitors, friends and members to First Church Unitarian, Littleton.

We're happy you chose to be with us this morning.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!



June 19

Multigenerational Flower Communion Service

We conclude our sanctuary services for the church year with the annual observance of the traditional Flower Communion Service, a ceremony which has become a mainstay in most of our UU congregations at this time of year. Please bring cut flowers to place in the vases as you enter. We'll share them at the end of worship.



Sunday, June 19

11:15 a.m.

End of the Church Year Celebration

Following the service, please join us downstairs in the dining room for our traditional End-of-Year Strawberry Shortcake celebration, sponsored by the Executive Team.



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, June 19

- 8:9:00 a.m. — Choir Practice
- 9:45 a.m. — Senior Youth Group
- 10:00 a.m. — Worship Service
- 11:45 a.m. — End of Church Year Celebration
- 7:00 p.m. — Men's Group

Monday, June 20

- 6:00 p.m. — Deacons/Worship Associates Meeting

Tuesday, June 21

- 5:30 p.m. — Neighborhood Supper
- 7:00 p.m. — Jammin' in the Kitchen
- 7:00 p.m. — Standing Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 22

No church events scheduled today.

Thursday, June 23

- 6:00 p.m. — Artemis Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 p.m. — Mixed Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. — Building Committee Meeting

Friday, June 24 and Saturday, June 25

No church events scheduled on these days.

Sunday, June 19

7:00 p.m.



MEN'S GROUP

Our group meetings are open to all men of FCU.

We have been sharing the ups and downs of our lives in a safe and friendly environment for the past two decades.

Contact jrossdmd@verizon.net



It's time for Neighborhood Supper again! We are cooking on Tuesday, June 21. Thank you to our wonderful crew of volunteers, new and seasoned, who put together a great meal every month. And we never forget our brownie bakers! Donations of baked goods will be graciously received. No nuts, please. They can be dropped off in the afternoon at the Congregational Church or contact Kris Ersland at kersland1@gmail.com.

Join us in the vestry on Sunday, June 26, at 10:30 a.m. for a live streaming of General Assembly's Sunday Morning Worship Service. "GA" is the Unitarian Universalist Association's annual meeting and the largest gathering of UUs worshipping together. This year the meeting is being held in Columbus, Ohio. Let's gather at FCU to share the experience.

Kris Ersland, on behalf of the Deacons.



It's that time of year again. Time to sign up to help with our beloved **Annual Country Fair**. The fair will be on **Saturday, September 10**. Laura Semple is resurrecting her role as Fair Queen and welcomes you to sign up for the task of your liking this Sunday during the coffee hour. This summer Laura will be organizing the event and will be reaching out to all in the FCU community. It really helps with the planning if you sign up in advance. If you have any questions please feel free to email Laura at fair@fculittle.org.



The **Share the Plate** recipient for Sunday June 19th is **Bikes Not Bombs**, which got its start in 1984. Their mission is to use the bicycle as a vehicle for social change. They reclaim thousands of bicycles each year, most of which are shipped overseas to economic development projects in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. They create local and global programs that provide skill development, jobs, and sustainable transportation. Jon Welch will tell us more about this charity - a local effort with global impact.

//bikesnotbombs.org

From Your Interim Minister...

Summer Plans and Pastoral Care

I have thoroughly enjoyed my year with you and look forward to "one more time"!

I've got a couple of travel plans that will take me out of the area over the next couple of months. From June 23—July 1 my wife and I will be in the Seattle, Washington area. We have a niece there with whom we were close when she was growing up here in New England. She and her husband—who live in Seattle—had a baby daughter this past year, so this gives us a chance to see our great-niece. And of course we'll be doing "touristy" things as well. The Pacific Northwest is one of the few places in the country we haven't visited, and we're looking forward to it.

Then from July 9th--19th I'll be in the San Francisco Bay Area to take a seminar at the Pacific School of Religion. It's being led by Episcopal Bishop John Shelby Spong and titled *The Heresy of Biblical Literalism*. Should be fun.

Outside of these two dates I will be in the area should any pastoral emergencies arise, and will be "back on the job" come August 1 as we begin to prepare for the 2016-17 church year. I'll resume my regular office hours on the Tuesday after Labor Day.

Speaking of pastoral care, I've greatly appreciated our Lay Pastoral Ministry team this past year. They are a wonderful group of people who care deeply about our members and friends. They will continue their availability throughout the summer, with Patti Sardella the Team Leader for June and Jim Nehring for July. Two area UU ministers have agreed to be on call for any pastoral emergencies should the LPM team feel the need for some ministerial back-up during my away dates as cited above.

That's my summer...have a good one!

Peace,
Steve