

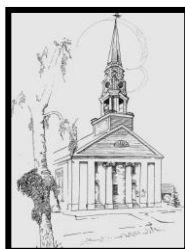
# The Bulletin

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## Sunday Worship Services

**What does it mean to live a life of Color?**



**May 4, 2014**

### Senior Youth Group Service

Senior Youth Group members  
This service includes the special Bridging Ceremony as we witness the graduating seniors' transition into the young adult community.

**May 11, 2014**

Karin Lin has been Unitarian Universalist for eleven years. She is co-chair of the Transformation Team at First Parish in Cambridge, which coordinates the congregation's efforts toward a multiracial, multicultural, justice-making future, as well as a member of the Immigration Task Force and Strategic Planning Team. Karin is active in DRUUMM (Diverse and Revolutionary UU Multicultural Ministries, a national UU people of color organization) and has presented workshops at General Assembly on these topics. Karin works as a software developer at Nuance Communications and lives in Cambridge with her husband and two daughters.

**May 18, 2014**

### Why Color?

Join the Spiritual Development Committee for this Multi-Gen Service where we will explore with each other and our youth the importance of color in our lives.

**May 25**

### Exploring the color of our memories

What color are your memories? On this Sunday of Memorial Day weekend when we take time to reflect and honor those who died while serving in the United States Armed Services Debbie Eston will lead us in the exploration of this question and create colorful memories of our time together.



## Virtual Candles of Caring

"We hold in our hearts these candles of joys and sorrows along with all those shared this past month....."

### Candles of Sorrow and Concern

Our prayers go out to:  
Laurie Nehring's cousin and Jon Welch's step-dad.

Our support and healing thoughts for:  
FCU members who are caring for aging parents.

Lynn Courtney's sister's friend who was bullied and considered suicide.

Linda Bracco who is praying for her sister.

John Morganthau in his recovery from a fall.

The Nehring family.

Wendy McDougall as her mother has fallen and broken her hip.

### Candles of Gratitude

Peggy Britton thanks those who have led the way during Rev. Marta's Sabbatical.

Paul Osinar thanks FCU for the support and concern for Amy.

For Sandy

## Sunday Hospitality & Helpers

The Hospitality Crew is Looking for You

Hospitality@fculittle.org

Would you like to contribute to one of the most popular activities as FCU? Refreshments hosted in the Vestry following Sunday worship (often called Coffee Hour), offers a time of lively conversation and meaningful connection for the FCU community. The Sunday Hospitality crew gets credit for making this happen; and they do it with love. Please consider this opportunity to get to know other FCU members by joining the Sunday Hospitality Crew. The crew takes turns managing Sunday Hospitality during the church year. Each crewmember is responsible for only a few months each year. All it takes is a handful of hours during any month you serve. Those hours are flexible. At least three crewmembers are needed. Duties involve monitoring the Sunday Hospitality Volunteer Board and managing refreshment supplies. Duties do not include setup or cleanup. Please email the above address, contact Larry Kaylor, or email any of the FCU Deacons at Deacons@fculittle.org if you are interested in becoming a part of this crew.

~Larry Kaylor, Chair of the Deacons

## About Us



### Path to Membership

Path to Membership Orientation

MemberReach@fculittle.org

Tuesday, May 6th, 2014 & Tuesday, May 13th, 2014 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Alliance Room Please come join us for our Path to Membership Orientation. There are two parts: Part 1 is Tuesday, May 6th, and Part 2 is Tuesday, May 13th. At this gathering we'll share personal journeys, view a video about Unitarian Universalism, and provide an overview of First Church Unitarian. This program is strongly recommended for anyone wishing to become a member of FCU to attend both sessions. Please pre-register by by contacting MemberReach@fculittle.org or by adding your name to the signup sheet in the Vestry.

~The MemberReach Team

## Church Business

### Executive Team News



#### ***Keeper of the Flame Award Nominations***

Since 2009 the Executive Team has awarded a *Keeper of the Flame* award to an FCU member for outstanding service to our community. Nominees for this award may be made by any FCU member or staff member. The qualities we are looking for in a *Keeper of the Flame* nominee includes but are not limited to: service to FCU above and beyond the call, strong examples of personal ministry to our church community, leadership in performing a difficult but crucial body of work for FCU, longevity of service, and a consistent high quality of work.

Please submit the name of the nominee, along with a description of his/her accomplishments and contributions in service to FCU to any member of the Executive Team by the end of April. The Executive Team will review all nominations and decide on a recipient.

~Larry Kaylor, for the Executive Team

### Standing Committee Stuff

#### Welcome Laura!

We have a new Office Administrator! Laura Beltrami joined us on April 29 and will be working with Monica Pilman for a few days until she is up to speed. She will be in the office from 9:30 to 2:30 Tuesdays through Fridays. Laura is a Littleton resident who brings a wide range of skills and experience to the job. Stop by and say hello!

#### Annual Report

A few days ago I sent out reminders to all committee chairs, employees, and a few others to submit their contributions to FCU's Annual Report. The due date is May 4 so that we will have time to compile and edit it so that it will be ready well before Annual Meeting on May 18. If you did not get a reminder, but think that maybe you should have, please let me know as soon as possible at [SC-chair@fculittle.org](mailto:SC-chair@fculittle.org). A huge thank you to those of you who have sent them in already!

#### Budget Meeting

Please be sure to attend the annual budget review meeting on May 4 at 11:45 in the Vestry. This is your opportunity to see what is being proposed for Fiscal Year 2015's budget and ask any questions prior to Annual Meeting.

~ Cally Henriques, for the Standing Committee



#### **Deacon News**

Videos of the Service

Did you know that there are videos of each service available? If you missed a Sunday that everyone is talking about, you can sign out the video.

~ Larry Kaylor Chair of the Deacons



## News from the Stewardship Team

Oh, what a night! On Saturday, March 29, many members and friends of FCU gathered for our third annual Stewardship Dinner. We enjoyed good food and conversation as we celebrated the gifts we each bring to FCU and the collective abundance we create together. The premier of the video, "What Nourishes Your Heart?" moved us as we heard one another speak of all the ways that we nourish each other in community.

As we learned at the dinner, if we meet our pledge goal for FY2015 of \$183,000, we will be able to do all that we are doing now. If we exceed that goal, we may be able to fund some items on our wish list, such as cost-of-living raises for eligible staff, restoring our fair share dues to the UUA, taking the next step in fair compensation, or adding to our capital reserve fund.

Due to the amazing generosity of this community, we are well on our way. At the end of the Stewardship Dinner, many people turned in their pledges to support FCU's FY2015 budget, and every single pledge was either the same as or increased from last year! As of this writing (Sunday, April 20), we have received 50 pledges totaling \$124,160, 68% of our goal for next year. To all who have already made their pledge commitment, thank you!

If you have not yet done so, please send in your pledge right away so that the budget presented by the Standing Committee at our May annual meeting can reflect your support. Please remember to attend the Budget Review on Sunday, May.4, at 11:45.

If you have questions, would like to discuss your pledge, or did not receive a pledge packet, please contact any member of the Stewardship Team.

Lynn Courtney, Kris Erslund, Eric Semple, Laura Semple, Sara Weeks and Standing Committee Liaison Deb Girard

### Lay Pastoral Ministry News

[LayPastoralMinistry@fculittle.org](mailto:LayPastoralMinistry@fculittle.org)

*"God, give me grace to accept with serenity the things that cannot be changed  
Courage to change the things which should be changed,  
and the Wisdom to distinguish the one from the other."  
Amen.*

*Reinhold Niebuhr 1941-42*

During Rev. Marta's sabbatical, the Lay Pastoral Ministers continue to be available with a non-critical listening ear for anyone experiencing the need for support or ministerial services. All conversations are held in the strictest confidentiality. To reach a Lay Pastoral Minister, please email to the above address, or, if there is a critical or emergency need, please call Linda Bracco at H:978/448-2544 or C:978/732-7150.

*~Bill Duston, for the Lay Pastoral Ministry Team*



## **Dollars & Sense** *From the Finance Committee*

•**FY14 Update:** As of the end of March, we have received \$135,328 or 70% of the \$193,009 in pledges. We are anticipating a budget surplus this year due to personnel changes. More details will be given at the budget review on May 4<sup>th</sup>.

•**FY15 Planning:** The Finance Committee, Standing Committee and Stewardship Team are busy preparing for FY15. **Please plan to attend both the Budget Review on May 4<sup>th</sup> and the Annual Meeting on May 18<sup>th</sup>.**

~Sara Weeks, Treasurer

## **Sabbatical Team**

How time flies, it will be June 1st in a few weeks when Rev. Marta returns to us. The SabbTeam is preparing the service for that Sunday morning and our homily will include sabbatical reflections. We want to hear from you as this has been an opportunity for *all* of us to develop leadership skills and nourish *our* strengths as a community. We ask that you reflect on your experiences and complete the following sentence or convey your thoughts in a way meaningful to you.

*During Rev. Marta's Sabbatical I/we have experienced*

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Please send your sentence or sentences to [sabbteam@fculittle.org](mailto:sabbteam@fculittle.org) by May 15th. Let us know if we can include your name in the homily or if you would rather remain anonymous.

If you haven't already done so please mark your calendars to attend the June 1st service and the celebratory luncheon to welcome home Rev. Marta.

In April we enjoyed outstanding services by guests and lay leaders within FCU, including our Spiritual Development Committee members, Alex Kapitan, Rev. Roger Peltier and Verne McArthur.

Information about May's Sabbatical services may be found in the "Sabbatical Sundays" brochure, located along with the "Guide to Rev. Marta's Sabbatical," in the brochure rack next to the Sabbatical Team bulletin board at the foot of the stairs in the Volunteer Center. The guide has all the information you need about how church operations will work and who to contact in Rev. Marta's absence.

Please contact Linda Bracco, Lay Pastoral Minister or Larry Kaylor, Chair of the Deacons if you have any concerns for which you would ordinarily seek pastoral care from Rev. Marta. If needed, they will call upon the local minister who is covering for Rev. Marta.

Please don't hesitate to speak with any member of the Sabbatical Team about any other questions, feedback or concerns you may have, or email us at [sabbteam@fculittle.org](mailto:sabbteam@fculittle.org).

The Sabbatical Team: Jeanne Anthony and Phyllis Terrey, Co-chairs; Linda Bracco, Lay Pastoral Minister; Lynn Courtney, Worship Associate; Debbie Eston, Deacon; Betsy Read, Standing Committee

## FCU's Annual Country Fair DATE Has MOVED!

It's going to feel a bit strange, but we will have our Fair **after** our Ingathering service this coming fall, rather than right before it. This year is the 300th birthday celebration of Littleton and of FCU and the town will hold a celebration and parade using Fay Park on Saturday, September 6th. For this reason, instead of our Fair being on the Saturday after the Labor Day weekend, **this year's Fair will happen the 2nd Saturday after the Labor Day weekend, September 13th.** Please mark your calendars!

The Annual Country Fair is a major fundraiser for our church. The Fair also supports a local town charity selected by our Council on Social Justice (CSJ) each year. If you want to propose a recipient for this year's Fair offering, contact any member of the CSJ with your idea.

It really does take just about every member and friend of our church to pull off this Fair successfully each year, so please volunteer for one of the many helpers or leaders. If you can't be there during Fair hours helping us, then consider helping out your church community by doing one of the following things:

- ❖ sending us "getting started" cash,
- ❖ helping with the Friday night setup and/or dinner,
- ❖ donating some of your garden-fresh veggies to the Food Booth
- ❖ donating a case of drinks,
- ❖ loaning us your cooler(s),
- ❖ loaning us your dining tarp(s),
- ❖ coming during setup with your truck(s) and/or carry trailer(s),
- ❖ volunteering your strong back(s) and fresh leg(s) for the setup and cleanup phases, or
- ❖ contributing to the stashes of used books, jewelry, and gently used items from your home for us to sell. The barn will be open to receive donations on June 1st (when Rev Marta's Sabbatical ends), or you can bring your stuff directly to Fay Park on Fair Day.

We are bidding a fond farewell this year to some of our favorite hard-working booth captains, and welcoming new leaders into those duties. Don McIver, who has handled setting up all the non-profit booths and the farmer's markets for many long years is moving on but Martha Childs has agreed to step in and do this important job for our Fair. Linda Bracco, who has creatively led the Drinks booth for a very long time is stepping aside. Prisl Dumka, who has served as our Fair Treasurer and led the Fair Finance Team so accurately and so well, has stepped aside and is being replaced by Jeanne Anthony.

For those of you thinking of stretching your leadership wings, there are some open leadership positions this year if you would like to try one. It's easy to try - your FCU community has your back!

~ *Monica Pilman, for The Annual Country Fair*



## The Month of May:

### May Day

May 1st

May Day, the first of May is celebrated around the world. It has a number of meanings. In many other countries it is a celebration of spring and the coming of summer. To communist and socialist countries, it is a celebration of the workers.

### Cinco de Mayo

May 5th

On May 5, 1862, the Mexican army defeated the French army at the Battle of Puebla. This single military battle signified defeat of a European colonial power and a victory for the Mexican people and was the root of the Cinco de Mayo holiday. What Cinco de Mayo has come to be is much more than one battle in the colonial history of Mexico. It has come to signify Hispanic and Mexican pride and a time to celebrate the cultural riches of a people.

### Mother's Day

May 11th

A day to celebrate motherhood.

**Did you know?** The first Mother's Day was May 10, 1908 in Philadelphia

### Memorial Day

May 26th.

Memorial Day is dedicated to service men and women who gave their lives for freedom and country. It is also a time to remember loved ones who have passed away. The roots of Memorial Day observance, goes back to 1865 and the end of the Civil War. Memorial Day traditions: attend a parade, and visit a cemetery to honor and remember our servicemen. Take time to remember lost loved ones in whatever way you feel appropriate.

**Did you Know?** Memorial Day was first called Decoration Day. It was changed to Memorial Day in 1882.

## Stuff to Do at FCU

### Firehouse Coffeehouse

Inca Son performs at the Firehouse Coffeehouse on Friday, May 2nd at 8pm, at 19 Foster Street, Littleton



[Inca Son](#), since its earliest beginnings in the streets of Harvard Square (Cambridge, Massachusetts), has been a band with a mission: to preserve and instill appreciation for their cultural legacy through the international language of music and dance.

Tickets are \$22 and are available in advance at the Minor Chord in Littleton, online at [Brown Paper Tickets](#), or at the door.

The Coffeehouse Needs Baked Goods Cookies, brownies, pies, cakes and other delectables are needed for the Firehouse Coffeehouse concert at FCU. Please bring baked items during the day to the church office or downstairs prior to the performance.

### Quilt Show is coming to FCU

In November 2013, the Women's Alliance unanimously voted to sponsor a sanctuary quilt show in recognition of Littleton's 300th Anniversary. With Standing Committee's approval it is scheduled for Friday October 17 and Saturday October 18. It will be open to the public for a \$5 admission fee. A tearoom in the vestry will offer drinks, cookies and crafts for sale. Profits will be shared: 50% to the church general fund, 40% to the Women's Alliance and 10% to Littleton Historical Society.

Quilts of the past and present help us tell the stories that connect each of us to our families, communities and our country. Quilts have been made to represent our births, marriages, graduations, birthdays as well as community events such as town celebrations and organizational fundraisers.

Please consider how you may like to participate in this event. For more information contact Judy White by phone (978-486-3273) or email [jawhite10@verizon.net](mailto:jawhite10@verizon.net).



## Save the date!

### **FCU observes LGBTQ Pride/Awareness Month**

Saturday, June 14, 2014  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., in the  
Vestry

**For everyone:** A potluck  
supper followed by a "spe-  
cial" game of Human Bingo,  
with a version for the kids.

**For more info e-mail**  
[AEC@fculittle.org](mailto:AEC@fculittle.org).

### **FCU Plant Exchange**

Saturday, May 17, 2014

10:00 a.m. to Noon, in front of the Church

Perhaps you have a cluster of new-growth hostas or other ground  
plants that need separating and sharing?

OR fresh wet cuttings of plants that can be starters for someone?

OR an outdoor or indoor plant you'd like to exchange with someone  
or sell?

OR a garden feature (fountain, figurine, borders, etc.) you no longer  
need?

Come share, exchange, and visit with other Plant People, get a crea-  
tive start on warm weather.

Open to the public! Please email [AEC@fculittle.org](mailto:AEC@fculittle.org) for more infor-  
mation.

### **Adult Enrichment Activities**



Register for all Adult Enrichment events by signing up in  
the Vestry or emailing [AEC@fculittle.org](mailto:AEC@fculittle.org) unless other-  
wise indicated. Lynda Kaylor leads the Committee.



### **Caring for our Aging Parents**

**Monday, May 5, 2013**

**7:00 to 9:00 p.m., in the Alliance Room**

Many of us are intimately involved with the emotional  
toll that it takes to care for an aging parent. This  
peer support group is a place where you can comfortably talk about  
the process with others who are going through the same challeng-  
es. Whether you are in the midst of dealing with it now or have had  
an experience in the past and have insights and resources to share,  
come be part of our group. We meet the first Monday of the month  
each month. For more information, feel free to contact  
[COAP@fculittle.org](mailto:COAP@fculittle.org) or speak with Prisl Dumka.

### **Images of Multiculturalism Film and Discussion Series**

**Friday, May 23**

**7:00-9:30 PM**

**in the Vestry**

This month's film, **BROTHER OUTSIDER**, illuminates the life and  
work of Bayard Rustin, who has been described as "the unknown he-  
ro" of the civil rights movement. A tireless crusader for justice, a dis-  
ciple of Gandhi, a mentor to Martin Luther King Jr., and the architect  
of the 1963 March on Washington, Rustin dared to live as an openly  
gay man during the fiercely homophobic 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.



### **Sacred Circle Dance**

**Friday May 9 in the Vestry**

At this point between Equinox and Solstice, we honor tradi-  
tions of Beltane, Maypole, Floral Crown, and Green Man. With our  
easy dances (always taught, NO experience necessary), we also build  
community and enable personal and global healing.

The Community Circle meets 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (easier dances), with  
more challenging dances at 6:00. Don't forget your water bottle and  
a willing attitude. **For more info e-mail** [Circle@fculittle.org](mailto:Circle@fculittle.org).



## FCU is Socially Active



### Loaves & Fishes

Thank you for your generous donations to Loaves & Fishes (L&F) in the last month. As a community we collected 5 bags and one small box of food items, which was gratefully and graciously accepted by the pantry. The FCU community is invited to bring one item (or more) per month to support *Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry* in Devens. For a list beyond March please pick up a pink card in the Vestry.

If you have any questions please contact [CSJ@fculittle.org](mailto:CSJ@fculittle.org).

~Rochelle Chambless, for the Council on Social Justice



### Loaves & Fishes (L&F)

**May** – Dry Cereal EXCEPT Plain Cheerios or Corn Flakes. L&F always have these.

**June** – Canned Protein: Tuna, Chicken, Seafood, Spam etc.

**July/August** – Backpacks & School supplies

Check out the L&F website [www.devenspantry.org](http://www.devenspantry.org) for other ways to support this important organization and other donation information



### Share-the-Plate News and Updates

#### **Nominate your local charity!!**

You can nominate your favorite local charity as a FCU Share the Plate recipient! Just send the name to [STP@FCUlittle.org](mailto:STP@FCUlittle.org)

On the third Sunday of each month, a local charity receives all undesignated offerings and checks made out to the charity as a contribution from the First Church Unitarian congregation.

On Easter Sunday, April 20, we sent \$610.00 to the Westford Food Pantry. The food pantry serves Groton, Littleton, Chelmsford, Tyngsboro and Westford providing food to 450 people each month.

The May recipient will be Alternative House in Lowell. The mission of Alternative House is to facilitate the creation of a society in which violence against women will no longer exist. Alternative House offers shelter, support, options, counseling and legal advocacy for all battered women (and their children) who seek their help; and is committed to the empowerment of women toward self-sufficiency. Alternative House also provides community education to reform societal attitudes that allow violence against women. Please bring your check on May 18 made out to Alternative House.

### Neighborhood Supper

#### **Brownies Needed**

FCU is cooking the Neighborhood Supper on Tuesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. We offer Brownies for dessert after the supper. If you would like to help us out, you can drop off Brownies for dessert at the Congregational Church on the day of the supper, or contact [Neighborhood@fculittle.org](mailto:Neighborhood@fculittle.org) for other arrangements.



~Kris Erslund, for the Neighborhood Supper Task Force



## Multicultural Task Force News

Multicultural Ministries Committee (MMC)

[Multicultural@fcu.little.org](mailto:Multicultural@fcu.little.org)

The 4th Annual UU District Summit of GRACE (Growing Racial and Cultural Diversity Equity), *Renewing Our Commitment to Multicultural Ministries*, will be held, **HERE**, on Saturday, May 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at first Church Unitarian.

**During the Summit**, congregational leaders from both the Clara Barton and Mass Bay UU Districts will engage in reflective worship and exploration of anti-racist and multicultural work in congregations. Participants will engage in small group, cross-congregational conversations based on presentations from various district congregations, discussing projects and approaches, what worked, what didn't, and what was learned.

If you are interested in attending the summit, contact the MMC at [Multicultural@fcu.little.org](mailto:Multicultural@fcu.little.org)

The Images of Multiculturalism Film and Discussion Series will air **Brother Outsider** on Friday, May 23 from 7:00-9:30 PM in the Vestry.

This film is about **the life and work of Bayard Rustin**, who has been described as "the unknown hero" of the Civil Rights Movement. A tireless crusader for justice, a disciple of Gandhi, a mentor to Martin Luther King Jr., and the architect of the 1963 March on Washington, Rustin dared to live as an openly gay man during the fiercely homophobic 1940s, 1950s and 1960s.

An article on Slate was recently posted, entitled **Teaching Tolerance: How White Parents Should Talk to Young Kids about Race**. The MMC encourages you to check it out; it's insights are useful and perhaps surprising. Follow the link below:

[http://www.slate.com/articles/double\\_x/the\\_kids/2014/03/teaching\\_tolerance\\_how\\_white\\_parents\\_should\\_talk\\_to\\_their\\_kids\\_about\\_race.html](http://www.slate.com/articles/double_x/the_kids/2014/03/teaching_tolerance_how_white_parents_should_talk_to_their_kids_about_race.html)



### Sermon Writing for Lay Preachers

with **Rev. Sue Phillips**, District Executive

May 17, 2014

8:30 AM to 12:30 PM

**First Parish Church in Weston**

**REGISTER NOW!** - Deadline 5/10/14

Lay leaders and religious educators frequently find ourselves in the pulpit, and while many have become experienced preachers few of us have had the benefit of focused training in sermon-writing and preaching. Here's your chance.

Our liberal tradition honors the "prophethood of all believers." Sermons have been used for centuries to teach, implore, convince, praise and prophesy. Preaching is one of the only oral traditions that remain in our culture; it is a gift and a responsibility.

If you suspect there might be a sermon inside you, and if you would like a chance to nurture and focus that voice within, join us for this hands-on sermon-writing workshop. We will reflect on what makes good sermons good, and talk about how to transform kernels of spiritual wisdom into a worshipful sermon. Participants will have the opportunity to:

- reflect on the structure and content of meaningful, memorable sermons
- learn how to translate an idea into a powerful sermon
- consider presentation and speaking tips that add vitality to any sermon

\$50 / \$35 for seminarians (includes handouts and refreshments)



## Spiritual Development

May 2014

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### The Enlightenment Experience

*Knowledge You Need from Spiritual Development*

#### UPCOMING CLASS SCHEDULE AND TOPICS

##### May 4

K-2: Love Builds Trust  
3-5: All Work Has Honor  
6-8: Doing Your Good Side

##### May 11

K-2: Love In Action  
3-5: Prayer Is A Place To Grow A Seed  
6-8: Saving The World

##### May 18

K-8: Multi-Generational Service  
Theme: Color

##### May 25

K-8: Chapel Sunday  
Theme: Color

#### CONTACT INFORMATION FOR DIRECTOR OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT (DSD), GORDON DUKE

Office Phone: (978) 486-3044,DSD

Email: [DSD@FCULittle.org](mailto:DSD@FCULittle.org)

Cell Phone for Urgent Matters: (424) 250-5195

#### CORI FORMS

If you are currently an adult SD Teacher (or interested in becoming one) and you have not completed a CORI form/application on or after January 1, 2013, please do so ASAP. Blank CORI forms along with CO-RI application information for submitting and returning the forms are located on the bulletin board to the right of the DSD Office. Please contact Betsy Read ([BetsyRead@verizon.net](mailto:BetsyRead@verizon.net)) with any questions regarding this process.

#### OUR WHOLE LIVES

The Our Whole Lives (OWL) Program will be offered next year. This educational program intended young people approximately 13-15 years of age, with exceptions to this age "requirement" being made on a case by case basis. The program is held in conjunction with young people and adult leaders from other local UU Congregations. Information will be posted on the Religious Education/Spiritual Development portion of the Faces of FCU Bulletin Board, and feel free to contact DSD Gordon for more information.

#### ADULT ENRICHMENT

This May, your DSD will offer two opportunities to receive information on a World Religion. Information will be presented in the format of an informal class to gauge interest in the topic (don't worry, there will be no homework assignments!). You will, however, have the opportunity to access texts, videos, images and other teaching tools utilized in classes previously taught by your DSD. The two dates/times in May that this first class will be offered will be posted on the Faces of FCU Bulletin Board.

## FCU - FYI Church Staff

### **Minister:**

Rev. Marta Valentín  
[minister@fculittle.org](mailto:minister@fculittle.org)

**Rev. Marta is away on Sabbatical until June 1.**

### **Director of Religious Education:**

Gordon Duke  
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Wednesday: 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Gordon will also meet with you by appointment at another mutually agreeable time.

### **Music Director:**

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### **Church Office Administrator:**

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### **Sexton**

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### **Church Officers**

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*The Deacons oversee worship and the pastoral and spiritual life of the church.*

Prisl Dumka, Debbie Eston, Larry Kaylor(Chair), and Jon Welch

**Standing Committee:**  
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*The Standing Committee manages the business and organization of the church.*

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### **Other FCU Contacts**

**Lay Pastoral Ministers:**  
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The Lay Ministers offer a listening ear and pastoral attention to members of the congregation.

**Lay Pastoral Minister for May: Jim Nehring**

Lay Pastoral Ministers:  
Linda Bracco, David Butz, Bill Duston, Anna Fadden, Claire Farrell, Jim Nehring, Phyllis Terrey, & Barbara Whitcomb

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## Communications Deadlines

**Community Matters Notices**  
**Every Thursday, 10:00 a.m.**  
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**The Bulletin**  
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**Next deadline:**  
**Monday, May 19th at 9:00 a.m.**  
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## Stay in Contact with FCU

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**<http://seven.pairlist.net/mailman/listinfo/fcu>** (you will need to cut and paste this into the address bar of your web browser or visit the link on our website under the "contact us" section) and enroll. For information, please email **[office@fculittle.org](mailto:office@fculittle.org)**.

### **FCU Facebook Page**

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