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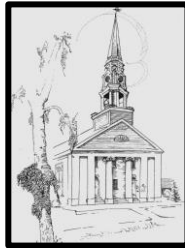
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Sunday Worship Services

Tradition

We are in a new month, slowly filling with May flowers and onto a new worship theme.

May brings us together on five Sundays that offer opportunities to explore the varying ways that traditions are held and honored. Some **traditions morph into culture**, which we swim in so closely that we may not realize the implications of not questioning it. One of our lay leaders will bring this kind of tradition into focus. On another Sunday we'll talk about "**moving on**," but it won't be the kind that you might imagine given our transition. Yet another Sunday we'll celebrate **Spiritual Development** (with guest Eric Semple), from there move into the tradition of **Beginner's Mind**, and end the month exploring **Creating New Traditions**. There will be lots to reflect on, celebrate, and be moved by.

Our **Share the Plate** this month is the **American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**. This charity was chosen by a vote of our children in the Spiritual Development program and they are excited to help animals who cannot fend for themselves. You can read more about the ASPCA on page 11. As always, *thank you* for your continued generosity that promotes our wonderful FCU ministries!

YES, STILL NEW!

Music and Musings Worship Service

Join us we embark on a Unitarian Universalist exploration of life's big themes! We gather every fourth Friday and you'll have to *show* up to see *where* in the building we are, and *what* we're up to! It's a new way of exploring our monthly worship theme through any number of mediums designed to open our hearts even as we ponder deeply.

Our next gathering is **Friday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m.** Join Rev. Marta and the M&M crew for an exploration of how breaking a tradition or holding onto one can save your life. After the service we will gather for further chit chat over yummy dessert. *Join us and bring a friend or two!*

Spirit Matters

Tradition

Before I reflect on our new monthly theme, I just want to acknowledge the news revealed since my last column: that of my upcoming departure. I won't go into a goodbye right now, but it did seem worth mentioning for those who are unaware, which it seems are more than I imagined.

In last month's Bulletin, a notice was inserted to invite folks to talk on April 12. It was a very moving time and I am grateful to those who were able to attend and for the words and sentiments expressed. This has not been an easy decision, but it was a necessary one for me and my family. In essence, I am choosing a different life as the Congregational Development Director for the New England Region that will give me more time to spend with them. I hope that the final two months of church life (my end date, however, is August 2) are filled with continued honest conversations with each other as you prepare for your interim and I prepare to take my leave.

Meanwhile, this month we move into an exploration of the question: ***What does it mean to be a people of tradition?*** When you hear the word "tradition," does it make you cringe (as in "yuck"!), or instill a certain reverence? Does it mean hanging on to traditions that are not life-giving, *just because*? The late Rev. Jack Mendelsohn argues that our UU religion is "not bound by tradition." Has your own UU faith been formed by feeling free from tradition? Or do you owe a bit more thanks to tradition than you've previously recognized? Does living a life of tradition mean that we get to create new ones with every unfolding "aha" moment so that the new and innovative doesn't escape you? Can you live in balance between the two? In fact, is it necessary in order to keep the idea of tradition *alive*? As UUs, what does "the living tradition" actually mean?

Ah...always more questions than time to respond...I'll guess I'll see you in church as we explore them all!!

Love,

Rev. Marta



Church Business

Deacon Notes

Again, I have to say I love the themes of the month...

May's theme is tradition. I think that many of us are thinking of the revelations of the last month. And in June we will celebrate revelry.

Front of my mind is the revelation that Rev. Marta shared: that she will be leaving us at the end of the church year. Thank you, Rev. Marta, for everything. Thank you for giving us a space on April 12 to share our sadness, our gratefulness, our grief. Thanks too for all the people who spoke that day; there was some deep sharing.

Before we move into the traditions of May, I'd like to reflect on the traditions that happened in April: Maundy Thursday, Talent Auction, Easter Sunrise and Easter Services, Passover Seder. Thanks to all who participated in these traditions. I wonder which one is your favorite? Mine is Maundy Thursday. I've always loved this service. Helping to lead this service has been very special. Drying your hands these past two years has been a very moving experience.

Speaking of a moving experience, I'd like to thank the Artemis Singers for their wonderful Revelation through Music service. It was beautiful! I especially loved the final song when you wrapped yourselves around us to sing.

May brings traditions too: our annual RE Sunday where we will celebrate our seniors in their Bridging Ceremony; our Annual Meeting where we make decisions important to all of us. And of course, Memorial Day. Another tradition at FCU is the two Soulful Sundown Services we hold during the summer. They are held in the evening of the third Sunday in July and August. Do you have an idea for one of these services? Please speak with Jon or Debbie or me about it or email us at deacons@fculittle.org.

June's theme is revelry. In this spirit, the Deacons are leading preparations for a celebratory send off for Rev. Marta, Alison, and Jaiya. If you would like to help, please email deacons@fculittle.org or speak with Jon, Debbie, or me. At this writing we do not yet have a date, but when we do, notification will be made via listserv and Community Matters in the Sunday Order of Service.

Peace,
Prisl Dumka, for the Deacons

Standing Committee Notes

Even as the Standing Committee makes sure the work of the church continues, we are mindful of the sadness and uncertainty that are a part of this time of transition. As we move forward in love, we hope you'll keep the conversation going with one another, with Rev. Marta, and with us.

We want to hear your concerns, your ideas, your hopes and vision for FCU's next chapter. Talk to any of us or email us at sc@fculittle.org.

Please join us after the service on **Sunday, May 3**, for a review of the 2016 budget. Treasurer Scott Dressel and members of both the Finance and Standing committees will be on hand to answer your questions. This is important preparation for our **May 17** Annual Meeting, where we'll vote on the budget. Just what ARE we going to do about that leaky roof, anyway?

Join us on May 17, when we'll hear annual reports, elect our officers for the coming year, and vote on other key issues. **As a democratic congregation, there is no "them," only us—we make our future together.** Come be a part of it.

The interim search team submitted FCU's application for an interim minister and eagerly awaits the result, which will come in early May. Stay tuned!

Melissa Baern, for the Standing Committee

Committee Updates

Organizing the Annual Country Fair

When: Saturday, September 12

Where: Fay Park and FCU

Who: Every FCU member and friend we can recruit!



The Annual Country Fair has been held for at least 150 years that we know of, and is one of FCU's biggest community outreach activities and fundraisers. It is also a lot of fun for the whole family to "put on a big Fair" as a church community and invite everyone to come!

Sign-up Sheets

I will begin signing up Fair volunteers and donors after every service in May. Please sign up so that we can get a full roster of volunteers...don't make me call you over the summer (*please*) because you haven't signed up!

Donations

We are looking for donors for cases of drinks (water or soft drinks), and people willing to loan us their coolers, their easy-ups and dining canopies, their tarps, fresh summer veggies (especially tomatoes) for the lunch booth, and Fair start-up money. Extra chairs and tables are also appreciated. *Make sure that everything you lend us is well labeled so that we can return it.*

Changes and New Ideas

If you have any great ideas for changing the Fair or adding something to it, NOW is the time to talk about this! In particular, we are looking for ideas to reduce the number of volunteers we need to run the Fair while not impacting our income, and ideas to make our Fair a more colorful, attractive, and multicultural event. We can also use this event to promote our church as a great spiritual home.

Setup and Cleanup Help

We need setup help on Friday night and teardown after the Fair ends. Those who worked the Fair all day really appreciate those “fresh legs” when the Fair ends! Also, if you have a truck or trailer, we can use your help bringing picnic tables to the park, setting up our Fair signs all over town, bringing loads of things from the barn to the park or church for setup and back to the barn or dumpster during cleanup.

Monica Pilman, for the Fair Committee



FCU Talent Auction On The Road

The First Parish Church of Stow & Acton auction team asked me to convey their gratitude for the loan of FCU’s Paris-themed auction decorations. Serendipitously, their auction was the weekend following ours, and the theme was also *April in Paris*. Our auction team kindly offered the use of our decorations, which added sparkle and pizzazz to the ambience the Stow-Acton UUs created. Thank you again from our UU neighbors.

Elinor McCarthy Gentilman, for the Stow-Acton Auction Team

Women’s Alliance



The Alliance had a lovely day at Tower Hill Botanical Gardens this month. We were happy to host the coffee hour when the Artemis Singers celebrated their 10th Anniversary.

Bach's Lunch this month will be trombone and piano duets.

Our Annual Meeting will be May 16 at 11 a.m.

Wendy McDougall

Adult Enrichment Committee

The purpose of the Adult Enrichment Committee (AEC) has been to help provide vibrant programming to our church community. We currently have many great programs that are running themselves, from the Multi-Cultural Committee, Women’s Alliance, Social Justice Committee, Sacred Circle Dance, and Caring for Our Aging Parents, Soul Matters and more.

AEC has concluded that we are no longer needed to act as a clearing house for programs. While we have enjoyed organizing some fun activities, this is a community that makes things happen. We feel that AEC itself is no longer needed—but your ideas can continue to make events happen. All ideas for programs are welcome as long as they adhere to the values and ideals of the church community.

Here is how you can make your event happen at FCU:

- ⊕ Write up a brief description of your proposed event
- ⊕ Access the Church calendar
- ⊕ Fill out a meeting space request
- ⊕ Confirm your request
- ⊕ Send a write up to the Bulletin at bulletin@fculittle.org by the third Tuesday of the month
- ⊕ Submit to the Order of Service prior to the event

Good luck with all of your ideas!

Lynda Kaylor, Julie Bucceri, Ron Willett, and Mark Bucceri, for the former AEC

Council on Social Justice

Four FCU members were among the 135 UUs who attended **UU Mass Action Advocacy Day** on April 14 at Boston’s Arlington Street Church. Senator William Brownsberger (D-Belmont), a Unitarian Universalist and Chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary, was the keynote speaker. The day culminated in visits with senators and representatives at the State House to lobby for the following legislative priorities:

- **End Mass Incarceration:** End Mandatory Minimums, Pre-Trial & Bail Reform, Justice Reinvestment Act
- **Immigration Rights:** Trust Act, Safe Driving and Education Equity
- **Economic Justice:** End Homelessness, Paid Family & Medical Leave
- **Environment/Climate Change:** Green Bank, C-PACE and Fossil Fuel Divestment.

Multicultural Ministries Committee

Multicultural and Discussion Film Series

On **Saturday, May 2**, at 7 p.m., please join us in the vestry to watch *Race: the Power of an Illusion*. We’ll be watching part 3 of this documentary series—*The House We Live In*. Race may be a biological myth, but racism

gives different groups vastly different life chances. Forty years after the civil rights movement, the playing field is still not level and “colorblind” policies only perpetuate inequality. Please join us for a lively discussion and refreshments. All are welcome.

On **Saturday, June 6**, at 7 p.m., we will be watching *Stonewall Rebellion* in honor of LGBTQ Pride/Awareness month. This last film of the church year is co-sponsored by the Adult Enrichment Committee (AEC) and MMC.

Next fall, the Multicultural Film and Discussion Series continues in its third year!

Stand Against Racism

The MMC invited FCU to Stand Against Racism on April 26 and May 3 as part of the national YWCA campaign. During fellowship hour, FCU congregants and guests signed the Stand Against Racism Pledge, which you can see (and sign) in the vestry. They also signed letters to Senators Elizabeth Warren and Ed Markey and Congresswoman Niki Tsongas requesting that they co-sponsor and support the End Racial Profiling Act which was filed in the US Senate and House of Representatives on April 23, 2015 (for the third time in 3 years). Senator Warren co-sponsored the bill in 2013 and 2014.

Beyond Ferguson

A small group of dedicated FCU members have begun meeting to make a plan for “what’s next” following our successful January 21 event, Beyond Ferguson: A Community Dialogue, a productive conversation with police chiefs from the towns surrounding FCU. The group has begun networking with organizations and individuals outside FCU to develop the web of collaboration that will support the next event. For more information, please see the article on page 11.

If you would like to become part of the support circle around this group, contact Amy Osenar (osenar@verizon.net) or Alice Schafer (aliceschafer@comcast.net).

GRACE (Growing Racial and Cultural Equality)

GRACE will be holding its annual summit on May 16 from 9 to 4 p.m. in Hudson. This gathering of all the churches in the region has been very exciting, interesting, and informative. The theme this year is Ministries in the Era of Ferguson. As movements build to confront such racialized injustices as police brutality, immigration issues, mass incarceration, and threats to voting rights, congregations committed to racial justice are asking how to respond meaningfully. Come join the experience!

For more information, visit <http://www.newenglanduua.org/content/grace-summit-2015> or call Araya Fast at 978-256-5626.

Beloved Conversations (BC)

A half-day workshop of the Beloved Conversations: Meditations on Race and Ethnicity program is planned for Saturday, May 30, from 2 to 5 p.m. Please arrive 15-20 minutes early to enjoy refreshments and conversation. At 5 p.m., a potluck supper will be served by the Multicultural Ministries Committee.

*This month, we invite you to reflect upon these words
by Rumi*

Out beyond ideas of wrongdoing and rightdoing,
there is a field. I'll meet you there.
When the soul lies down in that grass,
the world is too full to talk about.
Ideas, language, even the phrase *each other*
doesn't make any sense.

The workshop is open to all FCU congregants including teenagers, young adults, and previous BC participants. If you'd like to participate or learn more about it, please contact Caroline Marvin (carolinemarvinphd@gmail.com), Betsy Read (betsyread@verizon.net), or the MMC at multicultural@FCUlittle.org.

The complete Beloved Conversations: Meditations on Race and Ethnicity will be offered next year from October through April!!

The BC program includes a 1½ day retreat and nine 2½ hour workshops. The retreat will be held Friday evening and all day Saturday, October 16 and 17. The dates and times for the workshops will be determined based on the schedules of the participants and facilitators. A \$50 sliding-scale donation is requested to cover the cost of materials and refreshments. Scholarships are available. For more information, please attend the BC workshop scheduled for Saturday, May 30, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., or contact Caroline, Betsy, or the MMC.

National Museum of African American History and Culture

The FCU congregation made a Share-the-Plate contribution of \$646 to the museum in January. In response, we received a Certificate of Appreciation from the museum making us a charter member, along with a gorgeous book of portraits titled *Let Your Motto Be Resistance* and a 2-CD set titled *Every Tone a Testimony*. Please take a look at the book and CDs in the Multicultural Ministries Committee library located in the Alliance Room.

Jammin' in the Kitchen

102 and counting!

The Jammin' in the Kitchen crew has been working for a month now. As of this writing, we've made 102 jars of jam!

Help keep that number rising:

- ❖ Join us any Tuesday from 7-9 p.m.
- ❖ Let us know if you have fruit we can use.
- ❖ Drop off a case of new jars (8 oz. is best), or bring us those empties that are hanging around at home.



Who's jammin'? We are!

Thank you for the jars that have already been returned. And thank you to all the jammers and cappers for the wonderful work! We're off to a great start!

Historical Note

When the wing was added to the church, it provided nine rooms for the Sunday School: the nursery, kindergarten, first and second grades on the main floor; third, fourth, fifth, and sixth grades on the lower level and a combined seventh and eighth grade.

Sacred Circle Dance: Beltane!

Friday, May 8

The circle this month honors Beltane—midpoint between Spring Equinox and Summer Solstice. Gaelic peoples marked it as the beginning of summer with great bonfires and rituals to protect cattle and encourage the growth of crops. We dance to celebrate the return of sunlight and warmer weather, and NO experience is needed. Join our Community Circle (easier dances) 7 to 9 p.m., or come at 6 for more challenging dances. WEAR A SPRING COLOR and don't forget your water bottle. For more info, contact circle@fcu.org.



Hidden Gems of Lowell

Saturday, May 23

Lynda Kaylor and Ron Willett will lead an informal walk to points of interest in downtown Lowell, which is among the nation's better examples of urban preservation. Bring a little cash for lunch at a local eatery and wear good walking shoes. Meet in the fire house parking lot at 10 a.m. Please RSVP to AEC@fculittle.org.

SAVE THE DATE: FCU observes PRIDE 2015



Saturday, June 6

June is LGBTQ Pride/Awareness month in Massachusetts. FCU's Multicultural Ministry Committee and the AEC jointly host a screening of the award-winning documentary *Stonewall Uprising*, which details the urban rebellion that began the American movement for LGBTQ civil rights. A brief discussion will follow. June 6 at 7 p.m. in the vestry.

Littleton Day of Caring

Saturday, June 13

Registration is now open for the family friendly Littleton Council of Churches Community Service Project, which will take place on June 13 from 9 a.m.—12 noon followed by a picnic for all volunteers.

Working with the Littleton Council on Aging, congregants and friends from each of the five churches will help seniors in the community who need assistance with yard clean up. Please register at www.littletonchurches.org so that work groups can be organized. We will meet at St. Anne Parish, 75 King Street, Littleton. Rain date: June 20. We hope you will participate in this day of caring.

Debbie Eston, for FCU's Littleton Council of Churches Reps.

Stay Connected to FCU



Annual Joint Summer Service

Sunday, August 2
First Parish Church of Stow & Acton

This year, the joint summer service of the Harvard, Littleton, and Stow-Acton UU churches will be held in the beautifully renovated Stow church at 10 a.m. on Sunday, August 2.



The service is modeled after a Sunday morning minister-led service and incorporates worship traditions from the three churches. Refreshments will be offered after the service.

There will be a “pick-up” choir, which will sing a choral introit and anthem. All singers are welcome. Choir rehearsal begins at 8:30 a.m.

Your support of this unique summer service is appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you in August at the Stow church.

Elinor McCarthy Gentilman, for the Joint Summer Service Team

Summer Sunday TED Talk Gatherings

Many of us miss seeing our church family in the summer. But this summer will be different!

Most Sundays, we will gather at our regular Sunday Service hour of 10 a.m. to watch a TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) Talk video and discuss it. We’ll meet at FCU each Sunday after July 4 weekend and before Labor Day weekend—except August 2, when we hold our joint summer service with the Stow-Acton and Harvard UU churches.

The format is simple: watch a video and share your thoughts and feelings. Bring an open mind, a caring heart, and your water bottle.



All we need is a few volunteers willing to share their favorite TED Talk and lead a discussion on it. If you would like to share, send the title and author of your favorite talk along with your available dates to Carolyn McCreary (clmccreary@comcast.net). Carole Tillis and I will determine the schedule, arrange the technical details, and communicate the schedule to the community.

Beyond Ferguson Update

On August 9, 2014, an unarmed 18-year-old black man, Michael Brown, was shot and killed by white police officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson, Missouri. In addition to Brown, more than 100 black males were shot and killed by policemen in the United States in 2014.

Those facts, along with other examples of questionable 'excessive force,' triggered an eruption of national unrest regarding race relations and the use of force by police. The ensuing protests and dialogue reflected increasingly polarized perspectives, leading to a national state of fear and unrest.

FCU responded by inviting area police chiefs and community members to join us in our sanctuary for an open, respectful dialogue, with the objective of diffusing tensions. Police chiefs were asked to describe what they felt were the most pressing issues about race and policing in their communities. We were delighted to have 6 chiefs of police and 119 community members attend and actively engage in the conversation.

Since that night, we have organized a core group of dedicated people to plan follow-ups (note plural...). The team consists of Amy Osenar, Lorinda Morimoto, Alice Schafer, Cynthia Heiland, Rev. Marta Valentín, and Roland Gibson from the Congregational Church of Littleton. Currently, we are exploring:

- ❖ Cultural competency;
- ❖ Effective ways to bridge the racial divide;
- ❖ Developing relationships with local activists, organizations, and governance; and
- ❖ Defining objectives and plans for future events.

We are aware that some may like the pace to be faster; however, we have decided to prioritize carefully by deliberately setting a stage to facilitate safe conversations about the critical and challenging subjects of race, racism, white privilege, and race relations. We hope these efforts will ultimately lead to individual, as well as collective, constructive actions.

Advances include, but are not limited to:

- ❖ Cindy Heiland has shared her extraordinary knowledge, connections, and efforts with local social justice groups, which include Acton Boxborough Diversity Coalition (ABDC).
- ❖ Cindy has organized FCU to be a YWCA 'Stand Against Racism' pledge site.
- ❖ Cindy Heiland and Araya Fast co-lead monthly movie nights, featuring topics of race, racism, white privilege, and anti-oppression. Movie nights and subsequent discussions are a great way for interested people to become involved, by helping us to set the stage through developing better racial awareness and understanding.
- ❖ Roland Gibson has kept us up to date about Congregational Church of Littleton's Seeking to Understand Racial Injustice (SURI) efforts.
- ❖ Roland has supported our efforts through weekly conversations about how to effectively engage audiences who are at vastly different places in their journey of understanding complex race relations.
- ❖ Amy Osenar and Roland have met with the Head of School at Oak Meadow School in Littleton to discuss cultural sensitivity, issues of race and racism, and anti-oppression efforts in the school.

Please address questions or comments to Amy Osenar (osenar@verizon.net).



We hold in our hearts these candles of joys and sorrows shared this past month...

CANDLES OF SORROW

Our condolences go out to

- 🕯 Tom Cowen, on the death of his cat Boolie
- 🕯 Sarah Fadden, on the sudden death of her cat
- 🕯 Lezli Whitehouse's grandmother

Our healing thoughts and prayers go out to

- 🕯 Alan Bell's son, healing from kidney surgery
- 🕯 Barbara Whitcomb's grandnephew Josh

CANDLES OF CELEBRATION

We celebrate with

- 🕯 Dayle Welch on her college choice of UMaine at Orono
- 🕯 Adam Leyenaar, as he enjoys college
- 🕯 FCU on a successful Talent Auction
- 🕯 Patti Sardella's son David as he continues to do well

Our thoughts of courage and encouragement go out to

- 🕯 Mark Bucceri and his sister Tracy
- 🕯 Carl Britton and family
- 🕯 Hectór Malavé and Louis Massauro as they move on

Share-the-Plate

On the third Sunday of each month, the FCU congregation supports a different charity with our offering. On Sunday, April 19, we contributed \$893.76 to the New Start Project. We thank Tony Smith for coming to tell us about this project, and we thank you so much for your support!

Our Share-the-Plate recipient for May is the **American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals**, which works to rescue animals from abuse, pass humane laws, and share resources with shelters nationwide.



The ASPCA was chosen by the enthusiastic vote of our children in the Spiritual Development program. They are very excited to help this great organization that does so much to protect animals.

Please encourage their passion with your generosity!



Coffee Hour Volunteers Needed!

As you know, our coffee hours depend on volunteers to set up and clean up. Without volunteers, we will still meet in the vestry after the service, but there will be no coffee, tea, etc.

There are still many open slots for the remaining weeks of the church year. Please sign up to help on the Hospitality Board in the vestry.

Thank you for helping make coffee hour happen for us all!



Kids Matter(s)

Messing with Tradition

Children have never been good at listening to their elders, but they have never failed to imitate them.

James Arthur Baldwin

Lemony Snicket says, “Because something is traditional is no reason to do it, of course.” On the other hand, tradition is important in our lives and the lives of our children.

“Sometimes honoring a tradition requires that we approach it anew, even ‘mess with it.’ And [May] is the perfect month to make ‘old’ traditions come alive.” (Soul Matters, May 2015)

We’ve got familiar secular celebrations, Mother’s Day (5/10) and Memorial Day (5/24); the traditional UU celebrations of Children’s/Youth Sunday and the Bridging Ceremony (5/17); and opportunities to explore other religious holidays such as Beltane (5/1) and Buddha’s Birthday (5/25). How might you celebrate them and make them part of your family tradition?

MAY Spiritual Development Calendar

Sun.	5/3	Classes, planning for 5/17
Sun.	5/10	Classes, planning for 5/17
Sun.	5/17	Children and Youth Sunday; multigenerational service
Sun.	5/24	Memorial Day weekend, Game Day
Sun.	5/31	3 week mini-course begins

But why are traditions important; what do you want your children to imitate, to pass on? In her article *New Family Traditions: Creating Rituals with and for Children*,* Meg Cox says “Family ritual is pretty much anything families do together deliberately, as long as it’s juiced up with some flourish that lifts it above humdrum routine.”

10 Good Things Rituals Do for Children

- ⊕ Impart a sense of identity
- ⊕ Provide comfort and security
- ⊕ Help to navigate change
- ⊕ Teach values
- ⊕ Teach practical skills
- ⊕ Solve problems
- ⊕ Keep alive a sense of departed family members
- ⊕ Pass on ethnic or religious heritage
- ⊕ Help heal from loss or trauma
- ⊕ Generate wonderful memories

Meg Cox


Think of traditions you want to honor from your childhood. Create new traditions with your children. Juice them up, mess with them. “Hold on [AND] make room!” (Soul Matters) I’m going to try all of that this month.

With love,

Vicki Merriam

Director of Spiritual Development for Children and Youth

*UU World, July/August 2003; for the full article: <http://www.uuworld.org/2003/04/feature2.html>; also by Meg Cox, *The Book of New Family Traditions*

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