

FIRST CHURCH UNITARIAN ANNUAL COUNTRY FAIR UPDATE

- When:** Saturday Sept 10th, 10am-4pm
Where: Fay Park (across the street from FCU)
Why: A major fundraiser for the FCU budget and a great community day providing good clean fun for all ages
Who: Friends and Members of FCU run the fair
Everyone is invited to attend

The summer respite is when we plan for the fair. If you are available to help I would love to hear from you. We need as much help as we can get. Contact information is at the end of this article.

FRIDAY NIGHT BEFORE FAIR SET-UP

Friday set up starts at 3pm and will end with an appreciation dinner provided by Bob and Susan around 8:00pm. You can arrive at any time and there will be a job for you. See Laura Semple when you arrive at Fay Park to get your assignment.

Friday night tasks will include setting up tents, slicing food, moving picnic tables, and emptying the barn of trash and treasure items as well as books.

SATURDAY MORNING SET-UP

Set up starts promptly at 7am! We need all the help we can get for this task. We highly recommend that you wear boots for safety and come ready to move lots of trash and treasure.

FRESH LEGS NEEDED FOR BREAKDOWN

Many people arrive as early as 7am and work the fair throughout the entire day making the events flow flawlessly. This can make for a very long day. If you are someone who can't make it to the fair because of family or sports commitments during the day, would you consider coming at the end of the fair to help with the clean up and break down? We could really use the fresh and energized legs to help with the breakdown that starts at 4pm promptly. See Laura Semple for an assignment when you arrive.

ITEMS WE NEED FOR FAIR DAY

If you own a canopy or tarp we could sure use it. As you know, shade is at a premium and canopies help to make the day much more pleasant for those working the booths. If you are unable to participate on fair day there are ways you can help. This would include donating a case of water or juice, and coolers. All items can be dropped off at the church at any time on Friday straight thru to Saturday morning. If donating a cooler please put your name on it. For that matter please put your name on any items you bring to the fair for our use. At the end of the fair all unclaimed donated items will be placed by the double side doors for you to pick up at your convenience.

FOOD

We have a Baked Goods table and new this year is a homemade pie table. If you would consider baking a homemade pie or some other favorite treat for the fair that would be fantastic.

BEVERAGES

Cases of water, juice, or soda are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off on Friday night or first thing Saturday morning.

BOOKS

Weed out your bookcases and bring your gently used books to the parsonage barn for the used book table. Books can be left at the back corner of the parsonage barn. (Look for signs)

TRASH AND TREASURE

Clean out your basements, attics, and garages and bring your trash, someone else's treasure to the parsonage barn any time between now and the fair. Items are to be carried to the second floor of the barn. The barn is pretty full at this time. Bringing T&T items on Friday, September 9th is a good option and on Saturday the 10th as well. Please be mindful that we do not accept the following items: TV's, Computer Monitors, Microwaves, and Used Car Seats. We also ask that you only donate items that are worthy of resale.

CD'S AND VIDEOS

Pack up your outgrown children's videos and your cd's and bring them to the lower level of the parsonage barn. Look for the signs directing you to drop off area.

JEWELRY JUNKIES

You know who you are. You know you have jewels that you don't wear anymore.

(You know ... if you get rid of some old jewelry, you can justify buying something new!)

The jewelry table at the Country Fair could use your jewelry donations for re-sale on September 10th. Any silver, gold, semi-precious or (dare I hope) precious stone contributions will be priced and displayed accordingly. Dropping off your donation early helps us to sort out what we have, so that we can ask a fair price for the items as well as display them nicely. The jewelry team will be sorting and pricing at the church on Friday night so come on down and drop off your gems. A section has been set aside on the bottom level of the barn for jewelry drop offs.

WHERE IS THE PARSONAGE BARN AND HOW DO I GO ABOUT DROPPING OFF MY DONATIONS?

The parsonage barn is located at 27 Foster Street. Two houses to the left of the church as you face the church. You can enter the barn by the left side door. Once in you can access the garage door opener which will allow you to pull your vehicle up to the door opening. All book donations remain on the bottom floor. See signs for guidance. All Trash and Treasure items are to be taken to the upper level of the barn. Please note the signs of unaccepted items. (Thank you) ****Do not lock the side door when finished****

WHO DO I CONTACT TO SIGN UP OR GET MORE INFORMATION?

Send an email to fair@fculittle.org and someone will get back to you about how you can be a part of this wonderful church event.

Wishing you a wonderful summer and thanking you in advance for helping with our beloved annual country fair.

Laura Semple