

**Next Sunday, May 15  
That's How the Light Gets In  
Rev. Steve Edington**

The title comes from Leonard Cohen's song *Anthem*: "Ring the bells that still can ring. Forget your perfect offering. There's a crack in everything. That's how the light gets in." Some of our greatest insights, and some of our greatest opportunities for growth come out of the broken places, or the "cracks" in our lives. The term crack here refers to those "cracks in our consciousness" when we come to see ourselves and our world in new ways. The "light" is the light of new awareness and new understanding. How we attend to the sometimes painful, but still necessary, cracks in our lives is the theme of this sermon.

**Saturday, May 14, 6:00 p.m.**

All are welcome and, if you can, bring the following: a potluck dish to share, a community friend, and/or a board game. This event is open to everyone from FCU and the wider community. If you don't have anything to bring, please come anyway - the more the merrier! This event is sponsored by the **Member Reach Committee**. For more information, contact [capricetarbox@gmail.com](mailto:capricetarbox@gmail.com).



Members of all congregations, and their friends, are invited to join together on **Saturday, May 21, from 9:00 a.m. to Noon** for the **Littleton Day of Caring**. We will spend the morning helping seniors with spring clean-up and basic yard work. All ages are welcome. [Register today](#). This family event is a great way to assist our senior neighbors and get to know people from other Littleton churches. For more information contact Debbie Eston at [estonent@verizon.net](mailto:estonent@verizon.net).

**From the Governance Task Force**

Our mission is to work with the congregation to understand our collective thoughts and feelings about church governance and begin a conversation about the governance of our church going forward so that the new minister will have a head-start when he/she arrives. On **Sunday, May 22, at 11:30**, we will hold a "Church Governance 101" Session open to all First Church members and friends to get an informal intro to church governance from Rev. Steve Edington.

For more about the Governance Task Force, including our recent report on the perspectives of FCU members, visit [www.fculittle.org](http://www.fculittle.org) and look under "Governance Task Force" in the "About" section.



On **Saturday, June 4**, at 6:00 p.m., FCU will observe **LGBTQ Pride Month** with a potluck dinner, viewing the movie "**Pride**" and then a discussion. The movie is about an unlikely alliance of striking Welsh mineworkers who draw support from a coalition of gay and lesbian activists who solicit donations to help tide over the miners' families during a 1984 standoff.



On **Saturday, June 11**, walk with us in the **Boston Pride Parade**. Join a contingent of **Ferry Beachers** and the **GAYLA Men's Group**. Great family fun for FCU friends and allies of the LGBTQ community. **Sign up in the vestry or contact Tom Cowen at [tojoco1@gmail.com](mailto:tojoco1@gmail.com)**. Sign up early and get a Ferry Beach T-shirt to

For inclusion in the weekly **Community Matters**, you may send your article to [announce@fculittle.org](mailto:announce@fculittle.org), or directly to Tom Cowen at [tojoco1@gmail.com](mailto:tojoco1@gmail.com). Please have your submissions in no later than 9:00 a.m. on Thursday and keep in mind that lengthy items will be subject to editing.



Your **Standing Committee** is diligently exploring new methods for communicating and would like for you to know that within a couple of months we will have a new and improved web site up and running. There's more to come. We'll keep you posted.

# Community Matters

## May 8, 2016

*We are happy to have you  
with us today at  
First Church Unitarian, Littleton.*



### *What's Happening*

#### **Sunday, May 8**

9:00 a.m. — Choir Practice  
9:45 a.m. — Senior Youth Group  
10:00 a.m. — Worship Service  
11:45 a.m. — Multicultural Ministries Meeting

#### **Monday, May 9**

7:00 p.m. — Survivors of Suicide  
Support Group

#### **Tuesday, May 10**

7:00 p.m. — Jammin' in the Kitchen

#### **Wednesday, May 11**

7:00 p.m. — Deacons Meeting

#### **Thursday, May 12**

6:00 — Artemis Choir Rehearsal  
7:30 — Mixed Choir Rehearsal

#### **Friday, May 13**

6:00 p.m. — Sacred Circle Dance

#### **Saturday, May 14**

10:00 a.m. — Women's Alliance  
6:00 p.m. — Multi-Gen Potluck  
and Game Night

### **Spiritual Development Program for Children and Youth Sunday, May 8**

*After "A Time for All Ages,"  
children will leave the Sanctuary  
for their own program.*

#### **Chapel Sunday: (K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade)**

We'll make some gifts and cards for those who nurture and teach us and play some games.

**Coming of Age:** We are completing our credos and planning for our participation in the service and ceremony on May 22.

**Senior Youth Group:** (Youth between 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade): Group meets next week.

**Next Week:** Spirit Play, Holidays and Holy Days, and Breakfast Club will prepare their presentations for the children and youth multigenerational service on May 22.



### **MEN'S GROUP**

**Sunday, May 8**

**7:00 p.m.**

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. Newcomers are welcome. Contact [jrossdmd@verizon.net](mailto:jrossdmd@verizon.net)



**Fiber Fanatics**

**Tuesday, May 10**

**10:00 a.m.**

If you enjoy knitting, crocheting or other fibery work and would like to spend time with people who share your interest, bring a project and join us! For more information contact [kersland1@gmail.com](mailto:kersland1@gmail.com).

## **ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING**

Next Sunday, May 15, after the worship service.