



Community Matters

May 15, 2016

*Welcome to our visitors, friends and members of
First Church Unitarian, Littleton.
We're happy you chose to be with us this morning.*

Religious Education Program for Children and Youth Sunday, May 15

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

Primary – "Spirit Play"

Elementary – "Holidays and Holy Days"

Intermediate – "Breakfast Club"

All groups will be planning their presentation
for next Sunday's service and celebrating their
year together. (See the back page.)

Senior Youth Group - (Youth between 9th &
12th grade): Group meets today.

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

**Sunday, May 15,
following the worship service.**

The agenda will include electing officers of the church, Nominating Committee and Delegates to the UUA General Assembly; approval of the church budget for fiscal year 2017, hearing and acting on the Annual Report, authorizing the Treasurer to borrow money on behalf of the church, discuss amending the Constitution and transact any other business that may legally come up before the meeting.

There's a lot of church business to be decided and your presence is urged. We want to hear what you have to say.



This Week at a Glance

Sunday, May 15

- 9:00 a.m. — Choir Practice
- 9:45 a.m. — Senior Youth Group
- 10:00 a.m. — Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. — Annual Church Meeting

Monday, May 16

- 7:00 — Finance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, May 17

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

Wednesday, May 18

- 7:00 — Lay Pastoral Ministers Meeting

Thursday, May 19

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

No church events scheduled for Friday.

Saturday, May 21

- 9:00 a.m. — Littleton Day of Caring



the LITTLETON DAY of CARING

See the back page for details.



May 15 is our **Share-the-Plate Sunday** this month. The organization receiving the contribution is **Neurofibromatosis Northeast**. Karen Peluso, Executive Director of NF Northeast will speak to us about this challenging disorder that took the life of Jenny Horn, Niela Miller's daughter, in 1984. It is more common than first assumed and research is continuing to provide some hope for patients and families. See nfincne.org for a short video and more information.

Littleton Day of Caring

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.

This is an update 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.

We are asking you to **Save-the-Dates** for two upcoming events. Your participation is encouraged as we embark on what may be a bold new approach to church governance.

May 22, 11:30 to 12:30

A "Church Governance 101" session will be open to all First Church members and friends to get an informal introduction, from Rev. Steve Edington, to church governance.

June 5, 11:30 - 12:30

First Church members with recent church leadership experience will lead an informal presentation/discussion of our current church governance practices.

Next Sunday, May 22, 2016

The Blessing of Learning and Teaching: A Celebration of Children, Youth and Religious Education Volunteers

This multigenerational worship brings us all together to experience briefly some things that take place in our Religious Education program. Each group will participate and our Coming of Age group will culminate their year together by sharing some thoughts. We will, as a congregation, welcome and affirm their transition to adulthood. Please join us and support our children, youth and volunteers.

Come join us in seeking healing, wholeness, wisdom, beauty and joy in the nearby natural world through intention, awareness and creative engagement.

Suburban Nature Questing

Saturday, May 28, 3:00 p.m.

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Saturday, June 4, 6:00 p.m.

Join us as we 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 the 1984 standoff in England.

Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect June 22-26, Columbus, Ohio



**Would you like to represent
FCU and be a part of this
dynamic assembly?**

Contact FCU's Nominating Committee at rwillett@comcast.net,
and for more info about GA 2016 visit <http://www.uua.org/ga>



On **Saturday, June 11**, walk with us in the **Boston Pride Parade**. Join a group 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.**

For inclusion in the weekly **Community Matters**, you may send your article to announce@fculittle.org, or directly to Tom Cowen at 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.

