



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian

Littleton, MA

July, 2016

We hope you're enjoying your summer and we look forward to being back together on Sunday, September 11. On that day we will resume our regular Sunday schedule with our Homecoming/Water Ceremony at 10:00 a.m.

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Summer Sunday **TED Talk Gatherings** will start July 10th and run through August 28th, save August 10th for the Joint Summer Service. We will gather from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to watch a video of a TED (technology, entertainment, design) Talk and discuss it.



Again this year the format is simple: watch a video and share your thoughts and feelings. Bring an open mind, a caring heart, and your water bottle. Presently there are no plans to provide childcare.

For more information about this summer's series check out the Summer Services section on the home page of FCU's new website or send your email to deacons@fculittle.org.
Debbie Eston, for the Deacons

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**Sunday, August 7
10:00 a.m.**

Annual Joint Summer Service

Together with members and friends from UU churches in Bolton, Groton, Harvard, Hudson, Lancaster and Stow-Acton, **FCU will host this 13th gathering** when we will celebrate our UU heritage while renewing friendships. This service is a traditional Sunday service and incorporates worship traditions from several churches.

The theme of the worship service, led by Rev. Steve Edington is "**Recovering the Universalist Vision.**" *Our Universalist spiritual ancestors believed strongly in the universal love of God, and the ultimate unity of all human beings, as well as all of life. The theology behind these beliefs may seem quaint to us today, but in a world that is now so terribly fragmented, we would do well to recapture their vision as a way of rekindling our hope. Rev. Steve will use some of the text of the late Carl Sagan's essay "A Pale Blue Dot" as a way of shaping our thoughts on this topic.*

Ted Johnson, Music Director at Harvard Unitarian Church, will direct the choir. If you are interested in singing in the choir, all singers are welcome to a rehearsal beginning at 8:30 a.m., on August 7, to prepare the introit and anthem.

Following the service light refreshments, coffee, tea, juice and water will be served outside, weather permitting, or in the Vestry.

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FCU's Annual Country Fair Saturday, September 10

Mark your calendars. We need lots of help creating this wonderful church and community event. If you are able to volunteer you can sign up at fair@fculittle.org. Send me an email and I'll suggest something to your liking! The best jobs go fast so I am anxious to hear from you!!!

The parsonage barn is a wonderful place for you to move items along that you are no longer in need of. Please pay close attention to the following details about any items you wish to donate to the church fair.

We **DO NOT** accept the following items: TV's, Computers, Used Car Seats, and Microwaves.

If you are donating electronic items please make sure they are in working order. This makes Hugh very happy.

The barn is pretty full. We have limited space available for furniture. If you wish to donate furniture items it is best if you plan to drop furniture items off Friday, September 9, anytime from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., or starting as early as 7:00 a.m. on Saturday morning.

All trash and treasure donations must be brought to upper level of the barn. Please keep marked isles open and place your items as far back as you can in the donation area.

Books and jewelry donations can be deposited on the lower level. Look for signage for your donations.

And lastly, we kindly ask that any donations that are not worthy of resale please dispose of them properly on your end so the church does not have to incur the expense to dispose of them at the end of the fair.

If you are unfamiliar with how to donate to the fair or where the barn is located please email me at fair@fculittle.org and I will help you out with your questions.

Thank you and have a great summer.

Laura Semple, Country Fair Organizer

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Shamanic Journey Circle Second Sunday of every month 3:00 p.m.— 6:00 p.m.

This is an opportunity for shamanic circle work for those who already know how to journey on their own to the Lower World and have an ongoing relationship with at least one primary Spirit Ally. Bring a pad, blanket, water bottle, journal, and rattle, plus a frame drum if you have one. This event is offered at NO CHARGE as part of the ministry of First Church Unitarian in Littleton. For more information and to confirm schedule: www.meetup.com/energymedicinestudy/; or contact Cerridwen at: energystudy@fculittle.org