



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

October 13, 2019

This Sunday, October 13, at 10:00 a.m.

"We're Still Here: Indigenous Peoples' Day"

FCU and Racial Justice Action Committee member Lorinda Morimoto, along with Lynn Courtney will preach and co-lead a service with Rev. Lara Hoke. Lorinda will talk in part about the "Praying Indians" who lived in Littleton and who will be visiting and offering a Powwow in Fay Park this coming June. This is a Share-the-Plate Sunday, and the recipient will be **United Native American Cultural Center**. Please join us.

Religious Education for Children and Youth KidSpace:

This Sunday, October 13 — The Interdependent Web - We will make webs of various sorts to remind us we are all connected. Helper: Tatum Hammer.

Next Sunday, October 20 — Our circle of belonging changes and is flexible. We will play games of belonging and begin a mural. Helpers: Mark Bucceri and Martha Childs

Share-the-Plate with United Native American Cultural Center This Sunday, October 13



UNACC is an organization, located in Devens, with a mission to "be a positive place for peoples of all cultures to gather, share and educate one another" is our October Share-the-Plate recipient. Lorena and Matt Novak will provide information about the organization. Donation by check is to be made payable to United Native American Cultural Center, Inc. or go to <https://www.unacc.org/> to donate online.

Autumn Sacred Circle Dance Friday, October 11, in the Vestry

Community Circle 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., more challenging dances at 6:00
Now that we're actually in Autumn, let's observe it with some special dances and some good fellowship. We will dance in honor of the harvest, the Equinox and the trees. ALL dances are taught, no experience is needed, newcomers are welcome. Bring your water bottle and a willing spirit.

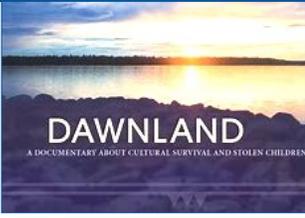
Nursery Help Needed

Thanks to those who have already signed up to help in the nursery. We still need more folks willing to be present in the nursery in case we have any babies or toddlers attend. Each Sunday requires 2 people. If no kids come after the first 10-15 minutes, volunteers can attend the service. Please let Vicki know if you are willing to be on the list to help occasionally. dsd@fculittle.org

Hospitality Opportunities

Each Sunday, FCU needs volunteers for several important jobs that help with our Service and Fellowship. You can choose from bringing flowers, serving as an usher, setting up for coffee or cleaning up after coffee hour. Please take a moment to claim your spots at SignUp.com or on the Sign Up Board in the Vestry.

**We hope to see you in church this Sunday morning.
First Church Unitarian is a wonderful place to be.**



Indigenous Peoples' Day Screening of *Dawnland* 2019 News and Documentary Emmy Award for Outstanding Research Monday, October 14, at 3:00 p.m. in the Vestry

For most of the 20th century, government agents systematically forced Native American children from their homes and placed them with white families. As recently as the 1970's, one in four Native children nationwide were living in non-Native foster care, adoptive homes, or boarding schools. Many children experienced devastating emotional and physical harm by adults who mistreated them and tried to erase their cultural identity.

For the first time, they are being asked to share their stories. In Maine, a historic investigation—the first government-sanctioned truth and reconciliation commission (TRC) in the United States—begins a bold journey. For over two years, Native and non-Native commissioners travel across Maine. They gather testimony and bear witness to the devastating impact of the state's child welfare practices on families in Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy and Penobscot tribal communities. Collectively, these tribes make up the Wabanaki people.

Fun, Food and Fellowship Friday, October 18, 6:00 p.m. in the Vestry

These potlucks are a great, no-agenda, intergenerational way to deepen our connections, share a meal, play games and have FUN! They are for singles, couples, and families, and are an opportunity to bring people who might be interested in our church. Bring food (homemade or store-bought) or drinks to share. If you have games, bring them too! We roughly coordinate the food so we don't end up having an all-cookie dinner, but feel free to show up last-minute anyway. For each date, a reminder with a sign-up sheet will be sent.

Home Funerals and Green Burial Sunday, October 20, at 6:00 p.m. in the Vestry

Caring for your loved one at home after they have died is a profound and loving experience. This program will give you the legal facts, the logistical details and a description of the enormous personal benefits that come with this profound moment in a family's life. In addition you will find out all you need to know about Green burial. There will be time for discussion and questions and answers. Peg Lorenz and her team have been involved with these processes for over 10 years. Come avail yourself of their expertise. Questions? Contact **Araya at 978-256-5626**.

Get Involved in Your FCU Community! Sunday, October 27, during Coffee Hour downstairs

With our church community growing, it seems an opportune time to educate new members and remind our seasoned members about all the FCU programming that helps deepen our connections. The **Committee on Ministry** invites all members and friends to join us.

All committee chairs and folks who coordinate activities are invited to share information. Be prepared to educate our community about your mission, any special plans for the year and why folks might want to join. Please have information on when your group meets, and the contact person's email. Julie Welch-Bucceri, for the Committee on Ministry, com@fculittle.org

FCU Prison Ministry Team invites new volunteers

If you're looking for a way to offer a hand up, connect with people outside of your race and class and make a difference, you are invited to join **FCU's Prison Toastmasters Ministry Team**. We need volunteers Monday to Thursday nights, in Shirley and Gardner [only 30 minutes away from Littleton], with start times of either 6:00, 6:30 or 6:45 pm. People new to Toastmasters are welcome. The most important thing is that you will show up at least twice a month, participate and learn the program as you go and care about the incarcerated people in our programs. The best way to find out if prison volunteering is for you is to visit once.

For information, visit <https://d31toastmastersprisonvolunteers.wordpress.com/>, speak to our volunteers at Coffee Hour- Peter and Lynn Cina, Mark Bucceri, Susan Tordella and Cindy Heiland. Or send an email to prisonministry@fculittle.org