



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

October 20, 2019

This Sunday, October 20, at 10:00 a.m.

"This Makes Me Uncomfortable: White Fragility"

Rev. Lara Hoke and our offsite delegates for last year's UU General Assembly all learned a lot from a workshop on the topic of "white fragility" co-presented by Robin DiAngelo (author of *White Fragility*) and Aisha Hauser, a UU religious educator. Why is it so often unsettling for white people to talk about race? Rev. Lara Hoke will preach. (The service will be followed by a warranted Congregational Meeting.)

Religious Education for Children and Youth

KidSpace:

This 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

Next Sunday, October 27 - All belong in our circle. We'll make food to share at the Sunday Social and Committee Fair following worship when we will "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF. Wear costumes!
Helper: Darra Garrison

This Sunday, October 20, 11:00 a.m.

A special coffee hour before the church meeting.

The Women's Alliance will be hosting the coffee hour in honor of the bequest from Bob Homberg to the Women's Alliance and the Church. Last year the Women's Alliance received a generous bequest from the estate of Bob Homberg in honor of Marcia Dejarlais (a long-time member of the Alliance). Come and learn what we have done with the bequest so far, and have something sweet!



**Warranted Meeting
This Sunday, October 20**

We will meet in the Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. or immediately following the Sunday Service, whichever comes later.
Members who are eligible to vote are urged to attend.

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.

A request from the Groton UU youth

We are collecting gently used men's clothing, unisex clothing and outerwear and toiletries for CityReach. (cityreach.org) Please bring your donations to FCU and place them in the marked box in the vestry no later than Sunday, October 27.

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

Home Funerals and Green Burial

This 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](tel:978-256-5626).

Get Involved in Your FCU Community!

Next 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

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.

Share-the-Plate Nominations

We have just a few nominations left over from last year for our monthly Share-the-Plate program. We will consider them along with your new proposals for recipients for this year.

Please send your nominations to deacons@fculittle.org. Tell us the name of the organization you're nominating, provide its web site and other contact information, and let us know if you have a particular person from that organization in mind to speak on its behalf. The one requirement (other than that it be a worthy organization) is that it have 501(c) 3 status with the IRS. Please speak to any of the Deacons - Andy Leyenaar, Cindy Malley or Lynn Courtney.

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