



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

September 22, 2019

This Sunday, September 22, 2019

"The Best of Intentions"

There's a good chance that in recent years, you've heard someone say, "Impact is more important than intent." Do intentions matter? If so, how much? Should we ever "assume good intentions?" And what does it have to do with privilege? Rev. Lara Hoke will preach. Please join us!

**Religious Education for Children and Youth
September 22, 2019**

KidSpace: We will take a "penny hike" and play some games outside, weather permitting. These will help us appreciate unexpected adventures.

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 so that it is ready after the service or cleaning up after coffee hour. Please take a moment to claim your spots using either the SignUp.com link on the FCU home page or the Sign Up Board in the Vestry.

Thank you,
Sara Cope for the Hospitality Team

UU UKES

Every Sunday at 11:45 a.m.

The **UU Uk**es are holding their weekly practice in the Vestry after church this Sunday. Everyone is welcome to hang out and listen, sing or perhaps both. Having an audience during practice increases the fun.

Artemis Singers, FCU's Women's Chorus

Weekly rehearsals are on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. Singers of all abilities are welcome to join this "chorus and support" group. Contact Carolyn McCreary at artemis@fculittle.org for information.

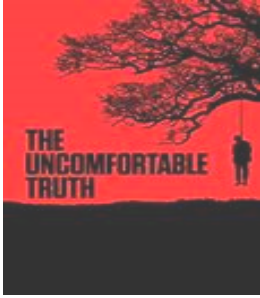
We welcome you to join the Church Choir!

We meet weekly to rehearse on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m., and we sing during the Sunday morning services. This is a great opportunity to make music, develop friendships and learn something new. No previous musical experience necessary. For more information, contact Molly at music@fculittle.org.

The **Littleton Road Race** will begin at 2:00 p.m. this Sunday, September 22. To prepare for the race all cars parked on Rogers and Foster Streets and anywhere around the fire station must be moved by 12:00 noon.



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



FCU Racial Justice Action Committee

FILM and DISCUSSION SERIES

The Uncomfortable Truth

Saturday, September 28, 7:00 - 9:30 PM

When the son of Civil Rights hero, Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, dives into the 400 year history of institutional racism in the United States he is confronted by the shocking reality that his family helped start it all from the very beginning. A comprehensive and insightful exploration of the origins and history of racism in the United States told through a very personal and honest story. Join us for a lively discussion.

Jericho Walk, Next Sunday, September 29

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention Center

This will be a regular monthly vigil at the ICE (South Bay) Detention Center, 20 Bradston St., Boston. A bus will be going from the Parish of the Epiphany at 70 Church St. in Winchester at 1:00 p.m. Expected return to Winchester is 4:00 p.m. Prisoners inside the detention center can see us and report that it really uplifts their spirits. Some hold up signs of thanks. Suggested donation for the bus is \$10/per person. The bus makes it really easy because parking is an issue in the area. To reserve a seat on the bus, call or text Rosalyn at 781-439-4667, or email her at rosalyn02478@yahoo.com.

Women's Alliance

Saturday, October 5, 1:00 p.m.

Rev. Lara Hoke has accepted our invitation to speak to the Women's Alliance and her presentation is titled "**Wrapped in the Flag and Carrying a Cross?**"

When Lara arrived at FCU, she was a little surprised to notice the U.S. and Commonwealth of Massachusetts flags in our sanctuary. When she asked a couple of people about the history of the flags the most common response she heard was, "we have flags in our sanctuary?" Indeed, we do, in the back! There has long been a controversy in the United States about whether civic flags belong in these sacred sanctuary spaces. Lara's talk will consider the history of these flags in worship spaces and consider what it might mean in the 21st century.

The title of her talk is inspired by a quotation often attributed - possibly misattributed - to Sinclair Lewis: "When fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in the flag and carrying a cross."



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ANIMAL BLESSING

WORSHIP AND CEREMONY

ALL ARE WELCOME

Inspired by St. Francis, First Church Unitarian will hold a worship service for all ages at 10:00 a.m., **Sunday, October 6, 2019** to honor all living things in recognition of our 7th UU Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

This will be followed by a Blessing of the Animals on our lawn at 11:30 a.m. Bring your pets, photos, stuffed animals or other reminders of animals to this short ceremony. Please have pets on leashes or in their cages, as appropriate. Questions? Email minister@fculittle.org.