



This Sunday, February 2, at 10:00 a.m.

"The Times They Are A-Changin'"

Some of us are old enough to have lived through turbulent times in the past and feel the similarities. How do we draw upon the lessons of the past that often are not taught in our schools to prepare for these times? Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Michelle Walsh, LICSW is a Unitarian Universalist community minister and shares a private justice consulting and spiritual coaching practice known as Tuckerman Creative Ministries for Justice and Healing. She also has worked as a scholar activist for many years in urban contexts, teaches as a Lecturer at Boston University, and is the author of *Violent Trauma, Culture and Power: An Interdisciplinary Exploration in Lived Religion* as well as chapters in other volumes.



Religious Education for Children and Youth, at 10:00 a.m., KidSpace

This Sunday, February 2: Our UU Chalice: We will make personal chalices to take home for our family tables. Helper: Kristen McManus

Next Sunday, February 9: Love for All: We will make valentines and sweet treats to share. Helper: Jennifer Banks

Join us for a Pancake Breakfast this Sunday, February 2, at 8:30 a.m.

We'll have pancakes (with and w/out gluten), scrambled eggs, sausage and coffee. Prices are \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children age 14 and younger. Orange juice and real maple syrup will be available for \$1.00 extra, each. Come for the fellowship and share a great breakfast prepared by our **Senior Youth Group**.



Stewardship Sunday and Chili Cook Off Celebration February 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.



Rev. Lara Hoke and our in-house musicians and singers will lead a music-filled stewardship service, "Living Our Abundance," with personal testimonials, a homily and lots of fun. We will reflect together about what it means to live our abundance in our FCU community and in the world beyond our doors. What does this mean to you? Together we will consider what kind of difference the gift of a pledge to FCU can make. You will receive your pledge packet after the service. We are grateful for your financial gifts to First Church Unitarian. The service will be followed by a Chili Cook Off meal and celebration. You will be treated to a nourishing meal that will include some non chili options for all food preferences. Thanks to all who have signed up to share their awesome chili.

The Women's Alliance (alliance@fculittle.org) has embarked on a project of documenting favorite stories and memories of our church community. Members and friends are invited to share their stories by:

- Completing a Story Form on the clipboard on the small table in the Vestry
- Creating a story on a computer and attach the printout to a Story Form
- Talking to an Alliance member who will record your story for you

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

Embracing Racial Justice

This Sunday, February 2, 6:00 p.m.

Video and discussion. This month's Ted Talk is *Race is Fiction, Racism is Not*, by Francys Johnson. Come join us. These monthly evenings have been enlightening and the discussion exciting.



Calling Creative Types to the UU Universe

People of all ages are invited to contribute to our basement window well mural project in the Emerson - Senior Youth Group Room. Unitarian Universalist Universe is the theme for two windows with wells that we have purchased plastic "walls" to decorate. The third window, outside of the powder room, is being painted by youths in the Religious Education program.

We have started the project with thanks from a bunch of donors of time and money. Now we need some new blood to carry it forward. Please contact Susan.Tordella@gmail.com, or call 978-846-2811 to join the team. Have a look at work done so far on the "walls" in the Dewey Room. We also plan to use three-dimensional art in the installation. We need you and your ideas.

Thanks to the donors who contributed to the plastic walls: The Women's Alliance, the Standing Committee, Bob and Susan Tordella-Williams, and Elinor Gentilman. Those who have contributed their creativity to the project so far include: Martha Childs, Dan Lombardy, Noah Leyaanar, the Wells-Palmer family, Violet and Cindy Malley and Skia Laurence.



Loaves & Fishes' mission is to provide nutritious food, in an atmosphere of kindness and respect, to individuals in need who reside in Ayer, Devens, Dunstable, Groton, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley.

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc.

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Donate Food

It takes a lot of food because the need is great!

- In an average week, 11,500 lbs. of food is distributed to our neighbors in need.
 - Over 600,000 lbs. of food was distributed last year
- 828 families representing 1,961 individuals visited the Food Pantry last year
 - Those families made 6,410 shopping trips to the pantry.

We depend upon your generosity to meet the growing need for nutritious food.

Most Needed Items

Ensure
Carnation Instant Breakfast
Hamburger Helpers
Salad Dressings
Rice-a-Roni
Grape or Strawberry Jelly
Ketchup and Mayo
Canned Fruit especially Applesauce
Baked Beans
Canned Tomato Products
Pasta Sauce
Canned Vegetables (NO Green Beans)
Hearty Beef Soup
Cream of Mushroom/Chicken Soup

Clam Chowder
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Soap/Body Wash
Shampoo
Reusable Grocery Bags
Canned Chili/Refried Beans
Beef or Oriental Flavored Ramen
Mac and Cheese
Coffee/Tea
Women's Incontinent Products
Baby Formula
Boxed Flavored Rice
Feminine Care Products
Depends- large and X-large
Diapers – Pull Ups size 5T and larger