



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

February 23, 2020

This Sunday, February 23, at 10:00 a.m.

Leap (Year) of Faith

We are still pretty early on in 2020, which happens to be a Leap Year. Rev. Lara Hoke will lead us, with sermon and ritual, in thinking about what we'd like to leave behind us, and what we'd like to carry with us to leap into the days ahead with faith.

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

This Sunday, February 23: "Resilience is like a Rubber Band." We will make rubber band balls and then play with them. Helpers: Susan Palmer and Emily Welch. Rehearsal with Carolyn.

Next Sunday, March 1: Making Junk Sculptures: We will raid the RE supplies and recycle/reuse them to create interesting stuff. Sometimes simple things are best and can be as satisfying (or even more satisfying) as things that requires expensive equipment.

Our **February Share-the-Plate** recipient on **Sunday, February 23**, is the **Ukulele Kids Club**, an organization that provides ukuleles and the healing power of music to children hospitalized with serious health issues. Please make checks payable to: The Ukulele Kids Club, Inc. or visit <https://theukc.org/donations/> to donate online. Laura Semple will speak on behalf of the organization.

FCU Racial Justice Action Committee

Film and Discussion Series

Gentrified Ethnic Cleansing: American Style

Saturday, February 29, 7 to 9:30 PM

Most people say gentrification is about the poor, but this documentary explores how government and private industry work together to target black people for removal in order to remake whole cities you can't afford to live in. This film travels coast to coast to show the evidence on the ground of who's being gentrified, who's not and the devastating consequences for black people if the forces at work achieve their goalwe of raising their standard of living by destroying yours. It isn't just class warfare.

This free film series explores the lives and experiences of the "other" and expands our awareness of our neighbors as well as often marginalized individuals and groups. Please join us for a lively discussion. All are welcome.

FCU and YOU

Sunday, March 8, following the Worship Service

Your Member/Reach committee has scheduled an orientation to FCU and our Unitarian Universalist faith. We encourage newcomers to get to know us better and to share what they are looking for in a church. We are planning a light lunch on March 8, so would appreciate an RSVP and a description of any dietary restrictions. Should you want information regarding this event for yourself, or for a friend who might benefit from knowing more about FCU, please contact us at memberreach@fculittle.org

Food, Fun and Fellowship

Friday, February 21, at 6:00 p.m.

This is our casual, no-agenda, intergenerational way to share a potluck meal and have some fun. If you missed Sunday's service, we were reminded that laughing and playing games with others is both holy and builds resilience! fff@fculittle.org

**We look forward to seeing you in church on Sunday morning.
First Church Unitarian is a wonderful place to be.**



Join us for a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, March 1, 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**.



Racial Justice Committee Recommends:

The Painted Drum, by Louise Erdrich. A Native American novel -- A woman in NH finds a rare ancient drum in an estate and then goes West to find the original owner. A fascinating story written by an Ojibway woman offering lots of cultural insights and historical perspective.

Embracing Racial Justice

March 1, at 6:00 p.m.

This month we will watch the video *Deconstructing White Privilege* by Robin DiAngelo. Foundational information for understanding racism. Come watch and discuss with us. Everyone is welcome.

The Women's Alliance Meeting

March 14, 1:00 p.m.

Pot luck at noon and presentation at 1:00pm

Composting Made Easy



Come learn how easy it is to start composting your kitchen and garden waste. Learn how to reduce the waste that is trucked to an incinerator/or landfilled while making wholesome soil for your lawn or other plants. We will discuss the biology of composting, the preferred conditions, and various types of household composters one can buy or build. There will be plenty of visuals, earthworms to meet, handouts and plenty of time for questions and answers.

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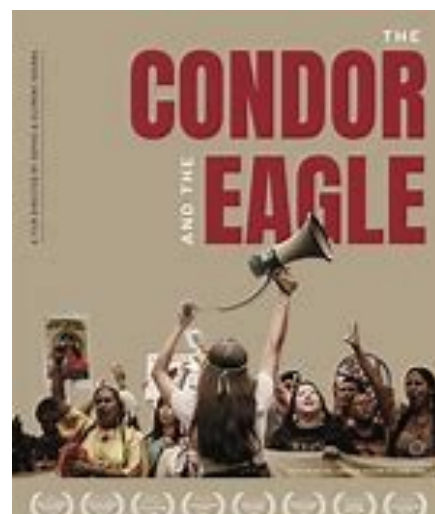
The Condor and the Eagle

Award Winning Documentary Screening

Sunday, March 15, 3:00 p.m.

Littleton High School Performing Arts Center

Four Indigenous environmental leaders embark on an extraordinary trans-continental adventure from the Canadian plains to deep into the heart of the Amazonian jungle to unite the peoples of North and South America and deepen the meaning of Climate Justice. Screening and Fundraiser to benefit UU Indigenous Solidarity ministries.



50th Annual FCU Talent and Service Auction

Sunday, March 22, after the Worship Service

This is an afternoon of fun and fundraising with our beloved church community. There is something for everyone. We all love sharing our talents and providing services to our community and what better way to do it than supporting our church at the same time. So, join us for this great event and please start filling out



the donation forms so that you have the opportunity to share your time, talent and treasures with all of us. The auction will include silent auction, live auction, basket raffles, 50/50 raffle and of course, a wonderful lunch.

We will be accepting donations for the auction until Friday, March 6, 2020. More details will be coming.

Come one come all! Any questions, just ask! ta@fculittle.org