



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

March 1, 2020

This Sunday, March 1, at 10:00 a.m.

"Thinking about the Environment"

Rev. Lara queried in her compelling sermon *The Tide Is Rising* (on September 15, 2019), "Why aren't we acting like our house is on fire?" following on the eloquent and powerful call to action from young Greta Thunberg, Green New Deal is in the air. We need to act now! But is everything what it seems to be? Your fellow congregant, David Butz, old 60's era environmentalist and white-haired engineer, has been digging into the details and finds that things may not be quite as simple as we think, nor the solutions as obvious. He will be sharing his thoughts in his sermon *Thinking About the Environment*. It is expected that much of what he has to share will challenge some commonly shared assumptions, so the service will be followed by a talk-back time during which everyone's views may be shared and discussed. Mark your calendar to share in one of the most important efforts of our time.

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

This 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.

Next Sunday, March 8: Auction Project: The group will be making a special item to be auctioned on March 15 to help raise funds for FCU. as things that requires expensive equipment.

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.

50th Annual FCU Talent and Service Auction

Sunday, March 22, after the Worship Service

We are well on our way to creating another fabulous FCU Talent and Service Auction. The auction date is **Sunday, March 22nd** immediately following the service. The Talent and Service Auction team is providing a yummy lunch for all in attendance that will surely satisfy all food preferences.

Donations are coming in and we have some exciting news to share with you. The biggest "good news" is that many of our very popular events, such as dinner parties, music and family events can also be yours by purchasing a raffle ticket!!! That's right just \$1.00 can win you some pretty amazing items. Raffle tickets will be sold during the event by our wonderful SYG kids so come and keep them busy. Don't forget the 50/50 raffle, which for the cost of \$10.00, can yield you anywhere between \$300 to \$500 dollars! Also we will have many wonderful basket raffle items to put those raffle tickets to good use. Silent Auction bidding will start at 9am on the 22nd!

We would love to have your donations by **March 6th**. The donation form is located on the homepage of our church website. Just click away.

Thank you in advance for what are sure to be amazing donations!
Laura and Deb Talent and Service Auction Co-chairs



Pancake Breakfast for Sunday, March 1, is CANCELLED.

We will see you in April, which will be the last breakfast before the trip. Thank you for your continued support. Sandy, Luann and the 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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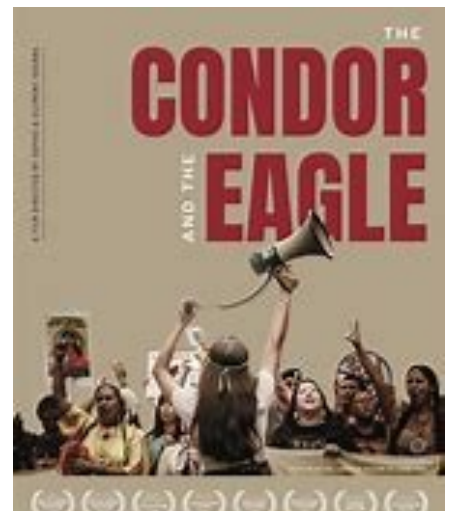
The Condor and the Eagle

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.



Stewardship Reminder!

It's been a few weeks since that lovely Stewardship Luncheon. We thank everyone who has given in their FY21 pledge cards. Now we'd like to hear from the rest of you. We would like them back by March 8th, but will accept them after that date too. The earlier you get them back to us means it would help the budget process to have a real number for our pledges. Please mail them back, put them in the pretty box in the volunteer center, or hand them to Prisl or Emily. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Attention Campers:

In only 6 months we will gather for our annual FCU camping week-end. We'll be returning once again to Lake Dennison campground in nearby Winchendon. If you want to secure a campsite, be sure to log into Camping & Campground Reservations Online | ReserveAmerica. As in past years, we will look to cluster in the Northern part of the park. The sites near Site 112 seem to attract many of us.



If you haven't joined us in past years, we invite you to give it a try. We have enjoyed hiking, biking, kayaking and swimming. The park is only 45 minutes from FCU so, even if camping isn't your thing, come join us for a day or evening campfire. Please feel free to contact Pam or Joel if you would like more information.