



Sunday, April 19, 10:00 a.m.: Online-Only Worship, 100 years of Women's Suffrage

Today The Artemis Singers celebrate 100 years of Women's Suffrage. We look back at a time just after the 1918 Spanish Flu epidemic and during World War I as women were finally able to get enough support to pass the 19th amendment of the United State Constitution. The women who led the movement inspire us by their courage, commitment, and persistence. In this service, we will hear the voices of the most prominent suffragettes and sing songs of the movement. The children join us in our virtual choir for the prelude and postlude.



Once again, we will attempt to use YouTube Live for our service. Plan A is, check the website: www.fculittle.org, or go to <https://www.youtube.com/revlarahoke> and click on the video that says "live". (If those don't work, Plan B is that we will use Zoom and will put the link on the listserv as well as our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/389622298475784>.)

If you wish to come on a few minutes early (say, 9:50), we will again be showing a video featuring original music by Molly Lozeau as well as images of people from FCU.

We encourage everyone to light their own chalice (including a candle in a bowl) at home, so be ready!

Once again, there will be a Joys and Concerns and Virtual Coffee Hour after the service; Mike Pilman will be hosting a Zoom gathering for that, links to come. Hope to "see" you then!

On April 26 at 10 a.m., we will have an (online-only) Earth Day Sunday! Stay tuned for details.

Religious Education

In celebration of Earth Day this week, here are some activities to honor our 7th UU Principle, "...respect the earth and all living things."

- Reuse egg cartons to plant seeds: break cartons into single cups; fill $\frac{3}{4}$ with dirt, push in 2 or 3 seeds. Place in warm sunny space on a tray, water as needed. Once seedlings have sprouted and the weather is warm enough, plant each egg cup outside.
- With paper towel and toilet paper tubes, create a linked system on a slope (driveway, etc.) and roll small balls/marbles through. How fast will they go? How many tubes can be linked together? Roll up old newspapers, lengthwise or crosswise, to make "logs". Tie with string or twine. Stack them like Lincoln Logs to make a structure/house.

Share-the-Plate

April's Share-the-Plate recipient, on Sunday, April 26, will be Project C.U.R.E., <https://projectcure.org/>. Project C.U.R.E. delivers medical supplies and equipment to hospitals and clinics in developing countries around the world. During the Covid19 crisis, they are also supporting local healthcare systems in the United States. Roy Miller, a member of the Stow-Acton U.U. church who volunteers for Project C.U.R.E. will speak about the organization.

**We look forward to seeing you in church again soon.
First Church Unitarian is a wonderful community to be part of.**

Virtual General Assembly!

The UUA Board of Trustees has passed a resolution to make the 2020 General Assembly a 100% virtual event. This decision alleviates the anxiety and concern shared by many about how GA might proceed given the impact of COVID-19. It also gives the Association time to plan a more robust and rewarding virtual experience.

A virtual GA has many benefits, including a significant reduction in our carbon footprint and the possibility of higher attendance, since it is more accessible for delegates and anyone else burdened by travel costs or time.

For many years we have offered virtual attendance as an option and, this year, we will scale and enhance our technology so that we can accommodate a wider, ideally more global, audience. Across the country, UU congregations have embraced virtual meetings and Sunday services and we know that the number of screens that log in has grown each week. We are excited for what lies ahead!

Registration is \$150 for all attendees. If you have already registered, refund options are available. If you haven't registered, think about it! It's an exciting way to connect with UUs across the country. For more information, here is the link: uua.org/ga.

**Women's InterPlay
Saturday Afternoon
April 18, 3-4:30pm
Online, via Zoom
Please RSVP**

InterPlay refreshes the soul.
With simple movement, voice, stillness and story making,
we playfully explore, express, discover and receive.

We feel into the wisdom of the body:
centering, sounding, moving, shaping, listening, speaking, showing, witnessing, leading, and following.

InterPlay is a philosophy and a practice
for enhanced health and happiness,
connecting within ourselves and with others.

Come as you are. Seated participation works fine.
No preparation needed. Easy focus. No judgement.

Please RSVP.
A zoom link will be sent out Friday or early Saturday.
Bright Blessings,
Cerridwen
energystudy@fculittle.org

Time for all FCU Annual Report submissions!

Even in the time of Covid 19, we need to gather all the important information about the wonderful works of your team or committee. Several things to know:

John Ford has generously offered to put this year's report together.

Submissions are requested as WORD files.

Send submissions to office@fculittle.org

Deadline for submissions is Friday, May 1st.

Information about the Annual Meeting in May will be available soon.

Thank you for your prompt reply!

Your Office Team