



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

May 10, 2020

Sunday, May 10th, at 10 a.m.: "Mothering Sunday"

Join us this Sunday, May 10th, for "Mothering Sunday!" 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, 9:54 this week), we will again be showing a video featuring original music by Molly Lozeau as well as images of people from FCU.

This week features a **special video in honor of Mother's Day** - don't miss it!

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

As always, there will be a Joys and Concerns and Virtual Coffee Hour after the service; Mike Pilman will be hosting the Zoom gathering for that, and **I'll send one email** to the list around 9:45 a.m. on Sunday with both the YouTube service link (for 10 a.m.) as well as the Zoom link for Joys & Concerns after the postlude. Hope to "see" you then!

Ideas from Religious Education

- Secret Service

This is a 24-hour challenge for each member of the family to give something that shows kindness and respect. Each person should find one small act of kindness for another secretly: offer the bigger portion of a shared, favorite food item; write or draw a sweet note of appreciation and place it on another person's pillow; pick up and put away something that the other person had left out, etc. Younger children might need help with their tasks, but will doubtless love the sneaking-around part. If you like, at the next meal you share together after 24 hours, each person can "fess up" about their good deeds, and share how it felt to offer one another service and caring.

- Make/Fly a Kite

You can make a simple kite for under \$1 out of a white plastic garbage bag, two dowels, tape and string. Decorate with markers. Here are the instructions: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-u5Aa3BkCQg>. Reflect on how the building of the kite teaches you the wisdom of careful following of instructions.

- Keep a Feather in the Air Game

Take a down type feather and place it on your hand, blow it up into the air. Try to keep it from landing on the ground.

You may have it land on your hand and blow on it again or simply get under it and blow on it.

Take turns blowing it with a partner. When you are ready, add more feathers.

Be careful to watch out for other children if you are playing together.

Upcoming Important Meeting

FCU Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 11:30 am via zoom

We have created a special Annual Meeting webpage where you can find critical Annual Meeting information and a zoom link for the meeting. In addition, you can review all Annual Meeting documents in advance of the meeting including the Annual Report, Provisional Budget 2021, Annual Meeting warrant, Warrant-ed Meeting Minutes October 2019 and Voting List. We urge you to read through these documents. Go to the fculittle.org home page and click on the Annual Meeting link or you can follow this link directly: <https://www.fculittle.org/may-2020-annual-meeting/>

Thank you!

The Standing Committee

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

50th Annual FCU Talent Auction going "Virtual" on May 31st!

The wait is over! Our Talent Auction is going virtual and we invite you to re-think, re-trace, or re-imagine your "current" auction item and let us know what your new item(s) may be or if you would like to keep your current auction item as is. We are happy to receive new or perhaps more relevant items for the times!

We are building the catalog and if you can provide a picture of your offering, it really makes the catalog pop!!!

If you need any ideas, gift cards/certificates are great items for the auction. Maybe you have some household furnishings you want to move on? Lamps, end tables, and artwork are good items too. By all means, you can make up a basket of assorted items as well. Gather your items and send us a picture. There just won't be any raffle items at this time. Feel free to suggest a minimum bid on any of your items.

If you have any questions please email the team at TA@fculittle.org

Thank you,
The TA Team

Share-the-Plate - May 17, 2020

Our May Share-the-Plate recipient is **A Well-Fed World** <https://awellfedworld.org/> a "hunger relief, food justice, and environmental advocacy organization advancing plant-based foods and farming to create a safe and sustainable world that maximizes health and minimizes harm." Donation information is available at this link <https://awellfedworld.org/donate/>

Spirituality in Uncertain Times

As we face a constantly changing landscape of reality, we are asked to rise to new challenges each day. What is the impact on our spirits of fear and uncertainty? How do you respond and what is it that gives you strength for the living of these days? UU minister Rev. Jackie Clement, a member of FCU, will facilitate an online gathering to explore these questions using a model of deep listening. The sessions will be:

Tuesday, May 19, 7:00-8:30pm	Who Are You?
Tuesday, May 26, 7:00-8:30pm	Where Are You?
Tuesday, June 2, 7:00-8:30pm	Where Is Your Hope?
Tuesday, June 9, 7:00-8:30pm	Manifesting Hope

Participation is limited to 10 people. If there is strong interest we will open an additional group. This will be a covenanted group so your participation is encouraged at each of the 4 sessions. Although sessions topics do not build on one another, we hope that relationship will. Our goal is to explore personal beliefs and possibilities as we get to know each other in deeper ways. Sign up at: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1zIAwGCLC7KHi9xXpq0yz9P833HUVRjXIEulRur9nBRc/edit?usp=sharing>

Looking for some audio entertainment? The Racial Justice Action Committee recommends the following podcasts. These can be found via the provided link or through your favorite podcast service.

Podcast recommendations from RJAC (Part 1)

1619 (NYT)- An audio series on how slavery has transformed America, connecting past and present through the oldest form of storytelling.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/23/podcasts/1619-podcast.html>

Someone Knows Something: Season 3 (CBC)- In 1964, the partial remains of two black teenagers — Charles Moore and Henry Dee — were pulled from a backwater of the Mississippi River. Brutally murdered by the Ku Klux Klan, no one was ever convicted. Investigative journalist David Ridgen joins victim's brother Thomas Moore, as he returns to Mississippi 40 years later to discover the truth, confront the Klansmen involved, and find justice.

<https://www.cbc.ca/radio/sks/season3/season-3-dee-moore-1.4360239>

Scene on Radio: Season 2 (CDS at Duke University)- "Seeing White" An exploration of the history and meaning of whiteness.

<https://www.sceneonradio.org/seeing-white/>

In The Dark: Season 2 (APM Reports)- The second season of In the Dark investigates the case of Curtis Flowers, who has been tried six times for the same crime. Race and racism play a pivotal role. This podcast played a role in the trial, which made it way to the Supreme Court this past year.

Submissions for Community Matters can be sent to office@fculittle.org

Deadline is 10 a.m. Friday mornings.

Community Matters is sent to the listserv Friday afternoons.