



*Community Matters*

**First Church Unitarian, Littleton**

**May 17, 2020**

### **May 17th, at 10 a.m.: "For Love of Earth and All Beings"**

Join us this Sunday, May 17th, for "For Love of Earth and All Beings!" Once again, we will attempt to use YouTube Live for our service. Plan A is, check the website: [www.fculittle.org](http://www.fculittle.org), or go to <https://www.youtube.com/revlaraohoke> 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 favorite animals as well as people from FCU.

This week will be a **virtual "Share-the-Plate"** Sunday for "**A Well Fed World**"; see details elsewhere in this Community Matters.

We will also be featuring a **pre-recorded skit** for our Time for All Ages. 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;** Hugh Vartanian will be hosting the Zoom gathering for that. This week, there will also be a very important **Annual Meeting** at 11:30 a.m. (or after Joys & Concerns, whichever is later -- but we are going to make every attempt to start the meeting at 11:30!) and **I'll send one email** to the list around 9:45 a.m. on Sunday with all three links: the YouTube service link (for 10 a.m. -- or earlier for the gathering video) as well as the Zoom links for Joys & Concerns after the postlude and the Annual Meeting at 11:30. Hope to "see" you then!

### **Ideas from Religious Education**

Make a potato/egg salad for the family or to give to someone.

Put a jig-saw puzzle together: Many-pieced puzzles might seem tedious or intimidating to young people but getting offered one task--collecting the blue pieces, or the edge pieces, or working on one small section, for example--whilst other family members work on their own tasks can make the endeavor manageable and fun. It also demonstrates how all of us are piecing together the mystery of living, together--none of us alone. And what a sense of accomplishment you all share when it's finally finished! Google search "large printable jigsaws" for examples.

Make an original jigsaw puzzle: glue a homemade picture, favorite photo, calendar picture, etc. onto a sturdy piece of cardboard. On the back trace a jigsaw pattern and color the back in shades of yellow. Cut out the pieces (with help from parents) and put back together again.

Scratch Art, example here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EiW1ywCXAIM> *Supplies: heavy paper or cardstock, crayons in various colors, black crayon, paper clip or sharpened pencil*

First create a random scribble of colors or a specific picture with crayons, then cover it entirely with black crayon. Take an opened paper clip or pencil and gently "scratch off" the black crayon making a new picture, revealing the color below.

### **This Sunday**

#### **FCU Annual Meeting**

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

We hope you will join us this Sunday for our Annual Meeting starting at 11:30 am.

Please go to our 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, Warranted Meeting Minutes October 2019 and Voting List. We urge you to read through these documents.

Go to the [fculittle.org](http://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.**

## Share-the-Plate - May 17, 2020

Dawn Moncrief, founder and president of A Well-Fed World( AWWF)

<https://awellfedworld.org/> our May Share-the-Plate recipient will be joining us Sunday morning to speak on behalf of the organization and their [Plants-4-Hunger](#) feeding program partnerships. AWWF, is 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".

Donations directed to the Plants-4 Hunger program will be matched by AWWF. Click [Plants-4-Hunger](#) to find out How It Works and the links to donate by Credit Card or by PayPal. To donate by check make the check payable to A Well-Fed World with Plants-4 Hunger on the memo line. Mail to: A Well-Fed World 3936 S. Semoran Blvd. #271 Orlando, FL 32822.

In regard to using FCU's donate page to direct your donation to a Share-the-Plate recipient or mailing a check to FCU, the Standing Committee has decided **ALL donations are to be sent directly to the recipient organization either online by using their donate page or by mailing a check to their address.** This will ensure donations are in the recipients hands soon after you donate, eliminates the additional administrative efforts needed during this time of social distancing and FCU does not incur the credit card processing fee charged for online donations. If you have questions about this decision please contact Debbie Eston, Share-the-Plate Coordinator at 508-277-2221 or by email at [debbieeston@gmail.com](mailto:debbieeston@gmail.com)

## Thoughts while reading White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo

This Spring the Racial Justice Action Committee is reading White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo and discussing one or two chapters at each of our virtual meetings. **Why “I’m not a racist” is only half the story**—is a YouTube video about the subject of a recent discussion. Interestingly it was featured by Big Think and is identified as Most Controversial 2018. It takes a little over 6 minutes to watch—longer if you read the comments. Hope you can check it out.

## Transform your Trash to Clean Water in Honduras

Lynn Cina recycles your five-cent deposit beverage containers into donations toward clean water in Honduras. Bring your rinsed beer bottles and cans to church and place them in bins on the far right entrance to the Sunday School building. **THANKS in ADVANCE.**

**Submissions for Community Matters can be sent to [office@fculittle.org](mailto:office@fculittle.org)**

**Deadline is 10 a.m. Friday mornings.**

**Community Matters is sent to the listserve Friday afternoons.**