



### May 24th, at 10 a.m.: "Patriotism and the Pulpit"

Join us this Sunday, May 24th, for "Patriotism and the Pulpit", in honor of Memorial Day weekend! Once again, we will attempt to use Youtube Live for our service. 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". In the event we have issues with YouTube or Zoom, we will send out alternate instructions via the listserv and on our Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/389622298475784>.)

If you wish to come on a few minutes early (say, 9:55 this week), we will again be showing a gathering video featuring original music by Molly Lozeau.

This week will feature a video/music performance by the UU Ukus!

As always, there will be a Joys and Concerns and Virtual Coffee Hour after the service. I'll send one email to the list around 9:45 a.m. on Sunday with two links: the YouTube service link (for 10 a.m. -- or earlier for the gathering video) as well as the Zoom link for Joys & Concerns. Hope to "see" you then!

In faith,  
Lara

### Our 4<sup>th</sup> UU Promise: Together we learn about the world and what is true.

#### RE Activities:

Make Oobleck.

Basic ratio: 2 parts cornstarch to 1 Part water

Ingredients: 2 Cups Cornstarch, 1 Cup Water, Food coloring (optional) Instructions: Pour 2 cups cornstarch into a bowl. Add 1 cup of water and stir to combine. If adding food coloring to your oobleck do it at this mixing stage. Email Vicki for more details.

Camping at home: set up a "campsite" in your backyard: tent made of sheets & blankets (or one you may have); build a campfire pit with stones, bricks, cement blocks, an old iron barrel or charcoal grill, etc. Add things as you wish.

Have a hot dog/s'mores roast – build fire outside teaching fire safety. Cut twigs teaching knife safety and thinning out unwanted bushes. Sit around the fire and sing old campfire songs (suggestion: This Little Light of Mine). Recall memories of childhood and/or tell stories.

Make flags or bunting or pennants, red, white and blue, out of paper or old sheets or other materials. Color and attach to sticks and place around your yard or attach to your porch railing, etc. Give thanks for all who have kept us safe.

### Keeper of The Flame Nominations

Nominations are now open for this year's Keeper of the Flame award. Each year at this time we honor a member of FCU for sustained, outstanding service to our church community. *The names of past recipients appear on a plaque in the vestry (please see photo).*

If there is someone you would like to nominate for this year's award, please send their name to the Executive Team ([et@fculittle.org](mailto:et@fculittle.org)) along with a brief statement of why you are nominating them. **Nominations are due by end of day, Wednesday, June 3rd.**



If you have questions, please ask any member of the Standing Committee or Deacons.

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

## Dollars and Sense at FCU

With deep gratitude I'd like to update you on the pledge figures.

As of May 17, 2020, we have received \$139,232.46 toward this year's pledges of \$170,437.00. This represents 86% of our pledges for FY20! This means we are tracking better than the same time last year!

This is the time of year that I would usually send out pledge reminders. Instead of doing that during this crazy busy time for me, I ask that you send me an email if you'd like to know your balance. My email address is [as-sistreas@fculittle.org](mailto:as-sistreas@fculittle.org).

We have also collected \$24,581.00 in prepayments of FY21 pledges. Again, tracking better than the same time last year!!

Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity to our beloved community.

Prisl Dumka, Assistant Treasurer

## Thoughts while reading *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo

With the recent killing of Ahmaud Arbery, an unarmed black male, while jogging, and the killing of Breonna Taylor, an unarmed black woman, while sleeping, I would like for our church community to be in alignment with our 21<sup>st</sup> Century Church with radical inclusion. As usually happens after people of color are murdered by white people, white America looks for reasons why it was acceptable to gun them down. Let us side with, stand up for and speak out against these actions. If you see or hear people making excuses for these modern day lynchings, please speak out against these comments and that mentality. We can discuss how blaming a black person for being murdered is promoting white Supremacy.

These actions do not happen "just" in the south, they happen everywhere in America. Let's be the change we want to see in the world.

To learn more about how it feels to be black in the US, listen to or watch the following podcast. <http://realmenfeel.org/2020/05/09/being-black-in-america/>

Lori Grant, RJAC member

**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 listserv Friday afternoons.**