



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

September 13, 2020

Ingathering Sunday and Virtual Water Communion!

I am so looking forward to this **Sunday, September 13 at 10:00 a.m.** when we will have our Ingathering Sunday and Virtual Water Communion Service! **We plan to use YouTube Live for our service and will send out that link on Sunday morning around 9:45 a.m.** You can also check the website: www.fculittle.org, or go to <https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/> and click on the video that says "live". (If that doesn't work, Plan B is that we will use Facebook Live and send out the new link on the listserv.)

If you wish to come on a few minutes early (say, 9:54 this week), we will be showing a gathering video.

There will be a (Zoom) Joys and Concerns and Virtual Coffee Hour after the service and that link information will also be included in the Sunday morning listserv email.

I hope to "see" you then!

With love and anticipation,
Rev. Lara

Religious Education Corner

“Nothing is softer or more flexible than water, yet nothing can resist it.”
~Lao Tzu

It is a little funny that rain kept us from our water ceremony in-gathering! It's only postponed, not cancelled, so be on the lookout for a new date. We will be in touch to make arrangements for dropping off the September RE packets. Some supplies you probably already have at home include: plain paper, pencils, scissors, and markers or crayons. If you need help with any of these supplies, please contact the RE committee and we can get them to you.

Zoom RE Gathering!

On Sunday, September 27, we'll have a Zoom get together from 9:00-9:40 (before church service), led by Emily and Karen. The theme is RENEWAL with OUR UNIQUE SELVES. In our faith, we renew ourselves by being true to ourselves. We celebrate the “worth and dignity of every person.” Join us as we explore what this means and share our unique selves. The Zoom link will be sent out later.

Time For All Ages

Would your family like to be our chalice lighter? Reverend Lara will be reaching out to families to virtually light our weekly chalice and lead us in saying our covenant. You can even record it in advance if that's better for you.

We're also looking for volunteer readers for TFAA. Give a shout out if you're interested!

The RE Committee,
Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean.

Church Calendar

The church building may be closed but there are a lot of upcoming events in the new church year. We'd like to include all of our events in the church calendar. If you have an event, meeting, etc., please submit a "Meeting Space Request" (under the Happenings section on the FCU website). Skip the "Space Requested" section, and, instead, enter in the "Notes" section either "Zoom" or "Offsite". If your event will be held offsite, you may include the actual location if you would like to see that information listed in the church calendar.

If you have any questions, please email Office@fculittle.org. And don't forget to check the FCU calendar for upcoming events.

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

The Artemis Singers (FCU's Women's Chorus)

The Artemis Singers have been singing at FCU for a full 15 years. This fall will be different (what isn't?) We are taking a sabbatical from our normal rehearsal and not-normal recording sessions. We will step back and focus on our personal musical development. We will still meet Mondays and have professional instruction.

If you are interested in participating please call Carolyn McCreary (978-772-5870), text 978-727-6153 or email clmccreary@comcast.net.

Racial Justice Action Committee Project

People are literally dying in the streets of America, in cities and in small towns. We invite you to join us in opening our hearts and minds to the injustices in America, as we read and discuss the book, White Fragility, "Why it's so hard for white people to talk about racism" by Robin Diangelo. As a predominately white UU community, let's be on the right side of history and step into our power and make a difference.

The Project begins on Oct. 3rd, meeting bi weekly for 5 sessions (times and nights will be decided based on members availability). The first meeting session we will meet as a large group. The following sessions will be small groups which will determine their own meeting times. All we ask is that you come with an open heart and an open mind.

To register email Carolyn McCreary at CLMcCreary@comcast.net

We look forward to learning, growing, and being the change we want to see in the world.

Sincerely,

The RJAC

Treasures!

In case you had some treasure you were planning to donate to the fair that *would have been *happening this Saturday, *BUT ISN'T,* please consider donating re-usable things to a yard sale hosted by Lynn and Peter Cina and Susan and Bob T-W.

The sale will be *Saturday, Sept. 19 at the Historical Society* - at the corner before FCU at King/Foster Sts.

Please drop off your donations Friday 3-6 pm and Saturday 7:30-8 am. NO electronics, baby car seats or clothing. Only items in good condition and re-usable will be accepted. We are seeking TREASURES ! If you had a table to loan us, it would be appreciated.

Proceeds will benefit 501C3 organizations for Covid relief in the USA and Honduras.

Masks will be for sale , including some with seasonal themes designed and sewn by Wendy McDougal and the VOTE theme, designed by Susan TW and Carole Tillis. See below. We will handle all leftovers.

THANKS for your support.

Contact Lynn Cina, 603-203-1737 or Susan.tordella@gmail.com for more information.

See you Sept. 19.

Jammin' in Our Kitchens Sale

We are all missing our Country Fair, but there is a ray of sunshine. You can still buy Jam! The Jammin' Crew have been busy in our own kitchens, using the same food safety practices that we used when we all cooked together. And we have been busy, currently somewhere between 250-300 jars, with a few more to come. We have Cherry, Peach, Pineapple Ginger, Jalapeno, and lots of Strawberry and Strawberry Rhubarb, to mention a few! The sale will be online using the Auctria software that we used for the Talent Auction in the spring, and will be open from October 1-7. Pickup will be on weekend of October 9th, specific times to be announced.

We look forward to seeing you!

The Jammin' Crew

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Community Matters (Laura Semple, Standing Committee Co-Chair)

Prelude (Molly Lozeau, Music Director)

Call to Worship (Rev. Lara Hoke)

Chalice Lighting and Covenant (Violet and Cindy Malley)

Words of Welcome (Lara)

Opening Hymn #188 "Come, Come, Whoever You Are"

Time for All Ages "Higgins, Drop with a Dream" by Christopher Buice (Emily Welch)

Opportunity for Generosity—Receiving Our Offering (Lara)

Offertory (Molly)

Virtual Water Communion

Homily "Let the Wave Wash Over Me" (Lara)

Closing Hymn #1064 "Blue Boat Home"

Closing Words (Lara)

Postlude (Molly)

