



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

May 2, 2021

Join us Sunday, May 2 at 10:00 for “Monkey Sunday”

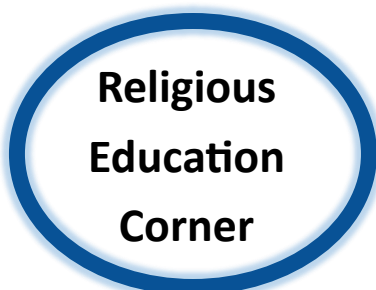
I look forward to seeing you again for “Monkey Sunday”! In May, our Soul Matters theme is story. This Sunday, I will share (part of) the story of two of my favorite mystical monkeys, Hanuman and Sun WuKong! They are very important to me, and I’ll tell you why in my homily, “A Tail of Two Monkeys?”

Once again we will use YouTube Live for our service. Simply go to <http://youtube.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/live> and the live video will come up! If you have trouble with that, you can also go to <https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/> and click on the video that says "live". (If YouTube Live isn’t working, Plan B is that we will use Facebook Live and send out the new link on the listserv.) Usually the live video stream begins around 9:45, but there won’t be much to see until 9:57 a.m. or so when the gathering video starts. (If you get there very early, you might need to refresh your browser.)

There will again 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. Barring something unforeseen, the Joys and Concerns link will be the same each week:

[REDACTED -- for Zoom information, email minister@fculittle.org]

You can also use the Meeting ID and Password if you try to “Join Meeting” in Zoom. With love and hope,
Rev. Lara



May theme: Story

May In Person RE Gatherings:

- Friday, May 7th from 3:00-4:30 pm
- Friday, May 21st from 3:00-4:30 pm

The RE kids will meet in the church yard to explore the May Soul Matters theme of Story!

Next Sunday, May 9, we celebrate Mother’s Day. In the United States, the origins of the official holiday go back to 1870, when Julia Ward Howe – an abolitionist best remembered as the poet who wrote “Battle Hymn of the Republic” – worked to establish a Mother’s Peace Day. Howe dedicated the celebration to the eradication of war, and organized festivities in Boston for years.

In 1907, Anna Jarvis, of Philadelphia, began the campaign to have Mother’s Day officially recognized, and in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson did this, proclaiming it a national holiday and a “public expression of our love and reverence for all mothers.”

Remember to do something special for the mother or mother figure in your life!

The RE Committee,

Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

“May the Fourth be with you.”

~Star Wars Day, celebrated May 4

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

FCU BUDGET REVIEW Meeting this Sunday May 2 at 11:30 am.

Please plan to attend this important meeting after church about next year's budget.

To connect to meeting:

*Go to the Spring Warranted Meeting Info link on our FCU website at: <https://www.fculittle.org/warranted-meeting/> You will access the Budget Review zoom link on this warranted meeting page.

Please review the proposed budget before this meeting. Come with your budget questions!

We hope you can join us via zoom for this important meeting!

The Standing Committee

Mark your calendar for the Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 16 at 11:30

UUA General Assembly Delegates Needed!

The Standing Committee would like to invite interested members to attend virtual GA as a VOTING DELEGATE representing FCU in 2021. This year, FCU will be covering the \$200 cost of registration to GA for the delegates chosen by the Standing Committee. Let us know if you are interested in becoming a delegate for FCU.

This year the UUA is planning a virtual 2021 General Assembly from June 23-27, 2021. We hope that members and friends will attend this event—from the comfort of your living room! Follow this link for more information: <https://www.uua.org/ga>

We need to have all delegate requests to SC@FCUlittle.org by May 2nd.

Many Thanks,
Standing Committee

Keeper of the Flame Nominations

Dear all,

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.

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) along with a brief statement of why you are nominating them. Nominations are due by end of day, Friday, May 28th.

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

Thanks,
Andy

Caring for Our Aging Parents (COAP)

Please join us for Caring for Our Aging Parents Monday, May 3rd, from 7-9 p.m. on Zoom.

[REDACTED -- for Zoom info, email COAP@fculittle.org]

This has grown into a close, supportive group for those of us dealing with issues related to caring for aging loved ones. Newcomers are warmly welcomed. We meet on the first Monday of each month. Keep in mind that this is truly a support group with no agenda or goals. For more info contact: COAP@fculittle.org

Dishing up Some Fun!

As of this writing, the starting bid on 12 items in the “Dishing Up Some Fun” auction have been slashed in half. So check out these bargains including Tech Support for Alexa, many art pieces, two gift baskets and more!

We have raised slightly more than \$1,385, slightly more than 25% of our goal, towards the purchase of two new commercial dishwashers for the downstairs kitchen. Please consider donating to this “Fund-a-Need” item, the first item in the catalog. Any amount helps us reach our goal of saving water and energy for our downstairs gatherings.

The link for the auction website is charityauction.bid/FCULittle. That will bring you to the home page where you can click on the Catalog tab at the top of the page to get you to our auction catalog and all our wonderful offerings.

Thanks for your support of our FCU community and keep those bids coming!

The Talent Auction Team,

Rochelle Chambless, Sara Cope, Deb Girard, Jen Jaksa, Cheryl Licktieg, Eric and Laura Semple

Next Mental Health Support Group Meeting on May 2 at 6PM

The Mental Health Support Group will be meeting on the first and third Sunday evenings at 6PM. The next support group is on Sunday, May 2 where we will be discussing the topic of Self Advocacy. This group is for people living with a mental illness and is open to members of the FCU community. Come get the support you need to thrive in spite of your illness. For more information contact Patti Sardella at pjsardella56@gmail.com or (978) 621-1065.

Topic: FCU MHSB Zoom Meeting

Time: This is a recurring meeting. Meet on the first and third Sunday of the month at 6pm.

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From the Racial Justice Action Committee (RJAC)

It can be challenging to face and own white privilege every minute of every day. It is easy for those of us that are white to ignore it when we have "had enough". Each morning I receive an email from www.antiracismdaily.com. It reminds me everyday that there are injustices in the world that I am a part of. Although I don't take action everyday, I want to be aware everyday.

This is a free email (you can make donations) that lands in your inbox daily. A great reminder of the changes we have to strive for to create an equal and just world.

Please sign up today.

Thank you,
Lori Grant RJAC Chair



Attention Campers

Our opportunity to reserve a campsite at Lake Dennison Recreation Area is fast approaching. As in past years, the annual FCU camping trip will be centered on the North side of the campground the weekend before Labor Day. This year, that means starting August 27, you can enjoy campfires, swimming, kayaking, biking, hiking, and especially hanging out with FCU friends in a beautiful outdoor setting. We usually share food as well as conversation. You can make a reservation after 4/27 on line at reserveamerica.com.

For more information please call Pam or Joel.

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

Deadline is 10 a.m. Friday mornings.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

(Gathering Video, “Trashin’ the Camp from Tarzan” by Phil Collins, performed by Molly Lozeau, starts 9:57 a.m.)

Community Matters (Cindy Malley, Deacon)

Prelude “Shock the Monkey” by Peter Gabriel (Molly Lozeau, Music Director)

Call to Worship (Rev. Lara Hoke)

Chalice Lighting and Covenant (Sierra Miller)

Words of Welcome (Lara)

Opening Hymn #175 “We Celebrate the Web of Life” (congregation, led by Molly)

A Time for All Ages in Three Parts

“Hanuman and the Orange Moon” by Amy Maranville, illustrated by Tim Palin (Caprice Tarbox)

RE Gathering Video from April (Music: “Hanuman” by Rodrigo y Gabriela)

“Monkey (Sun WuKong) Gains His Powers” written and illustrated by Will Strong (Brian Tarbox)

Opportunity for Generosity—Offering
(Lara)

Offertory “Too Much Monkey Business” by Chuck Berry (Molly)

Homily “A Tail of Two Monkeys?” (Lara)

Closing Song “My Sweet Lord” by George Harrison (congregation, led by Molly and Eric Semple)

Closing Words (Lara)

Postlude “How Can I Keep From Singing?” by Robert Lowry, Arr. Michael Burkhardt (members of The Church Choir)

Announcements/Joys & Concerns/Virtual Coffee Hour will follow on Zoom

