



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

June 6, 2021

Join us Sunday, June 6 at 10:00 for “The Question Box”!

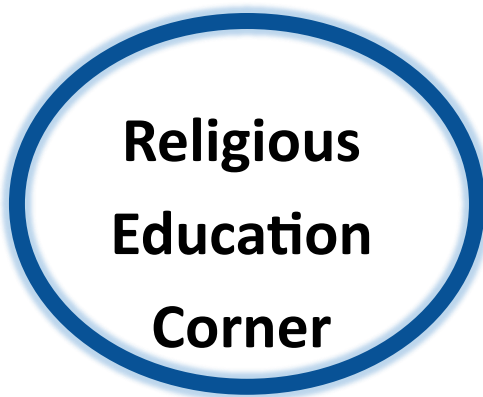
I look forward to being with you again this Sunday for “The Question Box” (also known as “Ask the Minister”)! Many Unitarian Universalist congregations have the tradition of setting aside one Sunday a year as the “Question Box” service. I will give it a shot once again! In place of a sermon, I will answer questions submitted by the congregation – as many as can be answered in about 20 minutes. I still have some unanswered (and unseen!) questions from our last Question Box service. If you didn’t write down a question last time, you will have a chance, during the service, to text your new question to me (508-615-1686). The questions can be about religion, Unitarian Universalism, theology, social justice, or anything related to ministry or congregational life, and I will do my best to answer. The question can be something whimsically off-topic, too, if you like!

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 listserve.) Usually the live video stream begins around 9:45, but there won’t be much to see until 9:56 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 listserve email. Barring something unforeseen, the Joys and Concerns link will be the same each week:

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

You can also use the Meeting ID and Password if you try to “Join Meeting” in Zoom. Looking forward to it...
Rev. Lara



June theme: Play

Our final RE Gathering will be Friday, June 11 at 3 pm. We are planning a children's flower communion, we will share about our year together and enjoy a treat. We may even have a surprise guest! Come and enjoy our RE celebration after this unique year! Bring a flower to share for the communion.

The Flower Communion that we’re celebrating in our next gathering is a tradition that dates back to 1923. It was created by Norbert Capek, who was a Unitarian minister in Czechoslovakia. His widow, Rev. Maya Capek, brought the ceremony to the U.S.

During the flower communion, each person brings a flower. The flowers are put together in a vase. After the service, each person picks a different flower, not the one they brought, to bring home.

The RE Committee,

Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

In colors bright and essence sweet,
Like flowers we bloom when we meet.
O, Source of Life, our song we raise,
This beauty fills our hearts with praise.

~ Lisa Doege

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

Share-the-Plate - June 06, 2021

Our June Share-the-Plate recipient is the Littleton Community Farm, a 501(c)3 non-profit "Fighting Hunger ~ Building Community ~ Supporting Agriculture" <https://littletoncommunityfarm.org/>. Amy Tarlow-Lewis will join us during our June 6th virtual worship service to provide more information.

To donate on the 6th, prior to or after: Mail a check payable to Littleton Community Farm to Littleton Community Farm PO Box 1186 Littleton, MA 01460 or [click here to donate online](#).

Next Mental Health Support Group Meeting on June 6 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, June 6, 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. For more information contact Patti Sardella at pjsardella56@gmail.com or (978) 621-1065.

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Caring for Our Aging Parents (COAP)

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

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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

Save those Treasures!

1. Please remember to save your gently used household goods, Linens, nice small Furniture, Sporting Goods, and other garage sale type items for a trash and treasure sale in September or October. The fate of our annual Country Fair has yet to be decided, however one way or another, we will be having another sale to benefit either FCU our missions in Ghana and Honduras. Thank you so much to our community for supporting these sales, which have raised more than \$ 5,000 in the past year to benefit people in remote parts of the world who have very little.

2. Susan and Bob Tordella-Williams, with two others, have founded a nonprofit called Learning Up, to support education in the USA and abroad. We received confirmation this week from the IRS of our 501(c)3 status. All donations to our yard sales will be tax deductible, as well as any grants made from our Council on Social Justice, and Share The Plate.

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, “I Will Survive” by Freddie Perren and Dino Fekaris, performed by Molly Lozeau, Music Director, starts 9:56 a.m.)

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

Prelude “On the Dusty Earth Drum”, words by Joseph S. Cotter Jr and music by Jason Shelton (The Church Choir)

Call to Worship (Rev. Lara Hoke)

Chalice Lighting and Covenant (Vio Malley)

Words of Welcome (Lara)

Opening Hymn #65 “The Sweet June Days” (congregation)

A Time for All Ages “Wordy Birdy”, written by Tammi Sauer, illustrated by Dave Mottram (Jen Banks)

Opportunity for Generosity—Share-the-Plate: Littleton Community Farm
(Amy Tarlow-Lewis, Executive Director)

Donate online at <https://littletoncommunityfarm.org/donate/>
or send a check made out to “Littleton Community Farm” to:
Littleton Community Farm; PO Box 1186; Littleton, MA 01460

Offertory “Everything Possible” by Fred Small (The Church Choir)

Reflection “The Question Box” (Lara)

Closing Hymn #305 “De Colores” (congregation)

Closing Words (Lara)

Postlude “Circle of Song” by Tony Turner, arranged by Jane Perry (The Church Choir)

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

