



# Community Matters



## October 9, 2016 - Guest Speaker Ms. Toby Smith

Toby Smith is a member of the First Parish Church (UU) of Concord, MA. She is also the Ministerial Settlement Representative for the UU Region for Littleton. She'll offer her thoughts and experiences on what it is like—from the point of view of the laity—for a congregation to go through the ministerial settlement process. A member of the Search Team will be the Worship Leader.



*We are happy to have you with us today at  
First Church Unitarian, Littleton*



## Religious Education Program; Children and Youth Sunday, October 9, 2016



**Worship-** "John Murray and the Winds of Change"  
*After "A Time for All Ages", children will leave the Sanctuary for their own program.*

### **Chapel Sunday (K through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade):** "Heal the Earth"

We'll learn about Rachel Carson, discuss ways we can care for the earth, make recycled bugs, and work on our backyard. "We believe in caring for our planet Earth, the home we share with all living things."

**Senior Youth Group:** Group will meet next following their overnight retreat.

**Next Week:** Curricula groups meet; Love Will Guide Us and Spirit of Adventure



### **Sunday, October 9**

9:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
11:30 p.m. - Q & A with  
Toby Smith  
3:00p.m. - Shamanic Journey  
6:00 p.m. - Gurukool  
7:00 p.m. - Men's Group

### **Monday, October 10**

6:30 p.m. - Artemis  
7:00 p.m. - Survivors of Suicide  
Support Group  
7:00 p.m. - AA Meeting

### **Tuesday, October 11**

10:00 a.m. - Fiber Fanatics  
6:15 p.m. - Gurukool  
7:00 p.m. - Jammin'

### **Wednesday, October 12**

9:00 a.m. - Final Day to fill out  
Search Team Survey  
7:00 p.m. - Yoga  
7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon

### **Thursday, October 13**

6:30 p.m. - Gurukool  
7:00 p.m. - Energy Medicine Group  
7:30 p.m. - Mixed Choir Rehearsal

### **Friday, October 14**

6:00 p.m. - Sacred Circle Dance

### **Saturday, October 15**

9:00 a.m. - CoDA  
1:00 p.m. - Reynolds Memorial  
7:00 p.m. - Community Talent  
Showcase

**Lay Pastoral Ministry** If you could use a listening ear, our Lay Pastoral Ministers are ready to assist you. **For information, speak with today's Lay Pastoral Minister, Patti Sardella;** see the Lay Pastoral Ministry bulletin board in the Vestry; visit Lay Pastoral Ministry on our website at [www.fculittle.org](http://www.fculittle.org), or email [laypastoralmin@fcuittle.org](mailto:laypastoralmin@fcuittle.org).



### **Sacred Circle Dance**—Friday, October 14, 6:00 p.m. in the Vestry

Autumn gets our attention in the Circle this month, including an homage to Samhain (Halloween) when the veil between realms is thin. Some grounding, some elevating, some reflection and some fun, with all steps taught (No experience needed—newcomers welcome). Community Circle 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., with more challenging dances at 6:00 p.m.. Bring a willing spirit and don't forget your water bottle! For more info email [Circle@fcuittle.org](mailto:Circle@fcuittle.org).



**Are you interested in building beloved community?**

**The Multicultural Ministries Committee (MMC) is looking for new members!**

The congregation chartered the MMC to facilitate FCU's journey toward its vision of becoming a vibrant, loving, diverse community. By engaging in and offering opportunities for individual and institutional growth, the MMC invites all those connected to the FCU community to embrace and explore ways to focus on anti-racism, anti-oppression, and multicultural ministries as an integral part of our church life.

Please consider joining us this Fall while we're in the planning stage for this year's adventure! If you think you might be interested, call either Betsy Read (508-935-9234) or Caroline Marvin (617-899-1290).

Come to one of our meetings on October 23 or November 20 for an opportunity to meet us as a group and hear and experience the many ways we endeavor to live out our FCU Charter. We look forward to hearing from you!

**Fiber Fanatics**

**Second and fourth Tuesdays every month**, 10:00 a.m. - noon in the Alliance Room

If you enjoy knitting, crocheting or other fibery work and have some free time, bring a project and join us! For more information contact [kersland1@gmail.com](mailto:kersland1@gmail.com).



**Caring for Our Aging Parents (COAP) First Monday** of the month, from 7-9 p.m., in the Alliance Room. 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. Keep in mind that this is truly a support group with no agenda or goals. For more info contact: [COAP@fculittle.org](mailto:COAP@fculittle.org)



**Share the Plate - October 16th**

**Standing Rock Sioux Tribe's DAPL Fund** will be our Share-the-Plate recipient on October 16th. Araya Fast will be sharing information about the protest to share their sacred ground and water from the Dakota Access Pipeline. Donations by check are to be made payable to: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe DAPL Fund.



**Ministerial Search Team:** Don't forget to fill out our Congregational survey—we need and appreciate your input to inform our search process. DEADLINE is Wednesday, October 12th! Come Go to <http://www.fculittle.org/ministerial-search/> to find the link to the survey.



Come one and all to our final cottage meeting, SUNDAY OCTOBER 16th, 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. We want to hear as many viewpoints as possible so there will be a separate children and youth workshop. Lunch will be served.

**Talent Show! October 15th at 7 PM!**

Please join us as we watch talented performers take the stage on Saturday, October 15th at 7PM. Bring yourself, family and friends for a night of fun as we begin a new tradition at FCU!

**\*We are still in need of baked goods for intermission\*** If you are able to donate, please email [communitytalentlitleton@fculittle.org](mailto:communitytalentlitleton@fculittle.org) for additional information. See you there!



**Living our Covenant of Right Relations: A Practicum**

**Session 1: Sharing Personal Stories, Sunday, October 16 from 6-8pm in the Alliance Room**

Niela and Steve will facilitate the first of this series of eight sessions to discuss and practice ways to live FCU's Covenant of Right Relations. Please review the covenant in advance and come prepared to tell a brief story (just a few minutes long) about a memory that was elicited by reading it, perhaps a challenging experience that either ended well or remained unresolved. Your story could take place any time and place in your life, and be kept anonymous. If time permits, we will share the personal impact of these stories on us. If you can't think of a story, we will have a handout at the session which may stimulate a memory!

Our goals for the session are to:

1. Prepare for future sessions of moving into deeper specific practice
2. Establish a norm of sharing in a safe and non-judgmental space.

~ Lynn Courtney, Niela Miller & Thom Bentley. With thanks to: David Butz, Kris Ersland, Debbie Eston, Caroline Marvin, Bonnie Petrovich, Brian Tarbox and Ron Willett.

**Announcements for Community Matters must be submitted each week no later than 9:00 a.m. on Thursday.**