



Community Matters



October 16, 2016 - Rev. Steve Edington Shall We Pray?

Is it possible for a religious community made up of theists, atheists, agnostics, humanists and liberal Christians (and that's just the short list!) come to a common understanding of prayer? There are any number of ways to pray above and beyond addressing a listening Deity. I'll share my thoughts on what some of these ways are.



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

Religious Education Program; Children and Youth Sunday, October 16, 2016

Worship- "Henry Prays" by D.B. Johnson (Adapted)

After "A Time for All Ages", children will leave the Sanctuary for their own program.

Primary & Elementary - Love Will Guide Us: "We Love To Discover"

We hope to strengthen a love of learning and discovery as part of our Unitarian Universalist identity. We practice using reason to find answers, explore how science helps us research and understand our world, consider the theory of evolution and how it relates to facts and beliefs, and make fossil imprints. UU Source: humanist teachings, science and reason.

Intermediate - Spirit of Adventure: "Sports - the Good and the Bad"

Just like life, sports have a good side, in good sportsmanship and a bad side. Today we'll explore the balance of good and bad in sports and learn about Jesse Owen. We'll play some games to practice good sportsmanship and cooperation. UU Principle and Source: Justice, equity and compassion in human relations; People whose lives remind us to be kind and fair.

Junior Youth Group: "Breakfast Club" - Meets next week. **Senior Youth Group** - Group recovers from their retreat today. **Youth Cottage Meeting today after classes!** Children and youth are invited to share food and do activities that will help them express their thoughts about a new minister.

Next week - Chapel Sunday



Sunday, October 16

- 9:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. - Children's Cottage Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. - RE Committee
- 11:30 a.m. - Soul Matters
- 6:00 p.m. - Covenant of Right Relations Practicum
- 6:00 p.m. - Gurukool

Monday, October 17

- 6:30 p.m. - Artemis
- 7:00 p.m. - Caring for Our Aging Parents
- 7:00 p.m. - AA Meeting

Tuesday, October 18

- 5:30 p.m. - Neighborhood Supper

- 6:15 p.m. - Gurukool
- 7:00 p.m. - Standing Committee
- 7:00 p.m. - Jammin'

Wednesday, October 19

- 7:00 p.m. - Yoga
- 7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon
- 7:00 p.m. - Lay Pastoral Ministers
- 7:00 p.m. - Soul Matters (Offsite)

Thursday, October 20

- 7:00 p.m. - Ministerial Search Committee
- 7:00 p.m. - Soul Matters (Catino)
- 7:30 p.m. - Mixed Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 22

- 8:00 p.m. - Barn Sale (Parsonage)
- 9:00 a.m. - CoDA

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, Jim Nehring;** see the Lay Pastoral Ministry bulletin board in the Vestry; visit Lay Pastoral Ministry on our website at www.fculittle.org, or email laypastoralmin@fcuittle.org.



Sacred Circle Dance—TONIGHT! 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.



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.



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



Share the Plate - October 16th

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe 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: If you haven't had a chance to participate in a MST Cottage Meeting - **today is the day!** We'll meet from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. to share a delicious lunch as well as ideas about who we are, where we want to be in the future and what we are looking for in a new minister. Children and youth are encouraged to attend. This is our final meeting and we expect that it will be as lively and informative as the previous two!



TOMORROW NIGHT! 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 for additional information. See you there!



It's time for Neighborhood Supper again!

We are cooking on Tuesday, October 18th. The supper has been going great since we started back up last winter and the numbers are climbing. Thank you to our wonderful crew of volunteers. And we never forget our brownie bakers! Donations of baked goods will be graciously received. No nuts, please. They can be dropped off in the afternoon at the Congregational Church or contact Kris Ermland at kersland1@gmail.com.

Living the Covenant of Right Relations 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. We will focus on personal stories inspired by elements of the covenant.

Our goals for the session are to:

Prepare for future sessions of moving into deeper specific practice, establish a norm of sharing in a safe and non-judgmental space and foster active participation by all.

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