



Community Matters



November 20, 2016 - Multigenerational Worship Vicki Merriam, Dir. Of Religious Education

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Welcome Visitors!

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

Religious Education Program; Children and Youth Sunday, November 20, 2016



Worship - "A Thanksgiving Meditation", *Naomi King*

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Senior Youth Group - Group meets today

Next Week - Game Day for all children and youth

Sunday, November 20

- 9:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
- 9:45 a.m. - Senior Youth Group
- 10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
- 11:30 a.m. - RE Committee
- 11:30 a.m. - Soul Matters (AF/PS)
- 11:45 a.m. - Multicultural Ministries Committee
- 6:00 p.m. - Gurukool
- 6:00 p.m. - Covenant of Right Relations Practicum
- 7:00 p.m. - Men's Group

Monday, November 21

- 6:30 p.m. - Artemis Rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. - AA Meeting

Tuesday, November 22

- 10:00 a.m. - Fiber Fanatics
- 6:15 p.m. - Gurukool
- 7:00 p.m. - Worship Assoc.

Wednesday, November 23

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

Thursday, November 24

Thanksgiving Day

Saturday, November 25

- 9:00 a.m. - CoDA



This Week at a Glance

Share-the-Plate: November 20 - UUSC's Guest at Your Table (GAYT)

GAYT will receive our November Share-the-Plate offering. Rev. Steve Edington will provide information about this annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about UUSC's work to advance human rights. Information about this years program can be found at <http://www.uusc.org/welcome-to-guest-at-your-table/>. If you choose to donate by check please make your check payable to UUSC and note Guest at Your Table in the memo line.

Guest at Your Table boxes will be available in the Vestry for those who would like to place one on your table through the holidays. Boxes are to be returned by January 8, 2017.

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.fculture.org, or email laypastoralmin@fculture.org.



Interfaith Thanksgiving Service: 11/20/16 at 7pm at First Baptist Church, 461 King St

As noted on the Littleton Council of Churches website: “Come join in celebration of gratitude and abundance at our annual Inter-faith Thanksgiving Service. You will enjoy music from a combined choir and hear brief heartfelt messages on the topic of “**The Joy of Living Gratefully**” from clergy and lay representatives from Littleton Council of Churches congregations. Admission is free and light refreshments will be served after the service. There will be a collection in support of the Loaves and Fishes food pantry. All are welcome. Come as you are.” Cindy Malley is FCU’s lay representative. ~ Debbie Eston, for the representatives to the Littleton Council of Churches.

Living the Covenant of Right Relations Session 2: The Clearing Model—A Method for Resolving Conflict and Enhancing Connection.

Please join us on **Sunday, November 20, 6-8p.m.** in the Alliance Room as Caprice and Brian Tarbox facilitate the second in this series of eight sessions. The group will meet to discuss and practice ways to live FCU’s Covenant of Right Relations. We will introduce the Clearing Model, which we learned respectively from Women Within and The Mankind Project. Our goal for the session is to present a model for resolving conflict that acknowledges that we do in fact sometimes have conflict and that facing it lets us move past it to build relationship connections as a way of living the Covenant of Right Relations.

November 27 11:30 a.m. - Please join us as we discuss potential parking options as the new fire station is built. Bill Duston will be here to answer any questions you may have regarding the project.

Holiday decorating help needed! Please stay after the parking meeting on 11/27 and help decorate FCU for the festive holiday season! Henry will be on hand as the “point person” for this annual event. The more hands we have on board, the quicker we welcome in this most festive of seasons.

December Holiday Gifts for Teens at McLean Hospital: Again this year, we will be collecting new unwrapped holiday gifts for the teens staying in locked units at McLean psychiatric hospital. December can be a very lonely time to be in the hospital and some of these teens may not receive visitors, or gifts from other sources. **A marked box will be in the Vestry starting 11/21 through 12/11 for contributions.** If you cannot contribute a gift, consider donating a greeting card. Both boys and girls need gifts. Suggestions: socks, mittens, age-appropriate non-violent DVDs and books, jewelry (nothing sharp), handheld electronic games, playing cards, craft items. Please remember not to wrap your gift. Please do not include: anything violent or including drug/alcohol use, anything sharp, or gift cards (teens may not be able to go shopping). Email valeriehadden@yahoo.com with questions. For those of you who may not know Val, she dances FCU’s Sacred Circle Dance. Thank you! ~Debbie Eston



Littleton Council of Churches: The Littleton Council of Churches is gearing up to provide the traditional December programs. To learn more about the Council check out it’s website at www.littletonchurches.org. Rev. Steve and Debbie Eston are representing FCU this year. We welcome your questions and suggestions. If you would like to serve as a representative, please let us know by emailing us at lcoc@fculittle.org or by contacting one of us directly.

12/3 7pm: Littleton Community Christmas Concert at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 616 Great Rd (Rte 119), Littleton.

12/6 - 12/10 5-8pm: Food drive at Donelans. Please plan to pick up an item from the Loaves and Fishes shopping list available at the store entrance. **FCU’s night to hand out shopping lists is 12/9.**

December’s Holiday Star Program: The list of gifts will be available in the Vestry and will be emailed to the Listserve after Thanksgiving.

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Please remember Loaves and Fishes by bringing an item or two with you to Sunday service. The items may be left in the bins in the front vestibule. Let’s do our part each week to help our neighbors especially as the weather gets colder. Items of a higher need this week are: salad dressings, hearty beef soup, canned pineapple, canned chili & refried beans.



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