



Community Matters



November 27, 2016 - Ask the Minister Rev. Steve Edington

Those attending will determine the sermon next Sunday.
Write a question on a card as you arrive.
Steve will attempt to answer it during the sermon part of the service.



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 - "Is there really a human race?" Jamie Lee Curtis



Today: Following a story from Rev. Steve, we'll have a game day for all children and youth.

Next Week: Regular classes resume: Love Will Guide Us; Spirit of Adventure.

Our second annual Cookies, Cocoa, and Carols will follow the service. Join us in the vestry during coffee hour for treats and then return to the sanctuary for singing.

Pageant sign-up will take place in the vestry during the coffee hour time. Watch for more info by email.



This Week
at a Glance

Sunday, November 27

9:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. - Worship Service
11:30 a.m. - Parking Meeting
11:30 a.m. - Holiday decorating
6:00 p.m. - Gurukool

Monday, November 28

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

Tuesday, November 29

1:30 p.m. - Fiber Fanatics

Wednesday, November 30

7:00 p.m. - Al-Anon
7:00 p.m. - Yoga
7:00 p.m. - Soul Matters (BR)
7:15 p.m. - Transition Team

Thursday, December 1

6:45 p.m. - Gurukool
7:00 p.m. - Trustees
7:00 p.m. - Ministerial Search Committee
7:30 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

Friday, December 2

5:00 p.m. - Women's Alliance

Saturday, December 2

9:00 a.m. - CoDA

TODAY—NOVEMBER 27, 2016

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.

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@fculittle.org.



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.littletonchurchs.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 has been emailed to the listserv.

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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



Living the Covenant of Right Relations Session 3: Understanding and Practicing Right Relations Across Difference: Please join us on **Sunday, December 4, 6-8p.m.** in the Vestry as Caroline Marvin and Betsy Read facilitate the third in this series of eight sessions. The presenters will share a method they devised while teaching a curriculum here at FCU about race, class, oppression and privilege. In community, "micro-conflicts" and unintentional wounding sometimes occur, especially when there are differences in perceived power between people. Participants will learn a simple, accessible method for exploring such differences. The method creates a safe place for speaking candidly about one's own responsibility in a difficult situation and for listening compassionately while others do the same.

Have you been wondering what is planned here at **FCU on Christmas Day and New Year's Day** since both are on a Sunday? Wonder no more...

On **12/25**, the Deacons will lead a casual gathering in the Vestry from 10 – 11ish and welcome suggestions that will bring you here on Christmas morning.

On **1/1**, we will gather in the Sanctuary from 10 – 11 in the Sanctuary for a New Year's Potpourri worship service. Look for more information about both in December's Community Matters and on the website, www.fculittle.org. ~ Debbie Eston for the Deacons

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.