



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

September 29, 2019

This Sunday, September 29, 2019

Join us for an experience of the Day of Judgment from a UU perspective, and hear the shofar blow! Rev. Lara Hoke will lead us in worship as we honor Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, together. Rosh Hashanah is the first of the Jewish High Holy Days, or "Days of Awe" in the Autumn. We will close the service with a ritual inspired by Jewish tradition. Please join us!

Religious Education for Children and Youth September 29, 2019

KidSpace - Rosh Hashana: We will make shofars, apple prints, and as a mitzvah we will share challah, apples and honey snacks at coffee hour.

Hospitality Opportunities

Each Sunday, FCU needs volunteers for several important jobs that help with our Service and Fellowship. You can choose from bringing flowers, serving as an usher, setting up for coffee so that it is ready after the service or cleaning up after coffee hour. Please take a moment to claim your spots using either the SignUp.com link on the FCU home page or the Sign Up Board in the Vestry.

UU UKES

Every Sunday at 11:45 a.m.

The **UU Uk**es hold their weekly practice in the downstairs dining room after church. Everyone is welcome to hang out and listen, sing or perhaps both. Having an audience during practice increases the fun.

Artemis Singers, FCU's Women's Chorus

Weekly rehearsals are on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. Singers of all abilities are welcome to join this "chorus and support" group. Contact Carolyn McCreary at artemis@fculittle.org for information.

We welcome you to join the Church Choir!

We meet weekly to rehearse on Thursdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m., and we sing during the Sunday morning services. This is a great opportunity to make music, develop friendships and learn something new. No previous musical experience necessary. For more information, contact Molly at music@fculittle.org.

Vigil at Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Detention Center This Sunday, September 29

A bus will be leaving from the Parish of the Epiphany at 70 Church St. in Winchester at 1:00 p.m., and return to Winchester at 4:00 p.m. Prisoners inside the center can see us and some hold up signs of thanks. Suggested donation for the bus is \$10 per person. The bus makes it easy because parking is an issue in the area. To reserve a seat on the bus, call or text Rosalyn at 781-439-4667, or email her at rosalyn02478@yahoo.com.

**We hope to see you in church on Sunday morning.
First Church Unitarian is a wonderful place to be.**



FCU Racial Justice Action Committee

Film and Discussion Series

The Uncomfortable Truth

This Saturday, September 28, 7:00 - 9:30 PM

When the son of Civil Rights hero, Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, dives into the 400 year history of institutional racism in the United States, he is confronted by the shocking reality that his family helped start it all from the very beginning. A comprehensive and insightful exploration of the origins and history of racism in the United States told through a very personal and honest story. Join us for a lively discussion.

Women's Alliance

Saturday, October 5, 1:00 p.m.

Rev. Lara Hoke has accepted our invitation to speak to the Women's Alliance and her presentation is titled "**Wrapped in the Flag and Carrying a Cross?**"

When Lara arrived at FCU, she was a little surprised to notice the U.S. and Commonwealth of Massachusetts flags in our sanctuary. When she asked a couple of people about the history of the flags, the most common response she heard was, "we have flags in our sanctuary?" Indeed, we do, in the back! There has long been a controversy in the United States about whether civic flags belong in these sacred sanctuary spaces. Lara's talk will consider the history of these flags in worship spaces and consider what it might mean in the 21st century.

The title of her talk is inspired by a quotation often attributed - possibly misattributed - to Sinclair Lewis: "When fascism comes to America, it will be wrapped in the flag and carrying a cross."

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ANIMAL BLESSING

WORSHIP AND CEREMONY

ALL ARE WELCOME



Inspired by St. Francis, First Church Unitarian will hold a worship service for all ages at 10:00 a.m., **Sunday, October 6, 2019** to honor all living things in recognition of our 7th UU Principle: Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

This will be followed by a Blessing of the Animals on our lawn at 11:30 a.m. Bring your pets, photos, stuffed animals or other reminders of animals to this short ceremony. Please have pets on leashes or in their cages, as appropriate. Questions? Email minister@fculittle.org.

Embracing Racial Justice

Sunday, October 6, 6:00 p.m.

Come together for our first monthly gathering to share a video and a discussion. We will also share resources, events and new awarenesses with each other. The video will be *How To Overcome Biases? Walk Boldly Toward Them* by Verna Myers.

Facilitated by Araya Fast and Lori Grant

Fun, Food and Fellowship

Friday, October 18, 6:00 p.m.

These potlucks are a great, no-agenda, intergenerational way to deepen our connections, share a meal, play games and have FUN! They are for singles, couples, and families, and are an opportunity to bring people who might be interested in our church. Bring food (homemade or store-bought) or drinks to share. If you have games, bring them too! We roughly coordinate the food so we don't end up having an all-cookie dinner, but feel free to show up last-minute anyway. For each date, a reminder with a sign-up sheet will be sent.