



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

November 1, 2020

Join us Sunday, November 1 at 10:00 for “A UU Look at the Afterlife”!

I'm very much looking forward to joining you again this Sunday for “A UU Look at the Afterlife”. This week begins our journey with the November Soul Matters theme of healing. **We plan to use YouTube Live for our service.** You no longer need to wait for the Sunday morning email for the worship service link! Simply go to <http://youtube.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/live> and the live video will come up! If you have trouble with that, you can also go to <https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/> and click on the video that says "live". (If YouTube Live isn't working, Plan B is that we will use Facebook Live and send out the new link on the listserv.) Usually the live video stream begins around 9:45, but there won't be much to see until 9:55 or so when the gathering video starts. This week's gathering video will feature a new original song recording by Molly and more “way back” photos of longtime FCU members, don't miss it!

There will again be a (Zoom) Joys and Concerns and Virtual Coffee Hour after the service and that link information will also be included in the Sunday morning listserv email. Barring something unforeseen, the Joys and Concerns link will be the same each week:

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You can also use the Meeting ID and Password if you try to “Join Meeting” in Zoom. I hope to “see” you then!

With love and anticipation,
Rev. Lara

Religious Education Corner

Listen Before You Try to Help and Heal Others

Our Orange Promise says “offer fair and kind treatment to all.” Sometimes when we try to help others, we assume we know exactly what they need, but we're wrong! We need to listen before we help others!

November theme: Healing

November RE dates to remember:

In person Gathering: November 6, 3:30-4:30 – bring your rakes! (rain date 11/9)

We will help care for our churchyard by raking leaves together. We will enjoy some other fun activities and games in the yard and get some supplies to make our own talking stick. Bring your rakes!

RE Prouty Woods HIKE up Wilderness Road - Saturday, November 14th 1 pm (rain date Nov 15th) Meet Emily in the FCU yard and let's take a walk together. Just for fun. Bring a snack if you want. RSVP to Emily at emilymwelch@gmail.com

Zoom Gathering: November 22, 8:45-9:40 am

We often talk about the Golden Rule. Do unto others as you would have them do to you. But have you heard about the Platinum Rule? Do unto others as they would want done to them.

The RE Committee,

Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

“What happens when people open their hearts?”

“They get better.”

— Haruki Murakami, Norwegian Wood

We look forward to “seeing” you in church.

First Church Unitarian is a wonderful community to be part of.



First Church Unitarian, Littleton Election Night Drop-in (Virtual) Space

Tuesday, November 3rd

8:00 p.m. – midnight

tinyurl.com/FCUElectionnight



Community * Company * Comfort * Caring

Election Night Open drop-in (Virtual) Space

We will have a virtual drop-in space on election night, Tuesday, November 3rd, from 8 p.m. until midnight. Drop in and out as you please! We can offer each other community, company, comfort, and caring during this anxious time. The link is <http://tinyurl.com/FCUElectionNight>

Hello all! I (Patti Sardella) am offering a small group on Mental Health and Illness. More support than education but I'm sure we'll learn a lot along the way. If interested, please email or text me so I can get a sense of how many people are interested. Feel free to ask questions when you email or text. More information to come! Email: pjsardella56@gmail.com Text: 978-621-1065 Thanks!

Never stop sending me your photos!

I am continuing to make gathering videos this year, and I will always need more photos! I'm happy to have photos of you at FCU doing FCU-things, but actually I'm also happy to have pictures of you now, doing the things you do. Everyone misses seeing each other's faces, but this can help. So don't be shy! Email photos to me at minister@fculittle.org. – Rev. Lara

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What a perfect time to invite your friends to experience our First Church Unitarian family. With so many of us already benefiting from our on line community, don't you think it would be helpful to your friends who are feeling isolated in these crazy times? Let's share this opportunity for people to benefit as we have. It is a real "no risk" chance to check us out. The You Tube connection is there for all to see.

Joel for Member/Reach

Caring for Our Aging Parents/Partners

Join us as we gather to support each other and discuss caring for our aging parents/partners.

Topic: COAP

Time: Nov 2, 2020 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Submissions for Community Matters can be sent to office@fculittle.org

Deadline is 10 a.m. Friday mornings.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

(Gathering Video, featuring “Reflection” by Molly Lozeau, around 9:55)

Community Matters (Emily Welch, Standing Committee)

Prelude “Phantom of the Opera” by Andrew Lloyd Webber, arr. Philip Keveren (Carolyn McCreary)

Call to Worship (Rev. Lara Hoke)

Chalice Lighting and Covenant (Wells-Palmer family)

Words of Welcome (Lara)

Opening Hymn #306 “Sing of Living, Sing of Dying” (Molly Lozeau, Music Director)

A Time for All Ages “The Fall of Freddie the Leaf” by Leo Buscalgia (Emily Welch)

Opportunity for Generosity—Receiving Our Offering (Lara)

Offertory “Who Are the Witches” by Bonnie Lockhart (Artemis Singers)

Homily “A UU Look at the Afterlife” (Lara)

Closing Hymn #101 “Abide With Me” (Molly)

Closing Words (Lara)

Postlude “Excerpt from Sonata in B flat minor” by Frédéric Chopin (Molly)

*Announcements/Joys & Concerns/
Coffee Hour will follow on Zoom*

