



Community Matters

September 19, 2021

Join us Sunday, September 19 at 10:00 for our hybrid Ingathering Service!

This Sunday, September 19, at 10 a.m., please join us for our second “hybrid” (both in-person and live streaming) worship service! Our wonderful volunteers (Mike Pilman, Eric Semple, Hugh Vartanian, Thom Bentley, Larry Kaylor) have been hard at work to improve the sound this week. The service title is “**Making Perfect Pottery**”.

For those of you joining us in-person, please show up a little earlier than you normally would as we will have several people (two at each door) helping to seat you so that we can maintain more physical distance. Please wear a mask (there is an indoor mask mandate in Littleton, and everyone, including speakers, will wear a mask the entire time). We request and expect that everyone who is able to be vaccinated (by age and health) will get vaccinated before attending in-person services. (Children under 12 will be outside for religious education with RE volunteer Emily Welch this week.) There will be no singing during “yellow light” conditions, but Molly will play and we will make other joyful noises! We will have some printed Orders of Service for those who want them. We also have a QR code available for you to scan (with your camera app) and see the OOS each week on your smart phone if you prefer. This week’s QR code is shown below. As last year, I will also email out the OOS in advance.

For those of you joining us virtually, there will be two locations this week to watch the live stream. Those two links <http://twitter.com/fculittleton> or <http://facebook.com/firstchurchunitarianlittleton>. You do not have to have a Twitter account or a Facebook account to watch these live streams, though having an account will enable you to comment on the live stream if you wish. When you go to <https://twitter.com/fculittleton>, look at the top tweet. That will be the video. If you click on the video image you’ll see options for volume as well as viewing it full screen. Similarly, when you go to <https://www.facebook.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/>, look at the top video. You can click on the video image for volume and full screen viewing options. Don’t forget that your computer (lap tap, smart phone, etc.) also has volume options that you can use to hear better. (If you do not have a Facebook account, a banner will pop up asking you to join. You can click “not now” and then you’ll see the page.)

Please be ready to visit this website during the service (from your computer or smart phone, etc.): <http://menti.com>. The number to enter there on Sunday morning is 9511 6873. Then, you can provide information as you wish to the questions. I will be asking you to tell us your name (if you wish) through that site, so that we will know some of the people who are participating virtually. Later, during Candles of Caring, you will have the option of sharing a joy or concern through <http://menti.com> as well. *(Eventually, our virtual participation options will improve greatly as we hope that the congregation will allocate money to better live streaming equipment. When that time comes, your virtual participation options will be far more sophisticated and interactive. During September and October, we ask for your grace and patience as we experiment and do what we can with existing equipment.)*

Want to have Zoom social time after the service? Use this link each week for virtual social time following worship:

[https://zoom.us/j/94103871106?
pwd=Tk5DUk84SERTakFVQ1kzY1pncktDUT09](https://zoom.us/j/94103871106?pwd=Tk5DUk84SERTakFVQ1kzY1pncktDUT09)

Meeting ID: 941 0387 1106
Passcode: 01460

Joy, grace, experimentation, learning, community and more will be ours this Sunday. I can’t wait!

In faith,

Rev. Lara





This week Emily and Theresa will be leading RE under the tent.

September 21 is International Peace Day. They will be talking about Peace and what it means to each one of us.

I hope your children can join them.

This Sunday and any Sunday that we have a hybrid service the children and will be meeting at church under a tent.

Please have your children dress for the weather.

I am looking for adults to help out on Sunday mornings, you don't need to plan anything or lead anything with one exception, which is identified in the dates below.

If we go into the red we will be on Zoom and you don't have to come to that, but of course you are invited to join us

You must be vaccinated to help out.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping out on the dates below.

Dates:

Oct. 3

Oct. 10 (I will be off and will have a plan for you to lead the group).

Oct. 17

Oct. 24

Thank you in advance for helping out.

In Peace, Thea

Director of Religious Education

Won't you be my neighbor?

If it takes a village to raise a child, it takes a neighborhood to run a Sunday service. We so hope that you will be part of that neighborhood welcoming old friends and new on Sunday mornings! Please consider signing up to help usher or bring flowers.

While we are at a Yellow safety level, we need 3 ushers and 1 flower arrangement each week. Since they can be delivered early while no one is at the church or delivered by others, flowers are a wonderful way to be in community if you are not able to be with us in person. If you are planning to be at FCU in person, please consider ushering.

You can sign up for either role [here](https://signup.com/go/oEKruxP) (<https://signup.com/go/oEKruxP>). You do not need to create an account to use the online sign up service (SignUp.com) and the email you enter will not be shared.

The sign-up board in the vestry will not be in use while we are at a Yellow safety level. If you cannot use the online sign-up please contact me directly to sign up.

Phone or text: (309) 532-3511

Email: hospitality@fculittle.org

It is so good to be back together again, and so wonderful that *you* are a part of it!

Jackie Clement

Hospitality Coordinator

The Women's Alliance Wants to Know

The Women's Alliance of First Church Unitarian has a long history of supporting the church's ministries; fostering nurturing, caring relationships; helping others; working for social justice; and serving the church and wider community. The Women's Alliance is reflecting on the present and reaching out for feedback as it seeks to evolve and grow along with FCU's 21st-century needs, vision, and mission.

We are asking everyone at FCU to answer a few questions about the Alliance and about how you might connect and become involved with the Alliance and benefit from a renewed vision of its future.

Thank you for completing this quick survey that will help the Women's Alliance as it reflects and revises its future. Here is the link: <https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6481078/The-Women-s-Alliance>