



Community Matters

October 24, 2021

Join us Sunday, October 24 at 10:00 for “Holy Roller: Lessons from Bowling”!

This Sunday, October 24, at 10 a.m., please join us for our “hybrid” (both in-person and live streaming) worship service! I’ve been participating in an early morning bowling league this year, and I have some thoughts to share. So this week, my homily will be “Holy Roller: Lessons from Bowling”!

For those of you joining us in-person, please show up a little earlier than you normally would as we will have several people helping to seat you so that we can maintain more physical distance. Please wear a mask. We request and expect that everyone who is able to be vaccinated (by age and health) will get vaccinated before attending in-person services. 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, we expect to show the livestream on YouTube live again this week! Just go to <https://www.youtube.com/firstchurchunitarianlittleton/live> for our 10 a.m. start. (The back-up address, in case there are any issues with YouTube, would be <http://facebook.com/firstchurchunitarianlittleton>.) Don’t forget that you can select the “full screen” viewing option and that your computer (lap top, smart phone, etc.) also has volume options that you can use to hear better.

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 **6772 2124**. 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.

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>

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

In faith,

Rev. Lara



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Sunday, Oct 24th 2021

Save the date!

**Our October Warranted Meeting
is scheduled for Sunday October 24th
2pm on Zoom!**

Religious Education

Thank you to Vio for helping out in RE last week.

We had a lot of fun going to the Littleton Community Farm and collecting plants and things for our mandala.

Because it will be pretty chilly outside this Sunday morning we will be holding RE indoors. We will be meeting in our RE space, masked, windows open and with the air purifier going. And we will be deciding how we want our RE space to look and feel as we think about what sacred space means.

Our third Principle can help guide us in this process:

Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations.

We are looking for folks to help out in RE:

Do you have something you would like to share with our children and youth, a story about something exciting you have done in your life, like rock climbing, mountain climbing? Traveling and meeting new people? Poetry? Making art or a craft? Nature? Please contact Debbie Eston and let her know, or email me at dre@fculittle.org

I'm sure the children and youth would love to have you share with them.

In Peace, Thea



The mandalas we made on Sunday morning

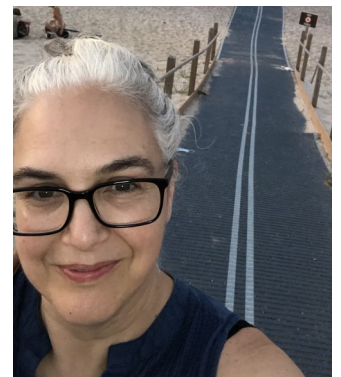
Welcome Bllu!

The Church Office Administrator Search Team (COAST) is delighted to announce that we have found a wonderful new administrator for FCU! Bllu Catalano will begin as COA the week of October 25th. Bllu is a natural organizer who has worked in project management for thirty years. If it needs organizing, call on Bllu! (Yes, she is a Marie Kondo fan.) Bllu has been a UU for her adult life and has held several positions within her UU community.

A self-employed contractor for much of her career, Bllu has worked in many settings, but her passion is writing and art. Bllu attended Mass College of Art, Emerson College, and the Design Institute of New England, specializing in women's studies, writing and design. She is also an avid historian. Bllu teaches English Language Arts (ELA) and STEAM (an approach to learning that uses Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Mathematics) as well as writing at Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative. She enjoys reading, design projects, and outdoor adventures with her family.

Please join us in welcoming her next week!

Kris Erslund
Rochelle Chambless
Sara Cope



Caring for Our Aging Parents (COAP)

Please join us for Caring for Our Aging Parents Monday, November 1st from 7-9 p.m. on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86821535108?pwd=eUIISF1d1ZuS3RzTGdsZVc4WXNpUT09>

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This has grown into a close, supportive group for those of us dealing with issues related to caring for aging loved ones. Newcomers are warmly welcomed. We meet on the first Monday of each month. Keep in mind that this is truly a support group with no agenda or goals. For more info contact: COAP@fculittle.org

Share-the-Plate Nominees Wanted

Do you have an organization worthy of our support? Our Deacons would love your nominations for Share-the-Plate. Nominees must be a registered 501c3 and represent our values. It is also best for the organization to have a website with a link allowing people to donate directly. If you recommend an organization that is chosen, you may be asked to speak briefly to the congregation.

Please submit your nominees along with a brief description of their work, their website and physical address, any contact information you have, and any other pertinent information to deacons@fculittle.org

The Deacons will make the selections and notify you if yours is chosen.

Thank you!
Our Deacons
Cindy Malley, Bill Duston, Monica Pilman

Restarting the Environmental Action Group at FCU

Interested in doing something about the environmental crisis?
Please join the Environmental Action Group at FCU (which was rudely interrupted by the pandemic last year).

We are planning to reconvene and to refocus our efforts on both supporting personal climate activism and connecting with other area groups such as Elders Climate Action, Indivisible, and local environmental initiatives. We hope to complement the work of FCU's Green Sanctuary Task Force, enroll individuals within FCU in taking action to fight climate change, and keep our members informed about events and activities in the Littleton Area.

Please join us on Tuesday, October 26, 6 - 7:30 pm on Zoom

Here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83007600046?pwd=Y0Z5ZkVBcFp3U3ZBdUFQdG94SIEwUT09>

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FCU Arts Playshop

The FCU Arts Playshop will be meeting again on Saturday, November 13, 2021 from 11am-1pm on Zoom. You need to register with me to be put on the email list for notes and instructions. You do not need to be at every session but you do need to let me know if you will attend. Others in the group will be facilitating some of the sessions. Our focus is on exploring creative process in which we do real time experiments with show-and-tell. The group is open to FCU children over 12 and adult members and their relatives. Please let me know ASAP if you would like to join us.

Niela Miller (nielam@comcast.net)

Scarecrows Working for NAMI

Please consider visiting Cucurbit Farm, 32 Parker Rd., Acton, MA to support their Scarecrow fundraiser for National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI). Look for entry #107 all the way on one end by Doug Sweetser.



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