



Join us Sunday, October 31 at 10:00 for “Showing Up”!

This Sunday, October 31, at 10 a.m., please join us for our “hybrid” (both in-person and live streaming) worship service! This week, our service will be led by our new Director of Religious Education, Thea Shapiro! Don’t miss it! Her homily title is “Showing Up”.

For those of you joining us in-person, you must 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. (Children under 12 will be downstairs with masks, air filters, and distancing – and costumes!) 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 tap, 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>

Meeting ID: 941 0387 1106

Passcode: 01460

In faith,

Rev. Lara



We look forward to being with you for church.

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



Religious Education

Happy Halloween

This week the children will be with Emily and Debbie and/or Karen and Vio will be helping out. The children (and adults if they like) are invited to come to church in costume to celebrate Halloween, as we learn about its origins.

Monday November 1, is All Saints Day, and Tuesday November 2, is Dios De los Muertos.

This is a nice opportunity to remember friends, love ones and pets who have passed through our lives. I invite you to light a candle one of those evenings with your family and remember someone or a pet you have loved and lost. You can also use the moment as an opportunity to share about an ancestor the children never knew. It can give them an insight into their family history.

In Peace, Thea

Faith on Film Discussion Group with CCOL: November 17th at 7pm

Have you watched the Netflix show *Midnight Mass*? If so, you may have been left with questions, thoughts, and feelings about the role of faith. Rev. Jen Munroe-Nathans (from the Congregational Church of Littleton) and our own Rev. Lara will co-lead a discussion based on the Netflix show on **November 17th at 7 p.m.** at the **CCOL (330 King Street, Littleton)**.

Note: While extremely popular, *Midnight Mass* is a fairly graphic horror show, view with discretion.



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=eUJISF1d1ZuS3RzTGdsZVc4WXNpUT09>

Meeting ID: 868 2153 5108

Passcode: 840905

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

Are you following us on Instagram? Please do...and start liking/sharing our posts!
<https://www.instagram.com/firstchurchunitarianlittleton>



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.

Our first Share-The-Plate recipient will be Learning Up, a 501C3 that supports the MacDellar Preparatory School in Ghana. We will be hearing more information during our service on Sunday, November 14th.

Thank you!

Our Deacons

Cindy Malley, Bill Duston, Monica Pilman

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)

Women's Alliance Project: Donations for Afghan Refugees

You can help!!

The Alliance is sponsoring a donation of laundry bags filled with needed items to the International Institute of New England which will be distributed to Afghan refugees settling in this area. IINE has provided us a list of needed items. The Alliance is supplying a number of items and is hoping the congregation can donate items as well. In addition to the items the Alliance is donating the following items have been requested from the International Institute:

Washcloths

Trash bags

Hand soap

Hand sanitizer

Broom

Tooth brush and tooth paste

Clorox wipes

Dust pan and brush

Power strips

All donations can be dropped off by **November 11/9** in the basket inside the side entrance of the church or at the home of Kris Ermland.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Sunday Hospitality

Please remember to sign up for Sunday Hospitality slots. We need 3 ushers and 1 flower arrangement each Sunday. Sign up at <https://signup.com/go/oEKruxP>. The link can also be found on the hospitality page of the web site. If you can't sign up online please contact me by text: (309) 532-3511 or email: hospitality@fculittle.org.

Thank you so much for being part of this wonderful community!

Jackie Clement