



**Community Matters**

**First Church Unitarian, Littleton**

**December 8, 2019**

**This Sunday, December 8, at 10:00 a.m.**

**“A Temporary Fix”**

In our culture, it’s common to hear the words, “If it ain’t broke, don’t fix it.” There’s a Chinese proverb: “A fixed method is not a method.” There’s a Japanese proverb: “Fix the problem, not the blame.” There’s a Swedish proverb: “Being young is a fault that we fix every day.” What are we really saying when we say, “Let’s fix this?” The fix is in, with Rev. Lara Hoke preaching. Please join us!

**Religious Education for Children and Youth**

**This Sunday, December 8, 10:00 a.m.** “Hope is Something We Create.” We will make peace doves and glitter galaxy ornaments. Helper - Andy Leyenaar

**Next Sunday, December 15, 10:00 a.m.** “Winter Festivals” Whole Church Worship followed by our holiday Sunday social.

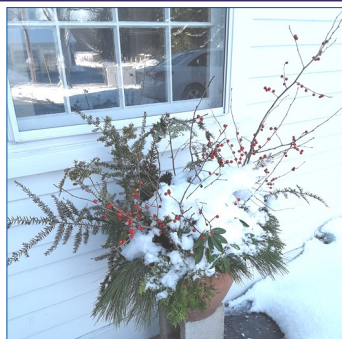
**Littleton Holiday Bazaar**

The FCU Women's Alliance will be there with lots of jams, jellies and crafts perfect for gift giving.

**This Saturday, December 7**

**9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.**

**Littleton Middle School**



One of our “in house” gardening experts, Laura Semple, did an outstanding job of decorating the front of our sanctuary and the side building. Thank you, Laura!

NOTE: Only natural materials were used.

**Christmas Cookies for Neighborhood Supper**

In keeping with our holiday tradition of giving small gifts to our friends at the Supper, we are asking for donations of Christmas Cookies for our December meal. Cookies can be dropped off at FCU (please label for NS) prior to the day of the supper, **December 17th**, at the Congregational Church by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the supper or contact Kris Ersland at [Neighborhood@fculittle.org](mailto:Neighborhood@fculittle.org) to make other arrangements.

We are serving more people than ever, so the more cookies the better! And, as always, brownies are needed and appreciated! Thank you for your support in making the Neighborhood Supper a welcoming place in our community. Kris Ersland, on behalf of the Neighborhood Supper

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

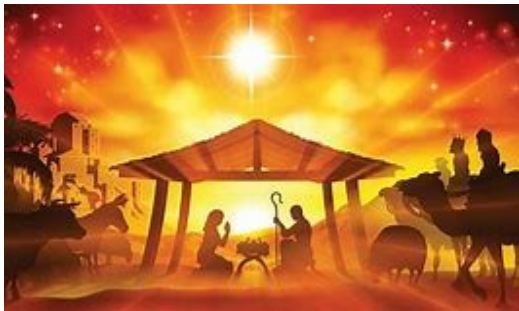
**Sunday Social, December 15, Holiday Celebration:** Hanukkah, Solstice, Christmas, or whatever you celebrate. Bring holiday treats to share, especially latkes. Molly and choir members will lead a carol sing following lunch.

Calling all ages: Take a role in our traditional Christmas Eve pageant, anything from sheep to stars, magi to angels. Everyone welcome. Contact [bobbiedressel@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbiedressel@yahoo.com) or Vicki.

**Guest at Your Table (GAYT)** is the UU Service Committee's annual intergenerational program. The program is an opportunity to celebrate grassroots partnership, support human rights and learn about the "guests" in Guest at Your Table. This year, UUSC's Guest at Your Table theme is **Women Leaders, Strong Communities**. We will be collecting for GAYT through December 29 in place of our monthly "Share the Plate." A table in the vestry has a place to put checks made out to UUSC, boxes for cash and more information about GAYT. Please be generous.

This year FCU is supporting the **Littleton Parks, Recreation and Community Education Department's Holiday Helper Gift Giving Program**. The goal of the program is "to help families in Littleton and to provide Holiday toys for children this season."

FCU has received 31 gift slips - each one with a Littleton child's wish. Gift slips will be available this Sunday December 1, during Coffee Hour at the Holiday Helper table. Gifts are to be unwrapped with the gift slip included and are due at the Parks and Rec department on Friday, December 13. There are two gift return options: to FCU by Sunday night December 8, in the Vestry placed under the tree. Gifts will be delivered to the Parks & Rec Department on Monday, December 9. Or, directly to the Parks and Rec department on or before December 13, before 2:00 p.m. at 33 Shattuck Street .



*Please join us at the  
Littleton Community Christmas Concert*

*Featuring the choirs of:  
First Church Unitarian of Littleton, The Church of Jesus  
Christ of Latter-day Saints, St. Anne-St. Catherine Catholic  
Collaborative, Congregational Church of Littleton and  
First Baptist Church of Littleton*

***Saturday, December 7, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.  
616 Great Road, Littleton, MA  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints***

This is a free concert. We will be accepting non-perishable food donations for the Littleton Council of Churches food drive. Refreshments will be served after the concert.



**FCU Upcoming Holiday Services**

Littleton Community Christmas Concert  
(See box above)



Yule Service - A Celebration of the Solstice, December 21, 7:00 p.m.

Regular Sunday Service, December 22, 10:00 a.m.

UU Ukles Christmas Concert and Sing-a-Long, December 22, 12:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Service, Wednesday, December 24, 6:00 p.m.

New Year's Potpourri - a chance to share meaningful readings

**Winter Solstice Sacred Circle Dance, Friday December 13, In the Vestry**

In this last circle of the year, we gather and dance for peace, hope, health, and joy. Let's ready ourselves for the Solstice and get ready to bid adieu to 2019. Bring a thought to share about what the season may mean to you, and don't forget your water bottle. Community Circle 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (including a candle meditation) with more challenging dances at 6:00.