



**Community Matters**

**First Church Unitarian, Littleton**

**December 15, 2019**

**This Sunday, December 15, at 10:00 a.m.**

Following our annual **Holiday Light Festival Service**, we will continue our celebration with a **Sunday Social** featuring a sing-a-long with our choir and Molly Lozeau, FCU Music Director.

Please bring a dish to share especially holiday food. Please put your dish on the buffet table with appropriate serving utensils. If you can help set up tables before the service, please let me know. It would be wonderful if everyone could pitch in afterward to clean-up. Let me know. [dsd@fculittle.org](mailto:dsd@fculittle.org)

### Religious Education for Children and Youth

**Next Sunday, December 22, 10:00 a.m.**

KidSpace: Holiday Fun - The Winter Solstice brings seasonal celebrations of all kinds. We will make Santa treats, play dreidel, and wish upon a star.



### FCU Upcoming Holiday Services



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

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

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

Please join us for an hour of Christmas music that is sure to put you in the Christmas spirit and bring a smile to your face. The UU Ukes will be providing "pre concert" refreshments during Coffee Hour.  
(See boxes below)

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

**New Year's Potpourri** - a chance to share meaningful readings  
Sunday, December 29, 10:00 a.m.

First Church Unitarian  
19 Foster St. Littleton

**FREE** 12-1 pm

**Sunday  
12/22**

**Holiday Sing-A-Long**  
With First Church Unitarian's  
**UU Ukes**

Join us in singing secular & religious holiday favorites with a ukulele orchestra. All ages welcome.

\*Unitarian Universalist Ukeleles



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

**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 tomorrow, December 13, before 2:00 p.m. at 33 Shattuck Street.

### **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 Erslund 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 Erslund, on behalf of the Neighborhood Supper

### **Winter Solstice Sacred Circle Dance, tomorrow, 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.

### **Next Sunday, December 22, 10:00 a.m.**

#### **"An Apocryphal Christmas"**

Did you know that there are non-canonical (or "apocryphal") Christian nativity stories beyond the familiar stories from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke? Come and hear some alternative ancient versions of the story of the baby Jesus. Rev. Lara Hoke will preach. After fellowship, from 12-1 p.m., the UU Ukes will lead a sing-a-long of secular and traditional holiday songs. Don't miss it!

### **Recommended reading from the Racial Justice Action Committee**

How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • From the National Book Award-winning author of *Stamped from the Beginning* comes a "groundbreaking" (Time) approach to understanding and uprooting racism and inequality in our society — and in ourselves. Kendi weaves an electrifying combination of ethics, history, law, and science with his own personal story of awakening to antiracism. This is an essential work for anyone who wants to go beyond the awareness of racism to the next step: contributing to the formation of a just and equitable society.

