



This Sunday, January 19, at 10:00 a.m.

Martin Luther King Sunday: "Good Trouble"

Rev. Lara Hoke and the Racial Justice Action Committee (RJAC) will lead the service on Martin Luther King Sunday, an annual tradition. RJAC will make a special presentation to the congregation for the Social Justice Moment. Lara's brief remarks are entitled "Good Trouble." Please join us to celebrate the legacy of MLK, and to think together about what this legacy means for FCU and the 21st century.

Religious Education for Children and Youth 10:00 a.m., KidSpace

This Sunday, January 19: Something about citrus fruit cheers us up in winter - the fresh aroma, the bright sun colors, the refreshing taste. We'll use citrus in several ways. Helper: Tatum Hammer

Next Sunday, January 26: Chinese New Year: We'll make a group dragon, share fortunes and practice kindness. UUs believe that we can all help to make good things happen. Helper: Julianna Miller

**You are invited to a Special Birthday Concert!
This Sunday, January 19, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.**

The complete collection of piano music by Niela Miller will be performed by Molly Lozeau and Justin McCarthy to celebrate **Niela's 85th birthday!**

For those attending the church service at 10:00 a.m., the choir will perform one of her choral pieces. Lunch will be provided following the Worship Service in the downstairs dining room during coffee hour. Join us for food and fellowship and stay for the concert. The concert will be followed by a **Sweet Treats** reception.

A recording of the concert will be available on the church website. A free concert, although donation boxes will be at the doors to help pay for the musician's fees.

**Stewardship Sunday and Chili Cook Off Celebration
February 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.**



Rev. Lara Hoke and our in-house musicians and singers will lead a music-filled stewardship service, "Living Our Abundance," with personal testimonials, a homily and lots of fun. We will reflect together about what it means to live our abundance in our FCU community and in the world beyond our doors. What does this mean to you? Together we will consider what kind of difference the gift of a pledge to FCU can make. You will receive your pledge packet after the service. We are grateful for your financial gifts to First Church Unitarian. The service will be followed by a Chili Cook Off meal and celebration. You will be treated to a nourishing meal that will include some delicious non chili options for all food preferences. Would you like to be one of our Chili contestants? Look for cook off sign-ups this Sunday, January 19, after church in the Vestry. Prizes will be awarded!

Dollars and Sense at FCU

Pledges: As of December 31, we have received \$101,708.24 toward pledges of \$170,342.00. This represents 59.7% of our pledges for FY20! (July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020). I'm working right now on the donation letters for calendar year 2019. You will be receiving them by the end of January. Along with this letter, I will enclose the balance on your FY20 pledge as of 12/31/19.

Please contact Prisl Dumka at assistreas@fculittle.org if you have any questions about your FY20 pledge. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our beloved community. Prisl Dumka, Assistant Treasurer

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

The Halalisa Singers present

Up to the MOUNTAIN

A CONCERT FOR MLK WEEKEND
Music of inspiration and strength to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 18 8pm at the First Parish UU of Arlington
 630 Massachusetts Ave., Arlington Center
Saturday Concert with special guests: The Boston City Singers

January 19 3pm at UU Church of Reading
 239 Woburn St., Reading

Mary Cunningham, Artistic Director
 Trevor Berens, Piano
 Bertram Lehmann, Percussion
 Rick McLaughlin, Bass
 Glenn Dickson, Clarinet

HALALISA SINGERS world music ensemble

\$20 General Admission
 Tickets and information: www.halalisa.org

18th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast
Monday, January 20, 8:30 a.m.
Congregation Beth Elohim, 133 Prospect Street, Acton, MA

*From Hip Hop Activist to Just Transition Pastor:
 One Woman’s Journey to Live at the Intersections*
Guest Speaker: Rev. Mariama White-Hammond



The term “intersectionality” seems to pop up everywhere but what does it mean to live intersectionally? Reverend White-Hammond has walked a powerful journey in civil rights, from her time as a teenage leader of the Project HIP-HOP to her status today as a preeminent climate justice activist and civil and human rights minister in the tradition of Dr. King.

Join us as Rev. White-Hammond discusses her own journey and how it relates to the sacred and joyful work of tearing down silos-not only in the world, but in our communities, and even in our own hearts.

This talk is a presentation of Na’aseh, the social justice arm Congregation Beth Elohim and CBE’s emergent Racial Justice Working Group. The public is invited to this free event. Donations will be welcome at the door.

For more information, contact socialaction@bethelohim.org.

Movie Screening of *Gen Silent*
Thursday, January 23, 3:00 p.m.
Littleton Town Hall - Multipurpose Room



This event has been organized in collaboration with Littleton Elder and Human Service, First Church Unitarian, First Baptist Church of Littleton and Minuteman Senior Services to provide education and support to the LGBTQ+ community and its allies. Please contact Nicole at 978-540-2475 for additional information. If Littleton Public Schools are closed due to weather, we will cancel and reschedule this event. Please check littletonma.org for school closings.

FCU Racial Justice Action Committee
Film and Discussion Series
Intelligent Lives
Saturday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.



Join us to watch and discuss *Intelligent Lives*. It stars three pioneering young adults with intellectual disabilities who challenge perceptions of intelligence as they navigate high school, college and the workforce. Actor Chris Cooper narrates and contextualizes the lives of the central characters through the emotional personal story of his son, Jesse, as the film unpacks the shameful and ongoing track record of intelligence testing in the US.

This free film series explores the lives and experiences of the “other” and expands our awareness of our neighbors as well as often marginalized individuals and groups. Please join us for a lively discussion. All are welcome.