



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

February 9, 2020

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



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 non chili options for all food preferences. We hope you can join us!

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

This Sunday, February 9: Love for All: We will make valentines and sweet treats to share.

Helper: Jennifer Banks

Next Sunday, February 16: Playfulness, Laughter and Joy: Creating Resilience. **Whole Congregation worship service.** Fun is serious business and can add years to our lives. Come laugh, play and sing with us. Wear something silly and bring a short joke or riddle to share.

Women's Alliance, Saturday, February 8

11:00 a.m. - Business Meeting

12:00 p.m. - Potluck Lunch

1:00 p.m. - UU Ukes in concert in the Sanctuary

The program this month features our own UU Ukes!

Please join us for lunch and a concert. All are welcome.



The Women's Alliance (alliance@fculittle.org) has embarked on a project of documenting favorite stories and memories of our church community. Members and friends are invited to share their stories by:

- Completing a Story Form on the clipboard on the small table in the Vestry
- Creating a story on a computer and attach the printout to a Story Form
- Talking to an Alliance member who will record your story for you

City Reach - Clothing for the Homeless

Luann is collecting men's and women's clothing, sleeping bags, pillows, toiletries, boots, cloth bags, outdoor shoes, sox, hats, gloves, etc. Please bring your donations to the Vestry by **Thursday, February 13, noon.**

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

Greater Boston UU Singles Valentine's Day Pot Luck! Friday, February 14, 6:30 p.m.



Greater Boston UU Singles Valentine's Day Potluck! Join a group of UU singles from all over the Boston area for our first event, a potluck on that most awkward of all days if you are single - Valentine's Day! Enjoy good food, good conversation and good fun with area UU singles. This is our first event, come and you can say you were with us on the ground floor! The dinner will be from 6:30 - 8:30 (ish) at **First Unitarian Universalist Society of Newton (FUUSN), 1326 Washington Street in West Newton, convenient to the Mass Pike and Route 128.** RSVP here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0c44a5a72ca4f85-uusingles>. Please include what you will be bringing in the comment section (though if we wind up with 12 pans of brownies, is that really a bad thing?) For information, contact Barb Schmitt at celeryelectric@gmail.com. Come join us, and bring a friend!

Dear FCU:

Thank you so much for your generosity to the **Senior Youth Group** on the recent Share-the Plate Sunday. We were overwhelmed with the collection that will help fund our upcoming service trip to the Bahamas to help with recovery efforts from Hurricane Dorian. We also thank those who sent in support checks after the Share-the-Plate Sunday. Because others asked, we are still taking donations. Please make your checks out to First Church Unitarian with the memo **SYG Trip**. And we continue to ask for your emotional support.

Harry Palmer Noah Leyenaar Luann Colombo
Dontano Rialdo Dan Lombardo Sandy Russell



Loaves & Fishes' mission is to provide nutritious food, in an atmosphere of kindness and respect, to individuals in need who reside in Ayer, Devens, Dunstable, Groton, Harvard, Littleton and Shirley.

Loaves & Fishes Food Pantry, Inc.

978-772-4627, 234 Barnum Road, Devens, MA 01434 loavesfishespantry.org

Donate Food

It takes a lot of food because the need is great!

- In an average week, 11,500 lbs. of food is distributed to our neighbors in need.
 - Over 600,000 lbs. of food was distributed last year.
- 828 families representing 1,961 individuals visited the Food Pantry last year.
 - Those families made 6,410 shopping trips to the pantry.

We depend upon your generosity to meet the growing need for nutritious food.

Most Needed Items

Ensure
Carnation Instant Breakfast
Hamburger Helpers
Salad Dressings
Rice-a-Roni
Grape or Strawberry Jelly
Ketchup and Mayo
Canned Fruit especially Applesauce
Baked Beans
Canned Tomato Products
Pasta Sauce
Canned Vegetables (NO Green Beans)
Hearty Beef Soup
Cream of Mushroom/Chicken Soup

Clam Chowder
Pancake Mix and Syrup
Soap/Body Wash
Shampoo
Reusable Grocery Bags
Canned Chili/Refried Beans
Beef or Oriental Flavored Ramen
Mac and Cheese
Coffee/Tea
Women's Incontinent Products
Baby Formula
Boxed Flavored Rice
Feminine Care Products
Depends- large and X-large
Diapers – Pull Ups size 5T and larger