



Community Matters

First Church Unitarian, Littleton

December 27, 2020

Join us Sunday, December 27 at 10:00 on Zoom for “New Year’s Potpourri Service”!

This Sunday, December 27th, our Deacons will lead worship with our New Year’s Potpourri Service. Although it will be over Zoom instead of in person, you will still have an opportunity to share a meaningful poem or brief prose with our FCU family. We hope to see you for this traditional FCU service!

Like always, it will be a more casual gathering and will take place solely over Zoom and will not be broadcast via YouTube. Please follow the link below. There will be no Joys and Concerns following the service.

First Church Unitarian Littleton is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

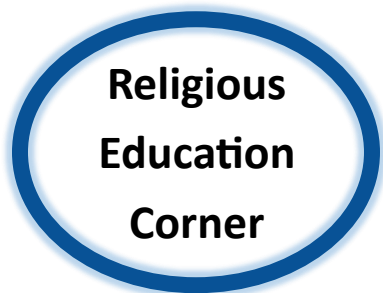
Topic: Sunday, Dec. 27th

Time: Dec 27, 2020 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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December theme: Stillness

January theme: Imagination

January RE Dates to remember:

Zoom RE Gatherings from 9:00-9:45 AM

Sunday, January 10

Sunday, January 24

The RE Committee,

Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

Look there at the star!
I, among the least,
Will arise and take
A journey to the East.
But what shall I bring
As a present for the King?
What shall I bring to the Manger?
I will bring a song,
A song that I will sing,
In the Manger.

Watch out for my flocks,
Do not let them stray.
I am going on a journey
Far, far away.
But what shall I bring
As a present for the Child?
What shall I bring to the Manger?
I will bring a lamb,
Gentle, meek, and mild,
A lamb for the Child
In the Manger.

I’m just a shepherd boy,
Very poor I am—
But I know there is
A King in Bethlehem.
What shall I bring
As a present just for Him?
What shall I bring to the Manger?
I will bring my heart
And give my heart to Him.
I will bring my heart
To the Manger. —“[Shepherd’s Song at Christmas.](#)” Langston

**We look forward to “seeing” you in church.
First Church Unitarian is a wonderful community to be part of.**

FCU Arts Workshop

The FCU Arts Workshop will meet again on ZOOM on Saturday, January 9, from 11am-1pm. We do a different activity each time, talk about our creative process, do show-and-tell. If you want to join, please let Niela know before Xmas (nielam@comcast.net <mailto:nielam@comcast.net>) so she can send you the information you will need.

Thank you for the Cookies!

Thanks to all who donated Holiday Cookies for Food is Love. We had so many cookies we were able to make up 101 bags! Special thanks to the Littleton High School Humanitarian Club who took time on their snow day to bake and contribute. They participate every year with us!

Much gratitude from Food is Love, soon to be Neighborhood Supper once again. Neighborhood Supper will continue to provide frozen take out meals Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10am—2pm, and Tuesdays from 4—5:30pm at the Congregational Church of Littleton.



RJAC presents:

Embracing Racial Justice is coming back reimagined ONLINE via ZOOM on the 3rd Saturday night in January.

A short video to be viewed together and discussed.

LITTLETON RENTAL ASSISTANCE

The Littleton Affordable Housing Trust, using Community Preservation Act funds, has established two rental assistance programs in Littleton for residents who qualify. Both programs are administered by the town's Department of Elder and Human Services. The Littleton Rental Assistance Program (LRAP) has been in operation for a full year, and has the goal of providing housing stability and opportunities for cost-burdened renters in Littleton. The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP) was created in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and resulting economic crisis, and is intended for short term assistance for residents who have lost income due to the pandemic.

Both programs evaluate applicants with a point system based on income, rental burden, ties to the town, and age. Confidentiality is maintained; applications are evaluated with personally identifying information removed. Applicants who receive other housing assistance from public funds are generally not eligible for these programs. For further information or to apply, look at the Littleton town website, www.littletonma.org/elder-and-human-services, contact Elder and Human Services directly at 978 540 2470 or by email to ademichele@littletonma.org.

Submissions for Community Matters can be sent to office@fculittle.org

Deadline for the next two week will be Saturday at 10am due to the Holidays.

Saturday, December 26 and Saturday January 2

Sunday, December 27, 2020
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New Year's Potpourri Service

Great thanks to this morning's participants: FCU's Deacons- Andy Leyenaar (Head Deacon), Cindy Malley and Bill Duston, Carolyn McCreary for performing and leading our hymns, Lezli Whitehouse and Monica Pilman for singing, Vio Malley for lighting our chalice, Kris Erslund for creating our Community Matters, Mike Pilman for his tireless tech wizardry, and to all of our congregation members who choose to share something with us today.

Order of Service

Prelude – *El Desembre Congelat* performed by the FCU Choir (from Littleton Community Christmas Concert 2014)

Call to Worship

Chalice Lighting & Covenant – Vio Malley

Hymn #86 *Blessed Spirit of My Life*

Time for All Ages

Opportunity for Generosity

Offertory – *I Heard the Bells (Dona Nobis Pacem)* performed by the Artemis Singers (from Littleton Community Christmas Concert 2019)

Community Sharing

Hymn - #352 *Find a Stillness*

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Hymn - #1008 *When Our Heart is in a Holy Place*

Closing Words

Postlude – *Run Run Rudolph* performed by the UU Ukes (from Littleton Community Concert 2019)

