



*Community Matters*

**First Church Unitarian, Littleton**

**January 3, 2021**

**Join us Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 for “Remembrance Sunday”**

I’m very much looking forward to seeing you again this Sunday to start 2021 with our traditional “Remembrance Sunday” which I will co-lead with our Deacons. As is our tradition, we will light **Candles of Love and Memory** to recall family and friends who died in the past year. We will also light **Candles of Hope and Joy** to celebrate children who were born in the past year. We plan to do this service on **Zoom** so that you will be able to share. **Announcements and Virtual Coffee Hour will follow the service** on the same Zoom:

**Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://zoom.us/j/99583854700?pwd=TTJHdnFnZVlrTEtnbXp4cXhBeG5Mdzo9>

Or call in (just audio, no video):

+1 929 205 6099 US

Meeting ID: 995 8385 4700

Passcode: [REDACTED]

**The gathering video will start at about 9:57 a.m.**

With love and anticipation,  
Rev. Lara

**Religious  
Education  
Corner**

**January theme: Imagination**

**January RE Dates to remember:**

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

Sunday, January 10

Sunday, January 24

Have you heard of New Year’s Resolutions? Do you know what it means? A New Year’s resolution is a tradition, most common in the Western Hemisphere but also found in the Eastern Hemisphere, in which a person is to make a promise or goal to improve ourselves. It also gives people the opportunity for reflection on the past year.

The RE Committee,  
Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

**“A new heart for a New Year, always!”**  
— Charles Dickens

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

## Caring for Our Aging Parents/Partners

Join us as we gather to support each other and discuss caring for our aging parents/partners.

Topic: COAP 01/04/2021

Time: Jan 4, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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## Proposed Tiny Library Discussion Jan. 5, 7 pm

FCU members and friends are invited to an informal information session on Tuesday, Jan. 5, 7-8 pm on a proposed Tiny Lending Library for the front of the church. Find out how a tiny library could benefit FCU; ask questions and share concerns about operating one; propose guidelines for managing it during a pandemic and in the future.

The Tiny Lending/Give-a-way Library of UU-themed books would be a tool to boost interest in Unitarian Universalism that could lead to church membership; and outreach to the community during the pandemic. Giving away books with UU themes is in alignment with our Seven Principles – through reading, we will promote justice; the search for truth and meaning; and the goal of a peaceful world community.

Start to notice Tiny Lending Libraries around town -- there are several in Littleton, including a new one at the Congregational Church. Hope to see you at the meeting. Feel free to contact Susan Tordella-Williams. Susan.tordella@gmail.com, 978 846 2811.

Topic: Proposed FCU Lending Library Informal Meeting

Time: Jan 5, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/96666216910?pwd=U3MySDlaY0M2VlB0aVVUamJDQlBVQT09>

Meeting ID: 966 6621 6910

Passcode: [REDACTED]

Dial by your location (just audio, no video):

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington D.C)

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

## INVITE INVITE INVITE

What a perfect time to invite your friends to experience our First Church Unitarian family. With so many of us already benefiting from our on line community, don't you think it would be helpful to your friends who are feeling isolated in these crazy times? Let's share this opportunity for people to benefit as we have. It is a real "no risk" chance to check us out. The You Tube connection is there for all to see.

Joel for Member/Reach

Submissions for Community Matters can be sent to [office@fculittle.org](mailto:office@fculittle.org)

Deadline is 10 a.m. Friday mornings.

**Sunday, January 3, 2021**  
**First Church Unitarian, Littleton**  
*Remembrance Sunday*

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

(Gathering Video, featuring “The Swan” from *Carnival of the Animals* by Camille Saint-Saens, performed by Molly Lozeau, starts around 9:57 a.m.)

**Community Matters** (Cindy Malley, Deacon)

**Prelude** “Limbo” by Ludovico Einaudi (Molly Lozeau, Music Director)

**Call to Worship** (Rev. Lara Hoke)

**Chalice Lighting and Covenant** (Sierra Miller)

**Words of Welcome** (Lara)

**Opening Hymn #57** “All Beautiful the March of Days” (Molly)

**A Time for All Ages** “Why Death Is Like the Banana Tree” (from the UUA’s Tapestry of Faith, *Based on a folk tale from Madagascar*) (Tatum Hammer)

**Reading** “A Common Destiny” by David Eaton (Cindy)

**Opportunity for Generosity—Receiving Our Offering** (Lara)

**Offertory** “Remember Me” by Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez (Molly)

**Photos of Loved Ones Lost This Year**

**Candles of Love and Memory**

**Reading** “The Dead Are Not Dead” by Birago Diop (Bill Duston)

**Photos of Loved Ones Born This Year**

**Candles of Hope and Joy**

**Reading** “Where Were You Before You Were Born?” by Thich Nhat Hanh (Andy Leyenaar)

**Hymn #369** “This Is the Truth that Passes Understanding”

**Homily** “Touching” (Lara)

**Closing Hymn #301** “Touch the Earth; Reach the Sky” (Molly)

**Closing Words** (Lara)

**Postlude** “I’ve Got a Name” by Jim Croce (The Church Choir)

