



Join us on Sunday, April 11 at 10:00 for “Are Boxes Becoming?”

I look forward to seeing you again this Sunday! We will continue with the Soul Matters theme of becoming, and take a look at the role that categorization plays in our development. **We will use YouTube Live for our service.** Simply go to <http://youtube.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/live> and the live video will come up! If you have trouble with that, you can also go to <https://www.youtube.com/FirstChurchUnitarianLittleton/> and click on the video that says "live". (If YouTube Live isn't working, Plan B is that we will use Facebook Live and send out the new link on the listserv.) Usually the live video stream begins around 9:45, but there won't be much to see until 9:57 a.m. or so when the gathering video starts.

There will again be a (Zoom) Joys and Concerns and Virtual Coffee Hour after the service and that link information will also be included in the Sunday morning listserv email. Barring something unforeseen, the Joys and Concerns link will be the same each week:

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email minister@fcuittle.org for Zoom info

You can also use the Meeting ID and Password if you try to “Join Meeting” in Zoom. I hope to "see" you then!

With love and hope,
Rev. Lara

**Religious
Education
Corner**

April theme: Becoming

April dates to remember:

- **Zoom Gathering:** Sunday, April 11 at 8:50-9:40 am

Finding Your True Self: Who Are You Becoming?

◇ Who are we meant to become? What unique gifts can we share with the world? That is for us to find out for our whole lives. Growing into what is special and unique about ourselves isn't always easy. Sometimes other people like our friends or family or even people we don't know pressure us to become something we're not. So our UU faith guides us to be a people of Becoming. Our UU faith tells us, “You can become what YOU want to be. You can become your true and unique self!”

- ◇ We will talk about how we are always becoming and the many gifts that we are born with and we will play a game.

- **In person RE gathering:** Friday, April 23 2:30-4:30 pm in the church yard!

April is National Poetry Month, a time to celebrate & enjoy poetry! Do you have a favorite poem? This is one of my favorites (Susan):

The RE Committee,

Susan, Debbie, Karen, Tatum, and Emily

“What happens to a dream deferred?”

~Langston Hughes, Harlem

The Lizzie Pitofsky Poem

I can't get enoughsky
Of Lizzie Pitofsky.
I love her so much that it hurts.
I want her so terrible
I'd give her my gerbil
Plus twenty-two weeks of desserts.

I know that it's lovesky
'Cause Lizzie Pitofsky
Is turning me into a saint.
I smell like a rose,
I've stopped picking my nose,
And, I practically never say ain't.

I don't push and shovesky
'Cause Lizzie Pitofsky
Likes boys who are gentle and kind.
I'm not throwing rocks
And I'm changing my socks
(And to tell you the truth I don't mind.)

Put tacks in my shoes.
Feed me vinegar juice,
And, do other mean bad awful stuffsky.
But promise me this:
I won't die without kiss-
Ing my glorious Lizzie Pitofsky.

By Judith Viorst

One Week Left to Submit Talent Auction Donations

The deadline for auction donation submissions is Sunday, April 18. We only have 23 submissions so far compared to 121 submissions last year, so send in those submissions ASAP (*you know how Rochelle hates those last minute submissions!*). Here's the link to fill out the donation form: <https://www.fculittle.org/talent-auction-donation-form/>. Please send a photo to ta@fculittle.org for each submission. If you want to offer the same thing you offered last year, just put that in the description field on the form. If it's an event, be sure to put the date for this year's offering in the description field on the form. Thanks for your prompt attention to this matter!

Virtual Annual Interfaith Gathering for Peace

Sunday, April 11, 2021

3:45 p.m. – Check-in & Greetings

4:00 p.m. – Panel & Celebration

“Migration & Metamorphosis: Sharing Stories of Change & Connection”

a celebration with

Stories ~ Sharing ~ Scriptures ~ Song

and new this year –

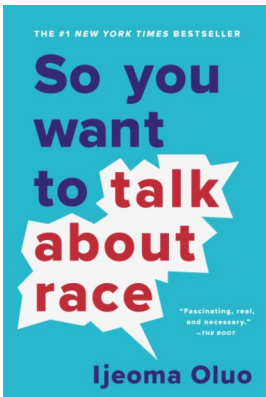
Demonstration of Cooking a Cambodian Dish as a prelude to Cambodian New Year

Sponsored by Greater Lowell Interfaith Leadership Alliance (GLILA)

You must register (RSVP) here to get the Zoom link: <https://um1.zoom.us/j/945858112kfuafK9T>

Questions? Email Rev. Lara (who was involved in event-planning): minister@fculittle.org

From the Racial Justice Action Committee (RJAC)



Another great book on Racism. SO YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT RACE BY Ijeoma Oluo. This is an easy read in which she takes issues that we come across regularly like: police brutality, intersectionality, white privilege, and discusses the issue and then presents ways to have a productive discussion about the issue. Easy read, practical info. Submitted by Araya Fast

Last Chance to Attend Green Sanctuary Task Force Zoom Cottage Meeting on Heating System Replacement Recommendation is Sunday, April 11 at 11:30AM. *Please Attend!*

After three years of research and discussion the Green Sanctuary Task Force is ready to make our recommendation for replacing our aging heating system with a new, energy efficient system! ***This will be the most substantial, significant investment you will be asked to make for our church building and community.*** The last Cottage Meeting to discuss our decision and the financial implications of that decision is Sunday, April 11 at 11:30AM. During the May Warranted Meeting we'll be proposing a budget item to pay for the Engineering Design. This Cottage Meeting is designed to inform you to vote on that budget request, so please plan on attending this meeting if you haven't already attended a previous Cottage Meeting.

Topic: GSTF Cottage Meeting

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email minister@fculittle.org for Zoom information



THE 13TH ANNUAL FOLK COFFEEHOUSE

THE 13TH ANNUAL FOLK COFFEEHOUSE, hosted by our good friends The Saturdays at United Congregational Church Boxboro, is still going strong even though they've gone virtual this year! I don't know how they created a virtual Coffeehouse but I do know that Hugh Vartanian, Mike Pilman and Patti Sardella were involved, so you know it will be great! ☺ The Coffeehouse streams right to your computer on Saturday April 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm. So if you're a (virtual) music lover, take a comfortable seat, and on Saturday night at 7:00, watch and listen to some beautiful music from talented local artists. We had a great showing of FCUers last year and a good time was had by all! The Coffeehouse will be on YouTube. I'll send the link and relevant information via list serve. Please contact Patti Sardella with any questions. Enjoy the show!

Share-the-Plate - April 18, 2021

Our April Share-the-Plate recipient is the Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association of Greater Lowell (CMAA) a 501(c)3 non-profit. Lowell (the city closest to Littleton) is home to the second largest Cambodian refugee population in the entire United States, second only to Long Beach, CA (and Lowell's Cambodian population makes up a much larger percentage of Lowell's overall population than Long Beach's Cambodian population). Most of Lowell's Cambodian residents are refugees who were resettled in Lowell during the 1980s after the horrors of the Khmer Rouge and Pol Pot. The CMAA's mission is to improve the quality of life for Cambodian Americans and other minorities and economically disadvantaged persons in Lowell through educational, cultural, economic and social programs. Their website: <https://www.cmaalowell.org/wp/>

To donate on the 18th, prior to or after: Send a check payable to CMAA to CMAA 465 School Street Lowell, MA 01851 or [click here to donate online](#).

Invitation from First Parish Chelmsford

The Welcoming Congregation Committee of First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Chelmsford invites you to join us for a podcast "book" club! This year's topic is: *All About Asexuality*. (The A in the acronym LGBTQIA+)

Follow the link below to reach the list of podcasts to listen to. We'll meet on Zoom, Saturday April 17 at 6:30PM to discuss and share our thoughts.

<https://ransdella.wixsite.com/wccbookclub>

The Zoom link information for the meeting is:

<https://zoom.us/j/97997087700?pwd=Y1F6RGZXSERCUC1c0WnloZm5SeTA4QT09>

Meeting ID: 979 9708 7700

Passcode: 985915

If you have any questions, please email welcoming@uuchelmsford.org.



HUGE YARD SALE

Saturday, April 10

8 am-2 pm

Littleton Historical Society

4 Rogers St. at King St.

Littleton, MA

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

Deadline is 10 a.m. Friday mornings.

Sunday, April 11, 2021
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ORDER OF SERVICE

(Gathering Video, “Sonatina in C Major, first movement: Allegro” by Muzio Clementi, performed by Molly Lozeau, starts 9:57 a.m.)

Community Matters (Martha Childs, Standing Committee)

Prelude “Terra's Theme” from *Final Fantasy VI* by Nobuo Uematsu (Molly Lozeau, Music Director)

Call to Worship (Rev. Lara Hoke)

Chalice Lighting and Covenant (Madelyn Hammer)

Words of Welcome (Lara)

Opening Hymn #7 “The Leaf Unfurling” (Molly)

A Time for All Ages “Nerdy Birdy” by Aaron Reynolds, illustrations by Matt Davies (Alessandra Ranelli)

Opportunity for Generosity—Offering (Lara)

Offertory “Cantilene” by Michel Meriot (Rebecca Jeffreys, flute and Molly Lozeau, piano)

Sermon “Are Boxes Becoming?” (Lara)

Closing Song “I Can See Clearly Now” by Johnny Nash (congregation)

Closing Words (Lara)

Postlude “Children's Song” by Bela Bartok (Molly)

Announcements/Joys & Concerns/Virtual Coffee Hour will follow on Zoom

