

# Community Matters

February second, 2025

## Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. “Imbolc: What Lies Beneath the Surface”

The Sunday, February 2<sup>nd</sup> (10 a.m.) service is “Imbolc: What Lies Beneath the Surface”. There will also be a Child Dedication for Roo Hollinger (granddaughter of our own Cheryl and Mark Hollinger)! The service will be both in-person and live-streaming. You won't want to miss it!

As always you are welcome to join us in our beautiful sanctuary for our in-person Sunday service. We are continuing with our “masks-optional” policy for in-person church attendees. We also offer the opportunity to be part of the service from home through our Zoom and live-stream on YouTube.

If you are watching from home, please watch and participate in our Sunday service via interactive [Zoom](#) or watch on [YouTube](#) (note that the Zoom link will take you to FCU's website, where you may need to enter the FCU password in order to click on the link).

We offer printed Orders of Service for those who want them. We also have a QR code available for you to scan (with your camera app) and see the OOS on your smart phone if you prefer.

In faith, *Lara*

Rev. Lara

Sunday, Feb. 2, 11:15-ish  
**Reclaiming Our Democracy**

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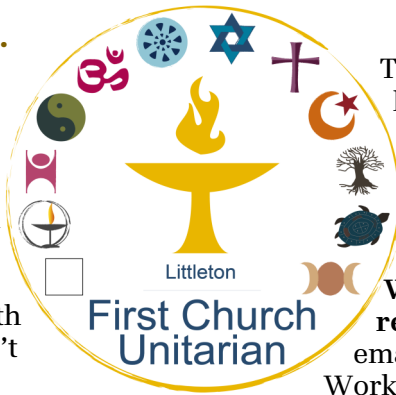
We will take some time to speak our concerns, learn about the power we have and how we can use it, and share our ideas about what we can do. You are not alone and we are not powerless. Our greatest strength is our ability to act in community. We will end with one specific action you can take right now. —In solidarity, Lynn Courtney and Lynda Kaylor

Tuesday, Feb. 4. 6pm

## Social Justice: Celebrate the First Rosa Parks Day

You are invited to the commemoration of the First Rosa Parks Day in MA and signing of the Rosa Parks Day bill. Bulfinch Meetinghouse, Lancaster, where the bill's initiator Rev. Wil Darcangelo serves as Minister. On Wednesday, 1/8, Gov. Maura Healey signed Bill H.3075 An Act Relative to Rosa Parks Day, making February 4 each year a day set aside in honor of civil rights icon Rosa Parks in MA. We are the 9th state in the USA to recognize Parks' profound contribution to the civil rights movement with an annual state recognition. There are growing calls for this day to be observed at the federal level. Rev. Wil Darcangelo: "There is only so much one person can do to affect social transformation in the world. So few of us are truly in a position to cultivate major change on our own. But each of us is capable of at least some act of kindness and honor that might work in favor of the world we wish to see.

This annual state recognition will not save the world, but it will have its energetic impact nonetheless. Hopefully the annual recognition of this woman, who has inspired me so much, will create at least a small social impact in service of racial justice and awareness of civil rights history in the United States. My calling as a Unitarian minister compels me to seek out ways in which I can do that, especially now when we need it so much." More info: Wil Darcangelo [wildarcangelo@gmail.com](mailto:wildarcangelo@gmail.com) 978-602-2684 & Rep. Michael Kushmerek [michael.kushmerek@mahouse.gov](mailto:michael.kushmerek@mahouse.gov)



## RE CORNER

Thank you, Sarah, Susan and Laurie for leading games in RE last Sunday.

This week we will talk about Love, and Standing on the Side of Love. We will also start making hearts for folks. I hope your children can join us.

**We are in need of RE volunteers for the rest of the church year.** Please sign up or email me if you can help out. (see link below). Working with our children and youth will put a smile on your face, they will teach you new words and new social norms, they will remind you that life is good.

If you cannot use the link below to sign up, please email me. [dre@fculittle.org](mailto:dre@fculittle.org)

**RE Volunteer Sign Up** You may need to copy and paste the link in your browser.

Families, please fill out the registration form. Link below. **Family Registration for children and youth**

In **peace** and deep gratitude, *Thea*

**Valentine's Day**  
**FAMILY KARAOKE NIGHT**  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2025  
5:00PM - 9:00PM  
FIRST CHURCH UNITARIAN  
19 FOSTER ST  
LITTLETON, MA  
\$20 PER FAMILY OR \$5 PER PERSON  
Pizza, Punch & Pastries included  
Sing your heart out! Win a prize!

**NEW TO FCU? LET'S GET ACQUAINTED.**  
A nametag connects us better and deeper.  
Contact Bllu: [office@fculittle.org](mailto:office@fculittle.org)  
Receive & send community e-updates.  
Subscribe: [www.fculittle.org/listserv/](http://www.fculittle.org/listserv/)  
Be listed in our directory  
Send a photo & contact info to: [office@fculittle.org](mailto:office@fculittle.org)  
Explore groups who share your interests & values  
[www.fculittle.org/new-here/](http://www.fculittle.org/new-here/)  
Questions about our community?  
[beyondsundays@fculittle.org](mailto:beyondsundays@fculittle.org)  
Welcome.  
We are better because you are here.

## FCU Events. Invite a friend!

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—In solidarity, Lynn Courtney and Lynda Kaylor

Friday, Feb. 7 2pm

**Loving-Kindness Sangha Meditation Practice**

Join us! We will be online only. Here's the [link](#). All are welcome! We'll sit with as many, or as few who participate. No need to RSVP. Hope to see you there!

February 9

**Stewardship Kick-off**

Friday, Feb. 14. 5 to 9pm

**Intergenerational Valentine's Day Karaoke Party Fundraiser**

We're inviting all of Littleton, UU & other churches, local towns & YOU to be part of this 1st of hopefully many fun-filled evening of singing, dancing, food, (+ pizza) and prizes! Question? [rochellecham@gmail.com](mailto:rochellecham@gmail.com). we hope brings many new families through our doors. \$20 per family. \$5 per family. -Rochelle Chambless & Sarah Buchholz

Sunday, Febr 16. 11:30 to 1 pm.

**Caring for Our Aging Selves**

Alliance Room. Sunday FCU. women over 65, please join us to share the blessings and challenges of aging and to support each other in this fascinating time of our lives. For info contact: Araya at [Araya@aol.com](mailto:Araya@aol.com)

March 9

**Stewardship Celebratory Luncheon**



**Saturday, Feb. 1. 7:30 pm**

**All for Love**, a special evening of love-themed cabaret music at First Parish of Sudbury. Curated by Halalisa Singers Artistic Director Mary Cunningham and accompanied by pianist Trevor Berens for Valentine's Day! From sizzling to sweet, soloists and ensembles are sure to get you in the mood for love. Scrumptious snacks, libations, and a silent auction chock-full of fabulous prizes. Proceeds benefit the Halalisa Singers. [halalisa.org/concerts](http://halalisa.org/concerts)

### Community Events. The real World Wide Web

February 1. 3 pm

**Life, Death, and Afterlife: Religion in the Viking Age**  
**The Unitarian Church of Marlborough And Hudson**

Dr. William R. Short. Free. Archaeology sheds new light on Viking beliefs and rituals. Vikings believed the line between life and death was blurry, and that some crossed sides multiple times. Join an adventuresome look at the Viking-age afterlife beliefs. Dr. Short's recent book, Men of Terror: a Comprehensive Analysis of Viking Combat, summarizes Hurstwic's 20+ years of research. Photo by [Steinar Engeland](#)

Sunday, Feb. 2. 4 pm

**Sonya Ovrutsky in Concert**

**Harvard Unitarian Church.** Our dynamic concert pianist, presents a 1-hour recital "The Art of the Prelude". Join this journey through time exploring the evolution of the prelude. This intimate program weaves history and music, illuminating the transformations of the prelude from the Baroque to the present. Sonya's insight will guide listeners to a deeper, personal connection with the genre's remarkable journey. [Tickets](#) \$30 at the door or scan the QR Code to buy now.



February 8. 4 to 10pm ET

**Sacred Earth, Sacred Action: A Climate Science and Spirituality Conference**

In person at [Iliff School of Theology](#) and livestreamed. Explore how elemental wisdom can deepen our collective resilience in the face of the

climate challenges we face and deepen our collective ability to take justice-driven and spiritually-rooted actions. Keynote is author and poet, Camille Dungy. Workshop by Rev. Kelly Dignan, UU Ministry for Earth. [Register to attend in person at Iliff or live-stream here.](#)

Sunday, Feb. 19. 7pm ET.

**Green Sanctuary New Materials Release**

In February, we released the new Green Sanctuary materials which are designed to be more manageable, accessible, and impactful for all congregations! During our March meeting, we'll feature one of the Green Sanctuary teams working through the materials. Learn from each other and build community! — Come together for shared learning and mutual supports with other UUs transforming our congregations through climate justice! Green Sanctuary Community meetings take place on the third Wednesday of the month for 90 minutes. [Register to join us.](#)

Friday March 7th, 11am to 12

**Crafting With Rachelle-Wildflower**

**Votives Workshop** Join Rachelle in making a Wildflower Votive to get us starting to think about Spring!! \$3 per person. Class size is limited. Call to register- you can call in February to register for this class due to the timing: 978-540-2470



### Hospitality

Please sign up for an open hospitality spot at this [LINK](#). Please reach Laura Semple with questions at [wawasemp@msn.com](mailto:wawasemp@msn.com). Thank you!

Newsletter Submissions

Weekly by WED 5PM

RE Volunteer Sign Up



ADMIN. Office Hours

Tue & Thu 9-12 email & phone

Wed & Fri 9-3@FCU

By Mata

### Please add your vote to the Nagog Orchard bid by Littleton's Nashoba Praying Indians

Littleton, Massachusetts was originally the Praying Indian Plantation of Nashobah. Prior to 1654 it was the Native village of Nashope under Chief Tahattawan, a Massachusetts Federation Sagamore. The History of the Nashobah Praying Indians begins at the roots of the Praying Indian experiment, follows the doings and sufferings through King Philip's war and Deer Island, and long decline afterwards as the Plantation was sold off bit by bit, eventually to become the town of Littleton.

It has been more than 280 years since Wunnuhew (Sarah Doublet), the last of the Nashobah Praying Indians that lived in Nashobah, passed away, and the Plantation was lost.

Learn more and help by emailing your thoughts, info [HERE](#).

10/21 Town of Littleton Select Board Minutes Note: *Matthew Nordhaus made the motion that he and Mark Rambacher proceed forward to negotiate with Bransfield Tree Company; Seconded by Chuck DeCoste; Motion passed 5 to 0.*

The Nagog Hill Working Group's last [Youtube meeting \(they voted for Bransfield Tree\)](#).

[Orchard Timeline](#), 9/6/24 [RFP Notes](#), 8/15/24 [RFP](#)