



****Downstairs Dining Room Closed until mid April for renovations****

RE Corner

Community Matters

April 5, 2026

Welcome to "Easter Sunday: What's Resurrection Got to Do with It?"

The 10:00 a.m. Sunday service on April 5th is Easter Sunday with a Unitarian Universalist perspective on this most important Christian holiday. My sermon is "What's Resurrection Got to Do with It?". Get ready to sing your hallelujahs and "The Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's Messiah too! The service will be both in-person and livestreaming.

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. If you don't know the new password yet, note that my Saturday morning email will include the Zoom link for the service that does not require a password, the same link we've been using).

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.

Also, there will be an **Easter Sunrise Service at Westlawn Cemetery (7 New Estate Road) in Littleton on Sunday, April 5. We gather at 6:10 a.m.** FCU is co-hosting along with the Congregational Church of Littleton.

Grace, experimentation, learning, fun, community and more will be ours this year !

In faith,

Lara

Rev. Lara



Easter Day

Sunday, April 5 at 6:10 a.m.:

Ecumenical Sunrise Service at Westlawn Cemetery (7 New Estate Road). Friends and members of Congregational Church of Littleton, First Baptist Church, and FCU gather at sunrise to celebrate Jesus's resurrection through music, scripture and reflection. All are welcome!

Sunday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m.:

FCU Easter Service in the sanctuary.

Rise Up. Rai\$e Up for FCU Stewardship

FY27 Pledge UPDATE

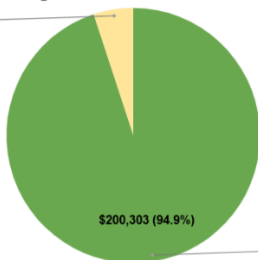
As of April 1st \$200,303 has been pledged for FY27 representing ~95% of our goal. If you are considering making a pledge, please visit <https://www.fculittle.org/fcu-fy-2027-stewardship-drive/> for more information including the link to electronically submit your FY27 Pledge or to print the FY27 pledge card to be mailed in. If you have questions please let me

know (email: assistreas@fculittle.org) Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Debbie Eston - Assistant Treasurer on behalf of FCU's Finance Committee

Rise Up, Rai\$e Up!! Pledges Received to \$211,000 Goal

remaining to Goal 5.1%



\$200,303 (94.9%)

Pledge to Date 94.9%

Thank you, Martha for helping out in RE last week. Last Sunday we painted flowers for the Littleton Cultural Council that will put the flowers in the Littleton Common. **They will be up on the weekend of April 11-12**



This week we will be celebrating Easter with an Easter Egg Hunt. We hope you and your child/children can join us for this Sunday

Community Projects: In the Vestry Keep leaving gratitude's in the Gratitude Jar. In peace,

Then

Phased Plan for Changes to Sanctuary

In response to congregational input during the past 18 months, your Executive Team is recommending a phased plan of change for our sanctuary. An article authorizing the work will appear on the warrant for our Congregational meeting scheduled for May 17, 2026. The plan, entitled, "One Beloved Sanctuary, Many Diverse Needs: A Phased Plan for Change" was sent via the listserv on Tuesday, March 31. Please read the plan carefully. It will also be presented live with opportunity for discussion on the following dates:

Sunday, April 12, 11:45- 12:45 in person

Sunday, April 26, 11:30-12:30 in person

Wednesday, May 6, 7:00-8:00 Zoom

Last Call for Talent Auction Donations!

Wasn't that an amazing celebration of our staff organized by the Deacons last Sunday?!? And aren't our staff amazing?!? It's events like the Talent Auction and the generosity of our members that allows us to have such fantastic community support.

As with the church itself, it is all of us together that makes the Auction work.

The first part of that is with your fantastic, creative donations of items and events. The deadline for submissions is 9am on this coming Wednesday, April 8. Only a few days away! You can use the submission form here: <https://www.fculittle.org/talent-auction-donation-form/> or send us an email at TA@FCUlittle.org if you want to repeat an item from a previous year. Last year's catalog can offer ideas if needed (<https://www.fculittle.org/talent-auction-catalogs>). We especially need more Basket Raffle items this year! Themed baskets for pets, cooks, connoisseurs, and gardeners; original art; children's books or games - the options are endless! To build anticipation, here are a few of the exciting offerings already submitted:



***Comedy Open-Mic Night** - who doesn't need a laugh these days?

***Holy Rollers Bowling Party with Rev Lara** - a huge hit last year, here's another chance!

***Singing telegram** - delight a loved one with a surprise song from Emma (costumes included!)

***Chocolate Lovers Raffle Basket** - needs no introduction, a perennial favorite

So get your creative juices flowing, submit those items and events, then sit back with your favorite beverage, kick your feet up and get rested for a week of fast and furious bidding! Online bidding will be open from Sunday, April 12 at noon until Sunday, April 19 at 6pm. Basket Raffle items can be viewed in the vestry during that week with raffle tickets on sale both Sundays before and after the service. Raffle drawing will be on Sunday, April 19 during our celebration lunch hosted by the MemberReach committee. With deep appreciation and even greater anticipation, The Auction Team - Rochelle, Jackie, Tamara

FCU Events. Invite a Friend!

Weekly meditation Friday 1:00PM online

<https://tinyurl.com/LovingKindnessSangha>

Friday, April 10th, Art Contest Submissions Due

Sunday, April 12th, Talent Auction Bidding goes live!

Basket Raffle tickets for sale in Vestry on April 12, and downstairs on April 19 **Celebration on April 19th**

Saturday, April 11th, 8:00AM to 2:00PM

Yard Sale for Education King & Foster St. Littleton, MA

Saturday, April 18th, 11:00AM to 1:00PM

Circle Dance Vestry

Sunday, April 19, 2026, 6:00pm

Congregation Finance Update/Q&A (via Zoom only)

Description: Join our Treasurer, Dave McManus, for an update on FCU FY26 Finances and an early preview of the FY27 Budget! Meeting Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/91720815437?](https://zoom.us/j/91720815437?pwd=G7jU83DOpy6qRYwiyqW1Uuuv7yOvCK.1)

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Saturday: April 25, 11:00AM to 1:00PM

FCU Arts Playshop Zoom, We gather to explore your creative process using art materials with time for creating and time for show-and-tell. For more info, please contact Niela Miller (nielam@comcast.net). All are welcome

Saturday, May 2nd, 6:30PM to 8:30PM

Stronger Together: Art for Democracy Art Contest Celebration of Winners Vestry

Sunday, May 3, 2026, 6:00pm

Congregation FY27 Budget Review (via Zoom only)

Description: Join our Treasurer, Dave McManus, for a lively discussion on the FCU FY27 Budget!

Meeting Zoom link: [https://zoom.us/j/96151233249?](https://zoom.us/j/96151233249?pwd=GlQEhTVqpWnjv5hv8bgaMPz0TFpW.1)



The "Stronger Together: Art for Democracy" contest is in full swing.

The deadline to accept entries is April 10, and we are receiving excellent submissions that will create an inspirational exhibit. We have four distinguished judges who will make their decisions April 11-19 to determine the prize winners.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 2 from 6-8 pm when FCU will host the Opening Reception. Winners will be announced and the community will be invited to view all of the selected artworks. We have a wonderful group working on hospitality to make this a gala event.

Many thanks to the Building Committee for their great work transforming the downstairs dining room. Special appreciation to Julie Bucceri, who energetically pursued a vision for an uncluttered and updated space. We will install a permanent track in the dining room to exhibit artwork. **It's going to look like a gallery!**

The contest aims to showcase the work of artists of all ages and celebrate democracy. The exhibit will elevate the American ideals that all voices are important and that our strength lies in welcoming diverse perspectives. An added bonus is to promote FCU's visibility in the community.

This is an opportunity for FCU to shine! We can always use more volunteers, so please contact:

Lynda: Lattelynda@gmail.com

Lynn: Lynnvccourtney@gmail.com

Cafe Musicale, Saturday, June 6th, 7:00 PM

Save the date! The Music Committee is bringing back our tradition of celebrating music with a spring concert. This year the concert will take the form of an evening cafe, with vocal and instrumental performances by FCU members and friends. If you are interested in performing, please contact Molly Lozeau (musisc@fculittle.org) or Peggy Britton (britton.ps@gmail.com).

Donate stuff for our fifth annual Yard Sale for Education Saturday, April 11, 8 am - 2 pm

Dropoff 4/10, 3-6 pm, 4/11, 7-8 am

King & Foster Streets Littleton Historical Society



Donate anything BUT

- Electronics
- TVs
- Big furniture
- Artificial Xmas trees
- Car seats
- Clothing or shoes

Helpers needed. Pickups possible for big loads
Contact susan.tordella@gmail.com

To benefit Learning Up, dedicated to education
A 501(C)3 nonprofit

learningupnow.wordpress.com

CALL FOR NEW ENGLAND ARTISTS
Stronger Together: Art For Democracy

FREE ENTRY
Submissions due by April 10, 2026

PRIZES!

ADULT:
1st \$500, 2nd \$250, 3rd \$100

YOUTH:
1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25

CONTACT:
ArtforDemocracy@FCUlittle.org

SIGN UP HERE

Submissions due by April 10, 2026

Contact: ArtforDemocracy@FCUlittle.org

Original art by Oliver Malley & Allyson Galpin Hernandez

Thank You FCU Community

The Staff at FCU wants to thank everyone for Staff Appreciation Week and Celebration. It was fantastic! There were so many great highlight and it was awesome to see the talent in the community.

With great appreciation, **Rev. Lara, Thea, Molly, Dana & Tara**



Annual report prep
has started.
Updates due April 19th
Send them to Office@FCULittle.org

Annual Meeting is May 17th

More improvements are being done in the downstairs dining room. This area is closed until Mid April. Please detour though the Emerson Room to get to the classroom area. Thank you.



Got Sneakers?

We are collecting used sneakers for recycling with the **Got Sneakers? Recycling program**. They accept new and used sneakers. The ones that aren't wearable they recycle. FCU gets paid for the ones that are wearable. It's that simple. For more information about this organization check them out at their website:

<https://gotsneakers.com/>. There will also be a bin in the Vestry where you can bring your machine washed (untied), air-dried sneakers to be collected. **Hint:** if the soles of the sneakers have dirt caked in them, use a knife to clean out the grooves before you wash them in your washing machine.

Any questions, contact Rochelle Chambless at Rochellecham@gmail.com or 978-881-8671.

SIDE WITH LOVE

The Organizing Strategy Team of the Unitarian Universalist Association

UU the Vote Launch: Recording & Resources

On March 25, 2026, we launched UU the Vote: Igniting Solidarity, Reimagining Democracy! This event honored the work UUs have done in the last six years in protecting democracy and combatting fascism; introduced partners from around the country; and revealed the resources, programs, and tactics we'll be focusing on in 2026.

[Click Here for more Information](#)

FCU Hospitality [Sign Up 2026](#)



Next one is Sunday April 5 at 8:00PM

Please RSVP

<https://www.uumfe.org/spiritual-gatherings/full-moon-gatherings/>



Educate | Enrich | Empower

[click here to register](#)



COMMUNITY WEBINAR: Caring for the Caregiver

 Tue, Apr 14, 2026 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM EDT

Food donations for Loaves & Fishes

Please Help!! Food donations for Loaves and Fishes are always needed. Boxes for non-perishable food are located at the front and side entrances of the church. **Thank You!!**

Most needed Items as of March 2026

Ensure	Cereal
Harty Soup	Mac & Cheese
Snacks	Coffee, Tea, Cocoa
Condiments	Canned Meat
Albacore Tuna	Jam/Jelly

***Please refrain from donating extra-large "family" or "super-sized" They cannot accept any food that is past the expiration or best by date ***





SAND & STARS

JUNE 28 - JULY 5, 2026

Conference coordinated by Dan Harper & Thea Shapiro

Fourth of July fun for everyone! Come choose your own adventure during this special beachfront getaway in Maine!

Daily Highlights During Your Stay! Come Explore With Us.


- Special July 4th Celebration: A cookout, live concert, games, fireworks on the beach...
- Field Trips
- Art & Ecology Workshops
- Campfire Songs & S'more Nights
- Daily Beach Time
- Game Night
- Talent Show
- Relaxing Yoga
- And More!

This summer retreat in coastal Maine offers renewal through art, nature, and community!
Your greatest vacation awaits.





<https://www.ferrybeach.org/sand-and->  **LOCATION: MAINE**



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JUNE 14 - 21, 2026

MEET THE MOMENT: TOGETHER EVERYWHERE

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA), where participants gather to worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy decisions for the Association through a democratic process. While anyone can attend, congregations must certify annually to have voting delegates. More Information and to register at <https://www.uua.org/ga>