



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

RE Corner

Community Matters

April 12, 2026

Thank you, Jackie and Sierra for helping out in RE last week. We talked about why Christians celebrate Easter. And how the Easter Egg comes from pagan traditions. And we had an indoor Easter Egg hunt.



This week we will be making pretzels. 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

Welcome to "It's All Greek to Me!"

The 10:00 a.m. Sunday service on April 12th is "It's All Greek to Me". We will take a look at some of the ancient Greek influence on Unitarian Universalism. (This date was chosen in honor of this being the Greek Orthodox Easter Sunday.) 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.

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

In faith,
Lara
Rev. Lara

Ready, Set Bid!



The online bidding for the Rise Up! Rai\$e Up! Talent Auction starts this Sunday, April 12, at noon. On Sunday morning you will receive an email from Auctria, our auction hosting site, with your sign-in token. You can just click on the link provided in the email to access the Auction site or navigate to <https://FCULittleton.auctria.events>.

Remember, if you have not participated in the Auction before please contact us now so we can send you an invitation to register.

There you will find everything you need for the full Auction experience. The catalog tab will give you access to all the amazing items you will want to bid on. The Raffle tab will let you see all the items included in the in-person portion of the auction - the basket raffle. There is a Donations tab if you simply wish to make a gift to the church's general fund. The Event Calendar will help you keep straight all the dates of events (we try hard not to have overlapping events so you can participate in as many as you want). Contact US lets you reach the Auction Team with questions or Auctria for any tech issues (they are great at responding!). My Account offers administrative tasks like seeing what you've won or adding a credit card.

Did you know that the "Show Me" box on the catalog page lets you sort by items you are bidding on, winning or outbid on, as well as items with no bids yet? It also lets you see all the items in a particular category.

*Under Events find opportunities such as #7, a songwriting workshop or #43 a classic rock sing-a-long

*The Items category includes things like #23 a signed copy of Jim Nehring's new book or #74 a festive winter botanical arrangement

*Food/Beverages includes such tempting items as #34 Grandmother's homemade caramels and #63 your very own batch of homemade jam

*Services includes such joys as #2 get your large-load laundry done for you or #29 a soothing massage (The 2 items best used in conjunction with each other, don't you think?)

Raffle items can be found separately under the Raffle Tab. There you can find items like #338 a fun and tasty pizza making basket and #310 a whimsical flooded house soup bowl as well as seats at many of the events included in the main catalog.

Have fun! Hope you find just the thing you've been hoping for. Have fun! Bid early and often! And have fun!

The Auction Team - Rochelle, Jackie, Tamara
TA@FCULittle.org

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



FCU Sacred Circle Dance April 18th, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

First Church Unitarian, Littleton, MA
RSVP requested rwillett@comcast.net
April 18, 2026 is also....

Pet Owners Independence Day
Velociraptor Appreciation Day
Newspaper Columnists Appreciation Day
International Jugglers Day
Linemen (and women) Appreciation Day
It's **SPRING** and we have awaited this – let's move our bodies and spirits in community and celebration. We dance in the FCU Vestry, easy dances, no experience needed, all dances are taught. Newcomers and novices are always welcome. Just bring a willing spirit and your water bottle.

One remaining circle dance date:
Saturday June 20 (11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

Summer Equinox Circle

Please share info with any others who may enjoy the special energies of Sacred Circle Dance.

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

Annual Meeting is May 17th



FCU Hospitality Sign Up 2026

FCU Events. Invite a Friend!

Weekly meditation Friday 1:00PM online
<https://tinyurl.com/LovingKindnessSangha>

Saturday, April 11th, 8:00AM to 2:00PM
Yard Sale for Education King & Foster St. Littleton, MA

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 18th, 11:00AM to 1:00PM
Circle Dance Vestry

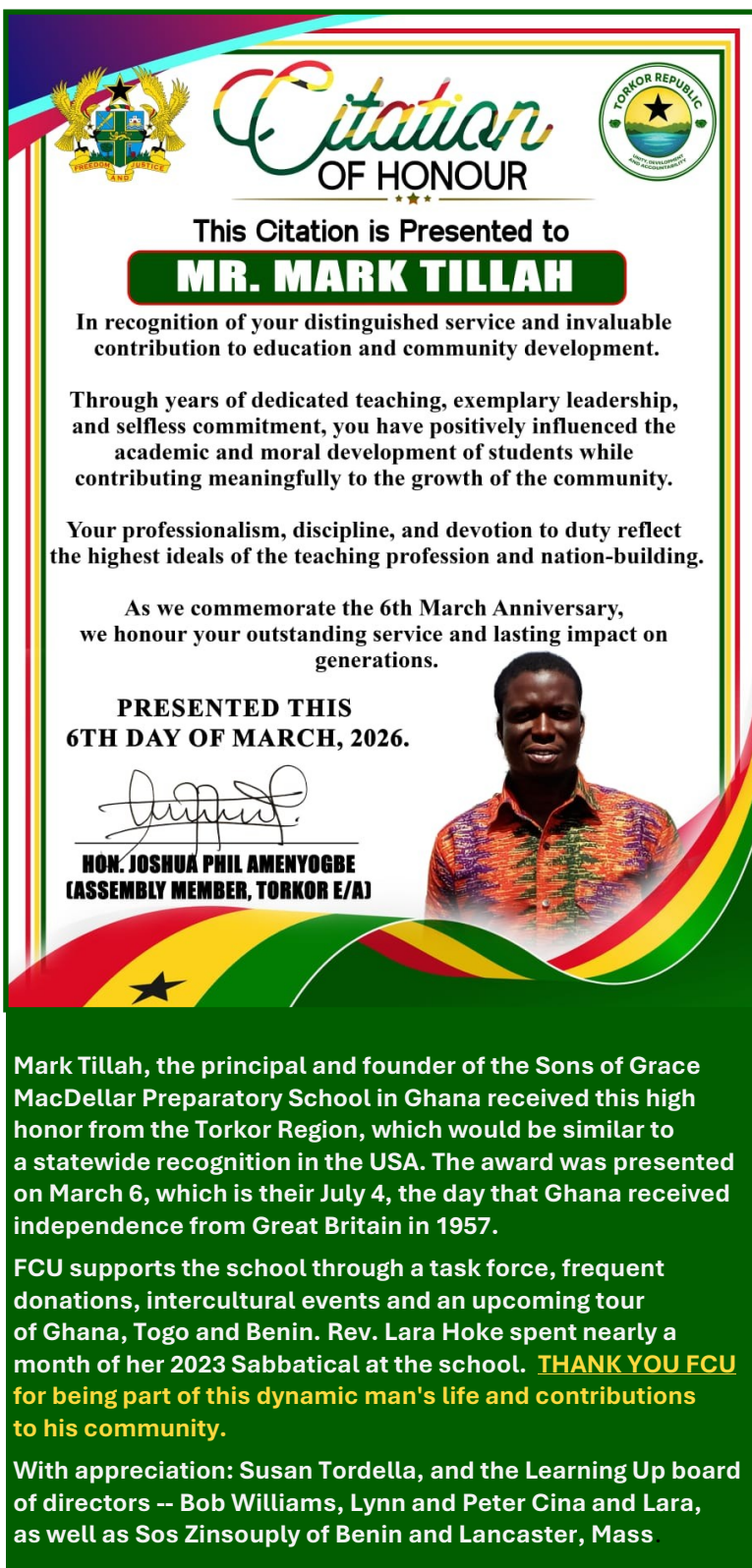
Sunday, April 19, 2026, 6:00pm
Congregation Finance Update/Q&A (via Zoom only) Description: Join our Treasurer, Dave McManus, for an update on FCU FY26 Finances and an early preview of the FY27 Budget! Meeting Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/91720815437?pwd=G7jU83DOpy6qRYwiyqW1Uuv7yOvCK.1>

Monday, April 20th, 10:00AM to 12:00PM
Reclaiming our Democracy Vestry

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?pwd=GlQEhTVqpWnjvb5hv8bgaMPzsoTFpW.1>



Citation OF HONOUR

This Citation is Presented to
MR. MARK TILLAH

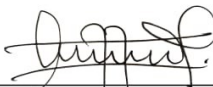
In recognition of your distinguished service and invaluable contribution to education and community development.


Through years of dedicated teaching, exemplary leadership, and selfless commitment, you have positively influenced the academic and moral development of students while contributing meaningfully to the growth of the community.

Your professionalism, discipline, and devotion to duty reflect the highest ideals of the teaching profession and nation-building.

As we commemorate the 6th March Anniversary, we honour your outstanding service and lasting impact on generations.

PRESENTED THIS
6TH DAY OF MARCH, 2026.


HON. JOSHUA PHIL AMENYOGBE
(ASSEMBLY MEMBER, TORKOR E/A)



Mark Tillah, the principal and founder of the Sons of Grace MacDellar Preparatory School in Ghana received this high honor from the Torkor Region, which would be similar to a statewide recognition in the USA. The award was presented on March 6, which is their July 4, the day that Ghana received independence from Great Britain in 1957.

FCU supports the school through a task force, frequent donations, intercultural events and an upcoming tour of Ghana, Togo and Benin. Rev. Lara Hoke spent nearly a month of her 2023 Sabbatical at the school. **THANK YOU FCU for being part of this dynamic man's life and contributions to his community.**

With appreciation: Susan Tordella, and the Learning Up board of directors -- Bob Williams, Lynn and Peter Cina and Lara, as well as Sos Zinsouply of Benin and Lancaster, Mass

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).

Celebrate Patriots Day by Writing to Voters in other States!



Reclaiming our Democracy meeting: Updates and letter/postcard writing, Monday, April 20, 10 am - Noon at FCU in the vestry. Bring a snack to share if you like. RSVP so we can plan supplies.
Questions? Contact Lynn Courtney or Lynda Kaylor.

De-ICE Citizens Bank in Littleton MA Stand Out (bring your sign!)

Saturday, April 28 , 11AM-12PM

Citizens Bank , 272 Great Rd, Littleton MA

<https://mobilize.us/s/h7NCBC>

About this event: Show up at Citizens Bank to expose their customers and shareholders to the bank's immoral financing of for-profit ICE detention center companies.

Join the growing movement to influence the bank's management to choose morality over money, just as past movements successfully forced other banks to stop financing private prison companies.

Learn more at www.indivisiblelittletonmass.com.

A core principle behind all Indivisible events is a commitment to nonviolent action. We expect all participants to seek to de-escalate any potential confrontation with those who disagree with our values. If you are hosting your own event, we expect hosts to ensure all participants in your event uphold this commitment. We recommend all participants review our safety and security resource before your event: <https://indivisi.org/safety>

Free Books from Araya & Lorinda

Our dear Araya and Lorinda left behind some wonderful literary treasures. After worship on April 12, come and peruse them and take what you like. The books will be in the Vestry.



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

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

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.



Transgender Rights 2026 Panel
Sunday April 19, 1:30-3:30
First Parish Church of Stow & Acton, Stow MA
Panelists include: Senator Jamie Eldridge
Kelly Jenkins Schutzberg - educator, athlete
Rebecca Minor - therapist, author of "Raising Trans Kids: What to Expect When You Did Not Expect This" (also book selling/signing)
Skylar Kergil - singer/songwriter
Laura Randall - UU Pink Haven (also fund raising for Pink Haven)

You all of course are invited. Whether you can join us or not, please feel free to submit questions or topics on the lgbtqevent@fpc.groups.io alias.
Many thanks,
FPC LGBTQ+ Task Force

 **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](#)

 **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>

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!!

 **SAND & STARS**
Retreat & Conference Center
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**