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We are located in Carlisle Center opposite the Common, just off Route 225 around the corner from the only rotary in town. A classic New England Meeting House with the Town Clock in the steeple. Come as you are. "Love is the doctrine of this church, the quest for truth is our sacrament and service is our prayer."

THE ECLECTIC CLERIC

At its meeting in March the FRS Parish Committee voted to endorse the community ministry of Rev. Robin Zucker. Community ministers are ordained clergy whose primary work is with organizations or constituencies outside of traditional congregational settings. Some examples of community ministers are school, prison, and hospital chaplains, clergy who work in administrative, educational, or social justice ministries, and pastoral counselors in private practice. Approximately one-third of all Unitarian Universalist Divinity Students are now preparing for some form of this style of ministry, which makes community ministry a dynamic "growing edge" for our larger movement.

Formal congregational endorsement of community ministers is a relatively new requirement in our denomination, but the practice of Universalist and Unitarian congregations supporting and encouraging innovative public ministries to the larger community goes back at least two centuries. The "ministry at large" to the urban poor of Boston started in 1826 by the Reverend Joseph Tuckerman (who is now often identified by historians as the "Father of Social Work") still exists today as the UU Urban Ministry, and FRS continues to be one of its many supporting congregations.

FRS member Rev. Margie Saphier received her community ministry endorsement from the First

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CHURCH INFORMATION

Church Service and Sunday School: Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

Coffee Hour following services.

Dates and details of church events on the Calendar on page 11 in this newsletter.

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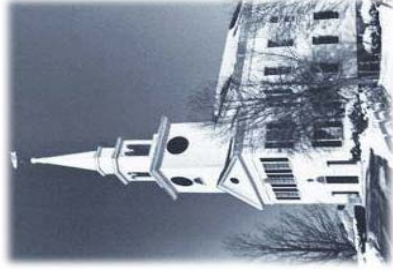
Membership: John Lyons, 978-369-1216

Parish in Quincy, and her advice and experience played a key part in the creation of the endorsement covenant we will be using at FRS. By endorsing Robin's ministry, FRS offers her a place of institutional connection and spiritual support as she represents Unitarian Universalism in the wider world. Likewise, although community ministers are not generally considered part of the staff of their endorsing congregations, Robin brings to FRS a wide range of experience and expertise which we can potentially draw upon to enhance the "shared ministry" of this community.

Robin is a long-time resident of Concord and member of First Parish, where she served on the Board of the Wright Tavern Center for Spiritual

Renewal and was an active lay leader in the congregation. She graduated from Harvard Divinity School in 2000 and was ordained that same year by the First Parish in Wayland. After serving three years as the minister of the Unitarian Universalist church in Reading, Robin left that parish to work for a year as a chaplain and spiritual care coordinator at Merrimack Valley Hospice. At the same time, she also began her current "Community Ministry-at-Large" as a wedding celebrant, personal life-coach, and leader of spiritual retreats and workshops.

I personally feel delighted that Robin approached FRS to endorse her ministry, and



THE ECLECTIC CLERIC (continued)

am proud that the Parish Committee responded positively to her request. During my three years here in Carlisle, Robin and I have developed a strong and congenial collegial relationship, and I'm looking forward to working with her in support of her work to the larger community. I know she feels the same way about us, and is grateful

A Surprise Celebration for Rev. Richard Drinon of the Hopedale Unitarian Parish. Rev. Drinon is celebrating his 45th anniversary since his ordination. He served as the minister of FRS in the 70's.

When: Sunday, May 7th at 10:30am

Where: Hopedale Unitarian Parish in Hopedale, Massachusetts

What: An open invitation to attend the surprise celebration. We are also asking that those who cannot attend send along a message, video tape, song, card, poem, memory, etc.

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UPCOMING SERVICES

April 23: Earth day celebrated with Rev. Jensen and the Environmental Action Committee. The sermon will be "Ice For The Polar Bears". Kay Fairweather, writer of the bio diversity corner of the Mosquito will talk about mushrooms during Message for All Ages.

April 30: We will celebrate the service with a Hymn Sing.

May 7: Sermon will be "Thy Heart's Desire" Rev. Jensen

May 14: Sermon will be "Thy Heart's Content" Rev. Jensen

May 21: "The State of The Church" Rev. Jensen

Please join us for The Annual Meeting at 4:30pm in Union Hall.

May 28: Li Min Mo, guest speaker. Memorial Day weekend. Li Min Mo is a professional storyteller and artist who was smuggled out of Mainland China in 1952 and is now settled in Cambridge.

June 4: Rev. Susan Criscione, Director, Renewal House will be our guest speaker. She comes to us through Tom Dunkers and his work with Renewal House and the UU Urban Ministry. The Message for All Ages will be a Social Action guest speaker from The Jericho Road Project. We will also have a flower communion.

June 11: We will celebrate Religious Education Sunday.

CALENDAR

Church Office Hours: The church office will be open between the hours of 8:00am and 1:30pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. The office will be closed on Tuesdays.

During the week of April 17 through 21 the church office will be open limited hours. Phone messages and emails will be checked daily.

Minister Office Hours: Tim is generally available at church most mornings when the church office is open and other times by appointment. It is always a good idea to call in advance. You can reach him at 978-369-0284 (study or home), 503-816-2859 (cell) or by email at ucleric@mindspring.com.

Director of Religious Education: Molly Sorrows, DRE and Youth Advisor, can be reached by email (frs_re@comcast.net) or phone (church, 978-369-5180; home, 978-371-2217).

Music Rehearsals Schedule

The Choir

Wednesdays at 7:30-9:00pm

Sundays at 9:45am

Family Singers TBA

Handbell Choir TBA

Drumming TBA

Next Newsletter Deadline is April 24.

If you would like to be added to or removed from the newsletter mailing list please call or email the church office.

Apr 22 RE Family Ramble at 10:00am at the Cranberry Bog.

Apr 24 RE Committee meeting at 7:00pm in the conference room.

Apr 27 Parish Committee meeting at 7:00pm in the conference room.

Apr 27 All Church Calendar Planning meeting at 7:30 in Union Hall.

Apr 30 Soup and Games Night at 4:00pm in Union Hall.

May 4 Music and Worship Committee meeting at 7:00pm in the conference room.

May 5 Womenspirit meeting at 7:00pm in the conference room.

May 6 Mensgroup meets here at FRS.

May 6 Movie Night in Union Hall.

May 11 Membership Committee meeting at 7:00pm in the conference room.

May 13 The Service Auction

May 15 RE Committee meeting at 7:00pm in the conference room.

May 18 Parish Committee meeting at 7:00pm in the conference room.

May 21 All Church Annual Meeting at 4:30pm in Union Hall.

All are welcome to attend Parish Committee meetings, except in cases of executive sessions.

Committee meetings are open to any interested party. To address a committee on a specific issue please contact the committee chair.

OUR PEOPLE

Congratulations to everyone in the Carlisle Middle School Senior Band and Choir, and the CCHS Concert Band and Repertory Band which each earned Gold Medals at the MICCA Festivals and have been invited to perform in the "Stars at Symphony" concerts at Symphony Hall and Mechanics Hall.

The family of Jeanne Rourk wish to thank all those who contributed so generously to making her Memorial Service a warm and memorable experience. The many delicious refreshments layed out in Union Hall provided an opportunity for all her friends and family to stay on a while and enjoy remembering her in each others company, and the many friends who came to share in that are so very much appreciated by all of us.

Our condolences go out to Sue Kirk and her family at the loss of her mother in Pittsburgh after a short illness. Our thoughts are with Sue and her family.

The fresh Cambodian spring rolls that were served on Sunday, April 9th were purchased at Palin Asian Supermarket, 6 Branch Street, Lowell 978-459-7280. There is also a restaurant upstairs.

MUSIC NOTES by Marguerite Shaw

On Sunday morning, **April 30**, we will sing everybody's favorite **hymns and songs**. Thanks to those of you who have sent me a note about your favorite hymns. Now is the time to let me know about your favorites so they can be included. This can come from your childhood favorites right up through what you've heard much more recently. Help us make this a special morning by including what is meaningful to you. Also during the April 30 service we will have **drumming**. Please let me know if you are interested in taking part in the drumming during this service. Call (978-369-5180) or email me (frsmusic@comcast.net) if you want to participate in choosing a song and/or drumming.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Soup & Games Night for All

Sunday, April 30 from 4:00 to 7:00pm.

The RE Committee is happy to announce the first FRS Soup & Games Night, an intergenerational event featuring good homemade food and everyone's favorite games, old and new. From 4 to 5:30 we'll have a variety of group games, including parachute, get to know you games, and also a game-show style game prepared and hosted by the 4th, 5th and 6th graders and their class leaders. After a nurturing supper of soup made by RE

Committee members, breads and desserts, we'll bring out the board games and small-group games, and invite everyone to find themselves an opponent or two. It will be a lively evening of fun. Please plan to join us! Contributions of "finger" desserts (cookies or bars) are welcome, but not everyone needs to contribute something. Bring along your favorite game! Call or email Nancy West (978-369-6515; NancySWest@direcway.com) or Molly Sorrows with questions.

Family Ramble: Copying the idea of "rambles," or walks to enjoy visiting with one another, the RE Committee is planning a walk appropriate for all ages. We will meet at the Cranberry Bog on Saturday, April 22 at 10:00am near the Bog House. To be sure this is accessible and enjoyable to everyone, people in our group are asked to keep any dogs on leashes. Contact Nancy West at 978-369-6515. NancySWest@direcway.com, for more information.

Junior Youth Group activities: Jackie Schaefer and Linda Myers-Tierney are organizing some key activities for the Junior High Youth to finish off their year with several Neighboring Faiths visits. On April 30, they will go to Kerem Shalom in Concord, on May 7 and 14 they will work on service projects and discuss the trips to Common Cathedral and Kerem Shalom and prepare to tell about them. On May 21, the JYG will present the Message for all Ages about the field trips they have done and then will meet with a Buddhist monk who is coming to visit. June 4 they go to the Islamic Mosque in Billerica, and June 11 to the Buddhist Great Wisdom Center in Westford. June 18 they will have a unique activity to wrap up the year. If you are not on the JYG email list, please let Jackie know (978-256-6770 or jackie.schaefer@comcast.net).

Many Thanks: I want to acknowledge the tremendous hard work of Alison Saylor in modifying the Jayk and Joch story for production at our service on April 9, and for directing the performance. The many hours of thought and labor that went into making it happen can only be imagined by the rest of us. Her enthusiasm, energy and hard work bring so much to our programs at FRS. Many thanks, Alison! Thank you also to Marguerite Shaw and Margaret Darling for the music, and again to everyone who participated making props, speaking, playing parts, holding props, and being an enthusiastic audience. Molly Sorrows, RE Director

SERVICE AUCTION PREPARATIONS by Alison Saylor

It is our sincere hope that the evening's dinner and auction at the Wild, Wild, West Service Auction will be highly entertaining. Not only will the silent auction and live auction be fun to observe and participate in, but we want everyone to come in Wild West costumes. You can be a cowboy, cowgirl, desperado, sheriff, TV personality, Western film star, Saloon can-dancer...as long as it fits the Wild West theme, you can be anyone you like. Maybe you are the strong silent type, fine. But maybe, just maybe, you look forward to breaking out from your usual persona and adding some drama to the evening. Kathy Booth has agreed to help people with costumes. Alison Saylor wants to write you into the "Script" for the evening. Could John Wayne announce that the Silent Auction will be over in five minutes? Could Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid have a shoot out with the Sheriff and explain the bidding process with their last dying breaths? Charann Brown wants to be Ma Barker, Alison Saylor is Miss Kitty, Lisa Sama is Calamity Jane, and Dian Cuccinello is Mae West. Please contact Alison Saylor soon with your character and together we can give you some dialog that moves the evening along with some drama and laughs.

CANVASS UPDATE by Charlie

As of April 9, we have received \$44,435 in pledges toward our goal of \$105,000 for the 2006-7 fiscal year. Returning your pledge card as soon as possible will help us establish the budget that will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May. If you need a pledge card or have questions about the canvass, please contact Charlie Davis (cdavis@modavi.com or 978-371-2844).

The Finance Committee would like to recognize the following individuals for their 2006-7 pledges. Thank you for supporting FRS!

Priscilla Bromaghim
Charann & Bill Brown
Jen Bush & Jack O'Connor
Charlie Davis & Jane Mosier
Michael Dundorf
Don & Susan Emmons
Bob & Pam Fox
Seba Gaines
Roger Goulet
Shannon Hill & Ann Jackson
Ellen & Ernie Huber
Mary & Tim Hult
David & Natalie Ives
Harland Jackson
Ann & John James
Lenny & Marjorie Johnson
Eunice Knight
Fran Lapham
Michael & Susan Lohrer
Liz & Steve Loutrel
Helen & John Lyons
Beverley Macdonell
Fontaine & Judy Richardson
Barbara Ritz
Edward & Elizabeth Saef
Susan Smith
David & Marje Stickler
Alix & Rich Taylor
Bob & Sally Zielinski

PROGRAM NEWS

Pastoral Concerns Committee: We serve as a means of outreach to people in our church who need our special support and friendship. We will arrange rides, visits, childcare, meals or anything else that lends a helping hand during short or long-term crises. If you are or know of anyone in need of this support, please contact Natalie Ives at 978-369-6581 during the month of April.

The Parish Committee will discuss the warrant for the Annual Meeting at our **next meeting, April 27. Annual Meeting will be Sunday, May 21 at 4:30pm in Union Hall.**

Cambodian Folk Tale Drama: Thank you everyone for participating in the Jayk and Joch skit. Everyone did very well in doing their parts; the animals, monkeys, narrators... Everything was great about the Jayk and Joch skit. The songs get stuck in my head because they are so good. "*And always try to get along in life do do do d'oo-do-do-do*". We all look forward to doing this play another year!

Gravyn Spencer Saylor

Three Church Yard Sale on Saturday, June 3 To Benefit the Open Pantry-Save Your Stuff!

As you spring clean and cull out stuff (or if you're just in a throwing out mood), please save your treasures for a giant yard sale on June 3 to benefit the Open Pantry. All three Carlisle churches are participating but it hasn't yet been decided where the event will be. Our Social Action Committee will organize the FRS part of this. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters.

- 13) **3 round trips to Logan or Manchester airport** Nancy Hendrie
- 14) **An apple-cranberry pie** with Carlisle cranberries and grandmother's crust recipe.
Richard Ketchen
- 15) **Five-course dinner for six** prepared and delivered to your home.
Carolyn Shohet and Nancy Shohet West
- 16) **Red Sox tickets:** two right field box seats near the Pesky Pole Tim & Mary Hult
- 17) **A small portable cold frame** so you can start your seeds early! Judy Jones
- 18) **Scenic cruise along the Concord** for two in a canoe with a native guide. Picnic lunch provided.
Alan & Meredith Cameron
- 19) **Five math tutoring sessions** for middle school student at your house Mike Dundorf
- 20) **A golf outing for 3 at the Concord Country Club.** Enjoy the beauty and challenge of the newly renovated golf course Fontaine Richardson
- 21) **Day at Lake Sunapee** in July or August for two families. 1½ hours from Carlisle. Bike around the lake (challenging), walk through a quaking bog, swim in the clear lake, sail a Laser, paddle a canoe or just relax on the deck. Bring a picnic. Midge & Tim Eliassen
- 22) **Round trip to Logan or Manchester** (not on the back of his motorcycle) Art Milliken
- 23) **Babysitting, three times**, at your house or theirs Melanie and Muggsie Rocco
- 24) **A pair of artsy earrings** Anne Ketchen
- 25) **Bird walk in Mt. Auburn Cemetery.** Early morning walk for up to three people in MAY (2007 okay) with resident expert birder. Will be followed by breakfast prepared by Mosquito food editor at the home of Ken & Marilyn Harte
- 26) **Basket of baked goods.** Savor a basket full of baked goodies; fruit bread, yeast bread, cookies, scones, biscuits Nancy Shohet West
- 27) **Walking tour of Lowell and early dinner for six people** in new apartment in 150 year-old Boott Mill overlooking the Merrimack. Tour may be short, medium or long. After August 31. Mike Dundorf & the Hubers
- 28) **Three Pies in season** (not necessarily at once) by prize-winning bakers (retired from competition)
Margaret & Eric Darling
- 29) **A spring or fall weekend in Nantucket home** Three bedroom, 3.5 baths, well-equipped home, an easy walk to town. For more info and photos go to www.bravura.com/nantucket. Available 'til June 12, except for Memorial Day weekend, and after September 10. Could be used during the week if you prefer. Lori & Ray Jimenez
- 30) **Personalized wooden jig-saw puzzle**, hand-cut with special shapes, mostly interlocking, using your picture if you choose. Usually about 10 x 14 inches and up to about 150 pieces. The size of pieces can also be chosen for small hands. Details negotiable. Don Emmons
- 31) **Round trip to Logan or Manchester** or two RTs to Logan Express in Woburn Ellen Huber
- 32) **A bound picture book of your 40 favorite photos** whether digital, film or negatives. I will scan non-digital pictures, touch up where necessary and let you supply the text that goes with the pictures and then get a professionally bound book published. For your kids and grandkids.
Grandfather Fontaine
- 33) **A backyard Luau, or a Texas Barbecue (your choice) for twenty (20) people!!** See the next newsletter for details
Dian Cuccinello & Alison Saylor
- Many more auction items are needed!! (We aim for about 100!!)*
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The Wild, Wild West - 17th Biennial Dinner & Service Auction

Saturday, May 13, 2006 * 6:30 p.m. * Union Hall * \$25/person
For reservations please contact Susan Emmons (susansemmons@comcast.net, 369-7921), Nancy Shohet West (nancyswest@direway.com, 369-6515) or Linda Myers-Tierney (Lindamt@comcast.net, 371-1919)

Auction list as of April 11 (Please bring this list with you to the auction)
Please note: All services will be at a mutually agreeable time.

- 1) **Ceramic bowl** designed and donated by Suzanne Hill
- 2) **Joe Jancek's Home Improvements of All Kinds** - Joe for 2 hours and Matt for 2 hours on the same job at the same time or separately. Have them look at those fix-up jobs you've been putting off!
Joe & Matt
- 3) **Bose walkman portable CD player** with headphones Nancy Hendrie
- 4) **Garden Consulting and plants.** One hour of Alison walking around your property discussing the design of your landscape. Bring a notebook and she will suggest new plants and garden elements to beautify your property. She can do hands-on demonstrations of pruning techniques or other garden maintenance chores. She can help you distinguish weeds from flowers. You decide how best to spend this hour. Offer also includes five custom plants for your gardens dug from her own gardens. These will be hardy perennials that she promises will thrive in your gardens. Alison Saylor
- 5) **Dinner for 8 by the pool**, weather permitting. Come early and swim and enjoy the Spa.
Judy & Fontaine Richardson
- 6) **Something special from Polar Pals** Molly Springer
- 7) **Writing instruction:** Two hours of instruction or editing. Mary Zoll
- 8) **Maine Cottage** in Arrowsic. On a point, woody. Sleeps 4-6. Near Reid State Park, really great lobster pound, Maine Maritime Museum. Easy access to Boothbay, Camden, Wyeth Museum. Or veg in window seats. Two nights. Judy Jones
- 9a) **Dog sitting for a weekend**, your home or theirs, to be negotiated, at a mutually agreeable time. Fido will get long walks and lots of love. Stephanie and Paul Hackbarth
- 9b) **Same**
- 10) **A Mouth-Watering Lobster Feast for Six** The closest thing to escaping to the Maine seashore, an exquisite summer sanctuary where vacations stretch out forever during long, golden days and food is the stuff from which memories are made, is to win the best part of it at our auction, and that is a Lobster Feast for Six, complete with two 1-1/2 pound lobsters each!! Lobster lovers will also delight in using our most elegant and efficient bibs, which fasten with a silver lobster claw, and are completely washable. There will be butter warmers, real lobster china plates, napkins, and all the picks and crackers you will need to devour all of the deliciousness. Also included is Lady Di's own New England Fish Chowder, oyster crackers, potato salad, sugar snap peas with lemon and toasted almonds, and last but not least-- Blueberry Crumble Pie with French Vanilla Ice Cream. All delivered with a smile by Lady Di, herself. SEE YOU AT THE TABLE!!! Dian Cuccinello
- 11) **Two hand made beaded pieces of jewelry** made by Barbara's daughter: a necklace and matching earring set, amethyst-colored, made from Swarovski crystals, fresh water pearls and silver beads (\$53 value); a bracelet made from bright green, black and silver beads (\$69 value). Barbara Ritz
- 12) **Learn to make your own maple syrup:** learn how to find the right trees on your property (sugar or red maple), tap trees and boil down the sap. George Bishop

The First Religious Society in Carlisle is an inclusive community bound together in the Unitarian Universalist tradition of friendship, free inquiry and service to humanity.

We recognize our commonality as spiritual seekers, and welcome and celebrate the participation of all people, without regard to age, race, religious heritage, political opinion, gender identity, sexual or affectional orientation, socio-economic status, disability or ethnicity.

We are committed to continual learning and growth toward affirmation of the enriching diversity of humankind, and to working to create a more just, sustainable and loving world.