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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."

Newsletter for October 9, 2007

Church Service and Sunday School: Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
Coffee Hour following services.
Dates and details of church events on the Calendar on page 7 in this newsletter.
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In the Interim,

When I was invited to become your Interim Minister I had no idea that The First Religious Society in Carlisle was about to celebrate its 250th anniversary. But I learned - and learned quickly. In fact one of my first meetings with church members concerned the up-coming series of events and celebrations that were already "on the drawing board".

At that meeting I asked the gathering to pretend that the "250th" had already taken place; to think back on what they imagined had happened and to finish a sentence beginning with the words, " The best thing about our 250th was".

Everyone called out a word or a phrase: "inspiring", "jubilant", "awesome", "fun" and more. A page of newsprint was filled. Then I contributed my own word to finish the sentence, "participatory". I hope everyone at FRS will participate in some way or another that fits you, your style, your vision, your enthusiasm for your church, your pride at being a Unitarian Universalist.

Several of the ideas and 250th initiatives are already being practiced: have you admired the splendid Sunday worship cover reproduced from a painting by Roger Goulet; have you enjoyed the "250th minute" at Sunday services (a practice of randomly telling the church's story in one minute segments running through the whole year)?

And have you opened your own copy of the utterly splendid brochure "The First Religious Society in Carlisle Celebrates 250 Years" ! It's a sixteen page, full color celebration of this community in all of its variety and involvement, its enthusiasm and its vision. From Dot Clark's wonderfully warm invitation to the "neighbours and fellow creatures" through a full inventory of the year's anticipated doings (with accompanying color photos) to a final word from me. It's a beauty - and our warmest thanks go out to Alison Saylor who conceived, directed and shepherded the production to its wonderful conclusion.

Every celebration needs an "event" to mark its launch. Something that says, "Now we begin!". The brochure does exactly that.

IN THE INTERIM *(continued)*

While many of the events listed are regular features of our church calendar, to see them all brought together with accompanying photos and descriptive introductions adds to the excitement of the year that is in store.

Has your "neighbour and fellow creature" seen the brochure? Why not put one in his/her mailbox? He/she's already seen it? Why not ask for an opinion as a conversation starter. It does no harm in the name of friendship to reach out and "spread the good news"

Warmly, Victor

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**Celebration Concert Series
at
The First Religious Society
in Carlisle, MA**

Celebrating 250 Years

Oct. 14, 2007 at 4:00pm
The MP3 Jazz

Markus Pinney, piano and vocals
John Clark, bass
Harvey Nosowitz, percussion

January 27, 2008 at 4:00pm
Fumito Nunoya, marimbist

Concerts are free and open to the public. The building is fully accessible. Donations will be appreciated at the reception immediately following each event. Additional concerts will be announced as the celebration year continues.

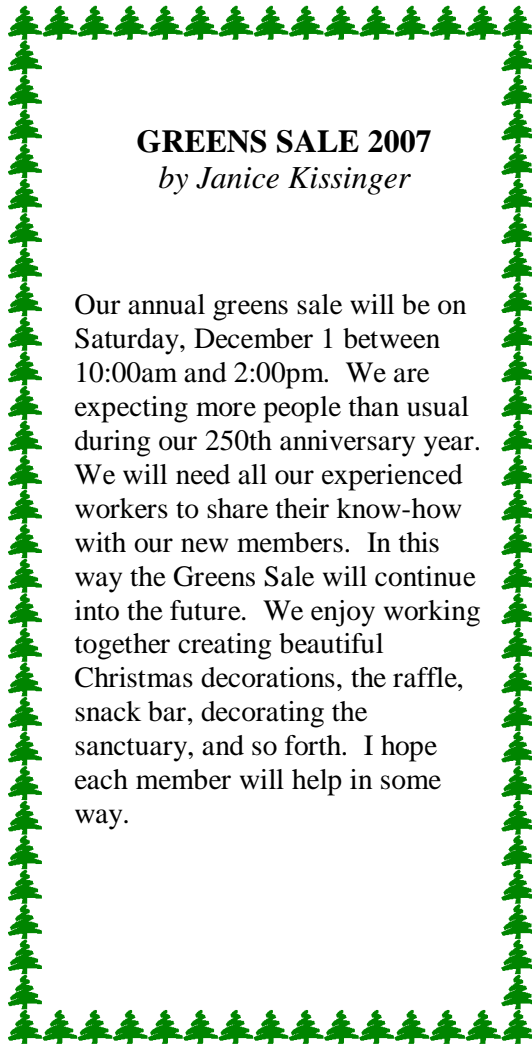
Please view the FRS calendar on our website under "Calendar".

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

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

Next Newsletter Deadline is October 15, 2007

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



GREENS SALE 2007 by Janice Kissinger

Our annual greens sale will be on Saturday, December 1 between 10:00am and 2:00pm. We are expecting more people than usual during our 250th anniversary year. We will need all our experienced workers to share their know-how with our new members. In this way the Greens Sale will continue into the future. We enjoy working together creating beautiful Christmas decorations, the raffle, snack bar, decorating the sanctuary, and so forth. I hope each member will help in some way.

STAFF AND OFFICE SCHEDULE

Church Office Hours: The church office is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 8:00am and 1:00pm.

Minister Office Hours: Office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. Vic is available for emergencies any time. You can reach him by email at victorcarpenter@dedhamuu.org or by phone at 781-648-3861.

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).

Minister of Music Office Hours: Marguerite Shaw is at the church every weekday between 10:00am and 2:00pm, with occasional exceptions. Call 978-369-5180 or 978-501-4220.

Music Rehearsals Schedule: The Choir rehearses on Wednesday, at 7:30pm. The Sunday warm-up begins at 9:15am.

KIDSKWIRE: Rehearsals are on Wednesday at 3:00pm.

If you have questions about any of the music programs please call Marguerite Shaw.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

by Molly Sorrows

Successful "Help for Seniors Day"

Junior high youth Kayla Randazzo, Katy Scholten, Chasidy Jaquith, Katherine Sorrows and Elisabeth Sorrows and adults Ellen Huber, Max Barber, Susan Emmons, Molly and Bryan Sorrows and Nadine Bishop participated in the intergenerational fall clean-up when they helped a senior member of FRS with a garage clean-out. Everyone worked hard and all agreed that they felt very satisfied with a job well done.

Support RE at the Harvest Fair

Visit all the RE tables and events at the Harvest Fair this Saturday and support our children and the organizations they have selected to benefit from their fundraising. The K-3rd grade class has made granola to go in hand-decorated jars and the 4th-5th grade class will sell their home-baked fudge. By the time you read this, the Junior Youth Group will have gone on a field trip to pick apples, and at the Fair, they will assist with pressing apple cider in a wonderful old cider press and will run Children's Games and Activities for younger kids. High school youth will be assisting with cider making and selling Habitat for Humanity boards. I hope you will come and support all of these terrific efforts. If you have children in any of these age groups and haven't signed up to help at the Fair, contact their teacher or Molly to volunteer. Most of the children's items will be sold during the morning hours of the Fair.

CONCORD PRISON OUTREACH HOLIDAY GIFT BAG PROJECT

We encourage you, your faith community, families and friends to join the Holiday Gift Project for the men at MCI-Concord and the Northeastern Correctional Center this year. We hope to have gifts for all 1700 inmates.

We welcome donations of the items below in any quantity.

Each gift bag will contain the following:

- 1 bar of deodorant soap
- 1 6oz tube toothpaste
- 1 pack #6 3/4 envelopes (6 1/2" x 3 5/8")
- 1 writing pad (no wire; 6" x 9")
- 1 pair white socks (no tube socks or knee highs)
- 1 bottle (plastic) shampoo (15oz max)
- 1 stick deodorant (no roll-ons)
- 1 pocket calendar (no wire)
- And a holiday greeting card (Happy Holidays, Seasons Greetings, Merry Christmas; no religious cards), signed with first name(s) only. Handmade cards are appreciated.

If you have any questions please contact Marcella Shepherd at 978-369-2535.

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.

PUMPKINS ON THE COMMON

A Community Fundraiser
October 13-20

Buy your locally-grown pumpkins on the Carlisle Common Sundays and weekdays noon-6:00pm. The first Saturday is the Harvest Fair, 10/13 from 10:00am to 4:00pm, and the last Saturday is the Pumpkin Festival 10/20 10:00am to 4:00pm. Got to:

pumpkinsonthecommon.org.

WILLIAM F. SCHULZ WILL BE GUEST MINISTER ON OCTOBER 14

by Roger Goulet

We are extremely fortunate to have William F. Schulz as our guest minister on Sunday, October 14. From the refugee camps of Darfur to the poorest villages in India; from the prison cells of Monrovia, Liberia (where he was threatened with assassination by Liberian warlord Charles Taylor) to Louisiana's death row, Dr. Schulz has traveled the globe in pursuit of a world free from human rights violations. As executive director of Amnesty International USA from 1994 to 2006, he headed the American section of the world's oldest and largest human rights organization. During that time he led missions to Liberia, Tunisia, Northern Ireland and Sudan, and visited many other countries including Cuba and Mongolia.

Dr. Schulz has traveled throughout the United States as well, spreading the human rights message from college campuses to boardrooms to civic organizations. A frequent guest on television programs such as Good Morning America, The Today Show, Hardball and Nightline, he is the author of two books: *In Our Own Best Interest: How Defending Human Rights Benefits Us All* (2001) and *Tainted Legacy: 9/11 and the Ruin of Human Rights* (2003). He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and is regularly quoted in the New York Times and other national publications. Dr. Schulz has served on the boards of People for the American Way, Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and the International Organization for Religious Freedom, the world's oldest

international interfaith organization. He has received seven honorary degrees. The *New York Review of Books* said in 2002: "William Schulz . . . has done more than anyone in the American human rights movement to make human rights issues known in the United States."

UPCOMING SERVICES

October 14: The Rev. Bill Schulz, President of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and former President of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Rev. Shultz has also been the head of Amnesty International, has written several books relating to the work of Amnesty and it is an honor to welcome him to our pulpit.

October 21: "Emerson and Tuckerman" One of them is a household word, a foundational name in Unitarian Universalist circles; the other is virtually unknown although he too was a significant Unitarian figure and contemporary of Emerson. The two men reflect two important elements with Unitarian Universalism today.

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 Sally Hayen at 978-369-7591 during the month of October.

Wanted - Items for the Silent Auction at the Harvest Fair. Donations need not be incredibly valuable, but quirky, clever, unusual would be most appreciated. A receipt for tax purposes will cheerfully be given. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or call Alison Saylor for pick up and storage until October 13th, the day of the Harvest Fair. Ideally, it would be wonderful if you could bring them to the church on Friday between 3pm and 7pm as we set up for the Fair. For further information contact Alison Saylor (978) 369-1809.



HARVEST FAIR SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13 10:00AM TO 4:00PM

Fresh pressed cider, Country Store, Plant table, Bake table, Silent Auction, artisan booths, Luncheon Cafe, Habitat for Humanity plywood signing, a Scarecrow contest, Raffle...in other words, lots of fun for all ages!

Coming Soon and Not To Be Missed! November 2 & 3 at 8:00 P.M. Daughters of the Appalachians by Linda Goodman: \$18 Adults - \$14 Seniors 65 + and Students. Six unique women tell their stories of life in Southwestern Virginia. Ms. Goodman offers an intimate glimpse inside the customs and attitudes of this distinctive part of the world. In this production the characters' stories are richly enhanced by the live original music of master instrumentalist EJ Ouellette. Reserve your place in history - mktix.com. Directed by: Arlene Barnard & Marc Clopton and Produced by: Dian Francesca Cuccinello

Saturday, October 20, 7:30 P.M Union Hall Coffeehouse Presents Ken & Julie & The Eclectic Folk Project with Ken DeAngelis & Julie Zivras (whose sister lives here in Carlisle!) Wayne Fugate on Mandolin and Barry Wiesenfeld on bass. www.kenandjulie.com "Wonderfully detailed music that features evocative lyrics, lovely harmonies and melodies that stay with you long after you hear them." "They say that music soothes the savage beast. When you hear these two sing, you'll know why the phrase was coined." - Times Herald Record at The First Religious Society, 27 School Street, Carlisle, MA Tickets: \$15 - also may be purchased online at mktix.com www.unionhallcoffeehouse.com Opening Act: Tom Smith - Folk Singer Extraordinaire!