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**II. JOB OPENING.** Nina Rich has provided care for our littlest ones on Sunday mornings for over a year. Nina will finish at the end of October. She writes: " . . .

It saddens me to say that I have to leave this wonderful place of learning, and nurturing. As you know, I started college this fall and it is quite a bit of work. I have realized that I need to focus on my studies. I also miss my home church very much. I am so thankful I was able to have this experience. Every week was an adventure and the children made it so fun for me. I hope I made it fun for them, as well as safe and nurturing."

We will say goodbye to Nina over the next two Sundays. In hopes of providing continuity for the preschool age children, we are moving immediately to advertise the position. The Parish Committee has reviewed the job description. It is posted on our website and other outlets. Word of mouth is important also, so if you know of someone who might be interested, pass the word.  
See our website under "Job Openings."

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## **A Message from the Religious Education Coordinator**

The fall is upon us in all of its glory. The colors, fruit, sunlight and sounds remind us to prepare for the upcoming winter.

Religious Education is no different. We are outside as much as possible, tending to the needs of others and gathering resources - inner and outer - for the darker days to come. Take time to hold hands, fall down into the leaves, and soak in October's gentle sunshine.



This Week in RE:

**Littles** - 9:50am in the Red Balloon

**Middles** - Moral Tales in the Red Balloon

**Jr. Youth Group** - CROP Walk Banner

Youth! Please arrive by 9:45 in the Sanctuary.

Two items needed:

We will be having an Elf Workshop in our Sunday School in December. We are in search of wool (dyed or natural) and Milk Weed Pods. If you have either, please email me to let me know.

Want to chat? I am in my office the following times, but am also flexible. Come on by!

Sunday - 9:00-1:00pm

Monday - 10:00- 2:00

Wednesday - 12-5:00

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## **News and Programs**

### **Knitting in Service Society - collecting items through October 15**

If you have been knitting Christmas presents for the Boston homeless congregants of Common Cathedral, thank you! We are now collecting through October 15 all hand-knit hats and scarves for the FRS Fall visit to Common Cathedral. The ministers there personally select these for the homeless as individually wrapped Christmas presents. Knitters (and crochet-ers) are welcome to knit with us monthly and at home, and to join us at FRS on October 15 at 7:30 to sort and put Christmas gift tags on the presents. Please drop any items off at the FRS Office or in the basket inside the entrance of FRS before the deadline. For questions or more info, please contact the FRS Office. Thank you.

### **Film Screening: Merchants of Doubt Saturday, October 17, 7pm - 9pm Union Hall.**

The Environmental Action Committee invites you to a screening of "Merchants of Doubt," starring Carlisle's Naomi Oreskes, a Harvard historian, whose book is the basis of the film. This enlightening 90 minute documentary explores how the truth has been intentionally

obscured on issues from tobacco smoke to global warming in order to sow uncertainty and delay action.

A discussion will follow. Popcorn and cold and hot drinks will be offered.

### **Hallowing Of Names on November 1st**

Once again, we will Hallow the Names of beloved family and friends we have lost by reading the names aloud during the service. This moment of reverence is planned for November 1st. Be sure to send the names of your loved ones to the church office prior to the service, to ensure they will be listed in the Order of Service. Include pronunciation help if needed. A sign up sheet will be available at coffee hour in the three weeks leading up to the service. We will not automatically include names read in the past, but will be happy to repeat them if requested.

**Standing Invitation:** It is no secret: the purpose of our Music & Worship (M&W) Committee is to create and support worship, through word, song, and music, that engages the mind, touches the heart, and invites people to a new depth of spiritual development. To this end (and beginning), the M&W Committee invites you to share your Spiritual Journey, serve as a verger and/or lead our congregation in lighting the chalice and stating together our covenant. Please see Nina Benkley, Art Milliken, Roger Goulet or Kate Sacco for further information and to discuss how you might like to avail yourself of these opportunities. Sally Coulter, Frank Rigg and Tom Rourk can help you too.



The Ministerial Search Committee would like to thank the 65 people who have already completed our Congregational Survey! If you have not yet filled out the survey, please do so:

[Click Here](#) The survey will be open until October 16th.

We would also like to thank all those who attended Cottage Meetings over the past two months. If you did not get the chance to attend, we are still taking comments from individuals, and would welcome your feedback. Please see a list of the committee members on the back of the order of service, or send an email to [frs\\_search@uucarlisle.org](mailto:frs_search@uucarlisle.org).

**The Ministerial Search Committee is creating a website that describes the FRS**

**community.** It will include the findings from our Cottage Meetings, the survey results and descriptions of the many activities and community groups that make up FRS. We are looking for photographs to post on this website (which will only be visible to ministers seeking a new church) for the following events. Please email them to Christine Lear if you have photos from any of the following events or activities:

Circle Dinners

Soup & Games Night

Chili Cook Off

Harvest Fair

Thanks for your

help! [CMLTeaTime@comcast.net](mailto:CMLTeaTime@comcast.net)

**Sally Hayen has retired** (congratulations Sally!) and is in the process of setting up her laptop at home. In the meantime, she does not have email. Please delete the email address you had for her - a new one is coming shortly.

Upcoming Winter Programs:

**Being White in the Black Lives Matter**

**Movement** will meet January 10, 24, 31 and February 7 at FRS, 1PM-3:30PM. There is no charge, but registration is required by December 20th to confirm the series. Minimum of six participants needed to go ahead. Childcare will be arranged if requested by December 20th.

Note from Rev. Miller: *I have heard interest*

*from parishioners in having ongoing conversations about BLM - to go beyond the signs, beyond the sermon. I have scheduled a four session series on Sunday afternoons in 2016. I am looking for a co-leader. We will look for additional opportunities to address systemic racism throughout the year.*

**Adult OWL** - Our Whole Lives, the acclaimed sexuality and values program, has programs designed for adults, ages 18 and up. Led by trained facilitators, lay and clergy, this group can span the stages of adulthood. Childcare will be offered if requested. The program is a cooperative effort, teaming the Carlisle, Bedford and Billerica congregations. It will be offered on four Sunday afternoons, most likely beginning February 21st, location to be determined. This is not your Middle Schooler's OWL! The participants will choose topics, and can elect to continue for additional topics after the initial sessions. More information will follow.

Thanks to Tom Rourk and SoundCloud, you now may listen to the reading and sermon each week. For Lisa's sermon yesterday, [click here](#) to be directed to SoundCloud. There are some posted already, plus music.

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## **Our Shared Ministry**

Apple picking with Kendrick's Kids was a successful outing, coordinated on the FRS end by **Margaret Darling** and **Tom Rourk**, with **Eric Darling** and **Ellen Huber** helping them provide lunch, and several parishioners taking part. An album of photos of the day has been posted on the church Facebook page.

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## **Denominational Events**